

GENERAL REGULATION OF THE JUSTICE CHALLENGE INITIATIVE

The entities within the Justice sphere intend to implement a collaborative innovation strategy, the GovTech Justice Strategy, designed to be an accelerator of innovation and adoption of emerging technologies in the Justice area, through the involvement of the national, European, and international innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem.

This Strategy includes a set of pioneering initiatives in a governmental area that, since the beginning of the 21st century, has been investing in the modernisation, digitalisation and integration of proceedings and procedures, as a strategic vector to make public services more agile, effective, and accessible to citizens and companies.

Based on the conceptual and technological challenges of the current global context, marked by an accelerated trajectory of digital transformation and evolution of the expectations of the citizens and companies in their interaction with the Public Administration, the GovTech Strategy presents the Justice Challenge Initiative.

This initiative is achieved through the launch of challenges with the aim of identifying solutions able to respond to the concrete needs identified by the entities within the Justice sphere. This is an opportunity to enhance exchange, foster synergies and stimulate creativity in co-innovation processes between the Justice public sector and the national, European and international innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem for the purpose of experimentation and testing of ideas.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Clause 1

Object

This Regulation establishes the Justice Challenge initiative and defines its terms for the period 2023-2026.

Clause 2

Objective of the Justice Challenge

The strategic objective of the Challenge is to contribute to the development of innovative technological solutions able to respond to the specific needs of the entities in the Justice sphere, with the aim of improving the public services available to citizens and companies.

Clause 3

Promoting Entity

1. Any service or body of the Direct or Indirect Central Administration of the State, within the Justice sphere, participating in the current Justice Modernisation Plan, may assume the role of Promoting Entity of the Justice Challenge.
2. It is the Promoting Entity's responsibility:
 - a) To identify and define the Challenge for each edition;
 - b) To define and publish, in due time, the weighting criteria to evaluate the applications;
 - c) To constitute the Jury, which may be composed of external elements;
 - d) To publish and convey the results of the initiative.

Clause 4

Applicants

1. Duly identified natural or legal persons may apply to the Challenge:
 - (a) In the case of a natural person, the applicant must be 18 years of age at the date of submission;
 - b) In case of a profit-oriented legal person, the applicant must have been established for less than 10 years and employ less than 250 people;

Clause 5

Editions

1. The Justice Challenge initiative will be organised by editions.
2. Each edition will be organised by one or more Promoting Entities, responsible, each one or jointly, for launching a specific challenge for which innovative solutions are sought.

PROCEDURE

Clause 6

Stages of the editions of the Justice Challenges

Each edition of Justice Challenges is composed by the following phases:

1. Launch - the Promoting Entity publicises the Challenge, including its specific terms;
2. Challenge Clarifications - time for the Applicant to request clarifications from the Promoting Entity about the Challenge;
3. Submission of application - the Applicant submits his application within the deadline previously indicated;
4. Clarifications about the application - period for the Promoting Entity to request clarifications on the application;
5. Selection - the appointed Jury selects the applications that show more potential to respond to the Challenge, according to the criteria previously established and publicised;
6. Presentation - a public session is held for the final presentation of the ideas, before a jury selected by the Promoting Entity.

Clause 7

Submission of applications

1. The applications shall be submitted on the platform using the appropriate form, available at govtech.justica.gov.pt.
2. In the event of temporary unavailability of the submission platform, referred to in the preceding paragraph, the application may be submitted by e-mail, whose address will be indicated by the Promoting Entity.

3. The application should be formalised by submitting the application form, which is available on the platform referred to in paragraph 1.
4. The Promoting Entity will indicate the admissible formats for the submission of complementary elements to the application form (example: text, image, video, audio).

Clause 8

Number of applications per applicant

Each applicant may submit more than one application to the same Challenge.

EVALUATION OF APPLICATIONS

Clause 9

Assessment criteria

Each Promoting Entity shall define and publicise the admission requirements and the selection criteria of the applications.

Clause 10

Jury

The Jury is composed of an odd number of at least three elements chosen by the Promoting Entity, which may invite external elements to its Entity.

Clause 11

Evaluation of applications

1. The Jury will evaluate the applications according to the criteria defined in each edition by the Promoting Entity.
2. The Jury's decision will be published on the website govtech.justica.gov.pt.
3. The Jury reserves the right not to select any of the applications submitted.

Clause 12

Public presentation of the selected proposals

1. The selected applicants are invited to a public presentation of their proposals.
2. The date, time and venue of the public presentation shall be announced on the govtech.justica.gov.pt website.

Clause 13

Acquisition of the solution

Any acquisition of one or more solutions presented as part of a Challenge shall be carried out in compliance with the Public Procurement Code.