QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

SESAR 3 JU Prize for Young Scientist Award 2023 Ref. S3JU/LC/014-CNT

N°	Subject	Reference in documents	Questions	Answers
1	Eligibility criteria	Sections 2 & 4.1 of Contest Rules	[personal data redacted] I have published one paper in the SIDs 2021 edition and will submit one more paper in this year's round. Yet, I am still in my second year of my Master's degree, which will come to an end at the start of 2024. Can I apply for the Young Scientist Award even though I have not finished my Master's yet? (11/05/2023)	Please refer to sections 2 and 4.1 of the Contest Rules, according to which the following eligibility criteria apply: "Applicant for the Student category: a) Defended Bachelor thesis in the area of Air Traffic Management and Aviation, not more than 18 months before the date of closure of the present Contest, or b) Defended Master thesis in the area of Air Traffic Management and Aviation, not more than 18 months before the date of closure of the present Contest" Therefore, should the relevant thesis not be defended at all or within the above mentioned time frame, such application will be considered ineligible.
2	Eligibility criteria	Sections 2 & 4.1 of Contest Rules	Is the young scientist award open to UK applicants? Are there any special conditions for these applicants? (17/05/2023)	As per the Contest rules, Section 4.1, I.B.2 (page 8), in order to be eligible, applicants shall be a citizen and/or a resident of an: a) European Union country or b) Associated country to the Horizon Europe Research Framework Programme. As indicated in the document linked in the foot note 12 at page 8 of the contest rules (https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/guidance/list-3rd-country-participation horizon-euratom en.pdf), UK is one of the

				Countries (with Morocco and New-Zealand) with which association negotiations are being processed or where association is imminent. UK citizens (or resident) are entitled to submit their applications. Eligibility criteria for UK (Morocco and New-Zealand) citizens/residents shall be fulfilled at the latest at the time of the decision to be taken by the SESAR 3 Joint Undertaking on the selection of the shortlisted applicants for the purpose of the award of the prize, following the outcomes of the evaluation of applications. Should the association agreements with the UK have started producing legal effects either through provisional application or their entry into force by that time, UK citizens/residents might be eligible for the award, otherwise their applications will be considered as ineligible. You are invited to regularly check the document including the list of associated Countries to HE programme, available at the abovementioned link.
3	Eligibility criteria	Sections 2 & 4.1 of Contest Rules	I would like to ask you confirmation of the following regarding the eligibility rules: since I have Turkish nationality, do you confirm that the EU restrictive rules recalled in the contest rules apply only to the list of Turkish people mentioned in the relevant link? (14/06/2013)	As per the Contest rules, Section 4.1, I.B.2 (page 8), "EU restrictive measures — Special rules apply for certain entities (e.g. entities subject to EU restrictive measures under Article 29 of the Treaty on the European Union (TEU) and Article 215 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU (TFEU) and entities covered by Commission Guidelines No 2013/C 205/05). Such entities are not eligible to participate in any capacity." According to the information provided at the following website https://www.sanctionsmap.eu/#/main , as indicated in the Contest rules, and at the time of the reply to your question, certain restrictions indeed apply to Turkish citizens, specifically listed therein. We invite you to regularly check this information for any updates.

4	Selection criteria	Sections 4.1 – I.C – Selection criteria of Contest Rules	Are topics of Unmanned Aviation (UAVs) considered to fall under aviation category? (04/07/2023)	The Unmanned Aviation domain, drones and U-space are topics within the perimeter of the SESAR programme and by extension fall within ATM and Aviation. The SESAR programme also includes a flagship on U-space and Urban Air Mobility (where the subject of the potential applicant's thesis may fall in). Please note that the fact that your work addresses these topics does not presume of its admissibility and compliance with exclusion, eligibility and selection criteria, which will be assessed for all submitted applications after the contest deadline.
5	Eligibility criteria NEW	Sections 2 & 4.1 of Contest Rules	I have finished and submitted my PhD thesis to my university and will defend it in December 2023. (05/09/2023)	Please refer to sections 2 and 4.1 of the Contest Rules, according to which the following eligibility criteria apply: "Applicant for the PhD category: a) <u>Defended PhD thesis not more than 18 months before the date of closure of the present Contest."</u> Therefore, should the relevant thesis <u>not be defended</u> at all or within the above mentioned time frame, such application will be considered ineligible for the PhD category.