

Minutes No. 2

Minutes of the meeting for the selection and ranking of candidates for the competition for the award of a Doctoral Research Grant of the type "domestic grant" or "mixed grant", within the scope of OpenEU.

On June 29, 2026, at 10:00 AM, the Jury met, via videoconference, composed of a total of 23 (twenty-three) members, including the President and the Vice-President, to award 7 (seven) Doctoral Research Grants within the scope of the OpenEU Project, with the following composition:

President: Sandra Caeiro (Universidade Aberta - UAb)

Vice-President: Paulo Osório (Universidade Aberta - UAb)

Members:

Angeles Sanchez-Elvira Paniagua (Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia - UNED, Espanha)

António Carrizo Moreira (Universidade Aberta - UAb)

Carmen Pagès Serra (Universitat Oberta de Catalunya - UOC, Espanha)

Cristina Vieira (Universidade Aberta - UAb)

Diogo Casa Nova (Universidade Aberta - UAb)

Fátima Alves (Universidade Aberta - UAb)

Frederico Branco (Universidade de Trás-os-Montes e Alto Douro - UTAD)

Inés Gil Jaurena (Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia - UNED, Espanha)

Isabel Barros Dias (Universidade Aberta - UAb)

Isabel Huet e Silva (Universidade Aberta - UAb)

João Simão (Universidade Aberta - UAb)

José Cravino (Universidade de Trás-os-Montes e Alto Douro - UTAD)

José Eduardo Franco (Universidade Aberta - UAb)

Marcus Specht (FernUniversität in Hagen, Alemanha)

Maria Adelina Castelo (Universidade Aberta - UAb)

Mario Bessa (Universidade Aberta - UAb)

Paulo Nunes da Silva (Universidade Aberta - UAb)

Petra C. de Weerd-Nederhof (Open Universiteit – OU, Países Baixos)

Petru Curseu (Open Universiteit - OU, Países Baixos)

Susana Henriques (Universidade Aberta - UAb)

Vítor Rocio (Universidade Aberta - UAb)

Before the meeting began, the Jury Chair announced that there had been two changes to the jury members due to conflicts of interest regarding candidates who had applied. Member Dr. José António Moreira was replaced by alternate member Dr. Isabel Huet e Silva, who then became a full member. Member Dr. João Caetano, was replaced by alternate member João Simão.

All the remaining panel members, including the chair, undertake to respect a set of responsibilities essential to the evaluation process, such as the duties of impartiality, the disclosure of any potential conflicts of interest and the confidentiality agreement. At all times during the evaluation process, confidentiality is fully protected and ensured to guarantee the independence of all opinions produced. None of the panel members, including the coordinator and vowels, are supervisors or co-supervisors of candidates whose applications were submitted to the competition, as stated in the call for applications.

The meeting was convened with the following agenda:

- **Item 1:** List of candidates admitted and not admitted to the competition.
- **Item 2:** List of curriculum evaluation and final classification.
- **Item 3:** Single list of final ranking.

The Jury proceeded to verify, about the selection methods, the candidates who meet and do not meet the formal admission requirements, in accordance with point 1 of the notice of the opening of the competition.

In this context, the jury decided to draw up the list of admitted and non-admitted candidates, which constitutes Annex I of these minutes and forms part thereof.

The jury unanimously decided not to admit the following candidates to the competition, for the reasons set out below:

- Diogo Miguel Santos Rocha: currently attending a PhD program at UAb, but not enrolled at UAb;
- Filipe Có: did not submit a letter of recommendation from supervisor(s);
- Gina Carla Gomes Costa de Souza: supervisor acceptance is pending (not yet defined);
- Magna Carla Sousa Lourenço: did not submit letters of recommendation or a letter of acceptance from supervisors.

About the candidate Teresa Paula Rodrigues Pereira dos Santos, she informed, by email dated June 16, 2026, of her withdrawal from the application for the OpenEU Research Grants.

Continuing the detailed analysis of the admitted applications, the Jury decided to proceed with the respective curricular evaluation, through the assignment of classifications based on the criteria defined in Minutes No. 1, namely the merit of the candidate and the plan of activities to be developed.

Subsequently, the curriculum evaluation list was drawn up, considering the application of the final classification formula, as set out in Minutes No. 1, which constitutes Annex II of these minutes and forms part thereof.

The justifications for the evaluation carried out by each pair of evaluators are contained in a separate document, which is included in these minutes as shown in Annex III.

The justifications were compiled by a **pair of reviewers**, considering the different scientific areas of the projects, while maintaining the essential contributions of each, in order to ensure coherence and clarity in their writing.

After considering the assigned classifications, the Jury unanimously decided to approve the single final ranking list, which constitutes Annex IV of these minutes and forms part thereof.

Finally, the Jury decided to propose the awarding of the scholarship(s)/position(s) to the highest-ranked candidate(s), according to the number of vacancies available.

There being nothing further to discuss, the Jury meeting was adjourned at twelve hours. The meeting in question was held by videoconference, with the participation of all its members.

These minutes, after being read, were unanimously approved by all members of the jury. Given that some members are located abroad and/or unable to physically sign the document, this record is signed by the Jury President, who declares, under her responsibility, that its content faithfully corresponds to what was decided and that it has been agreed upon by all members, with proof of approval of this record by the remaining jury members being filed in the process, through electronic communications.

June 29, 2026

The President of the Jury: Sandra Caeiro (Universidade Aberta - UAb)