



## **BAAE Award 2021-2024 for the Best Doctoral Thesis in Agricultural Economics Regulation**

Art 1. The Belgian Association of Agricultural Economics (BVLE/ABER) awards a scientific prize for the best PhD of one of its members defended in the period July 2021 to September 2024 in the broad discipline of agricultural economics. The winner receives the “**BAAE Award for the Best Doctoral Thesis in Agricultural Economics 2021-2024**” and a monetary prize of 2.000 euro, to be used for participation in the EAAE congress 2025.

Art 2. The conditions for participation are:

- Being a PhD holder of Belgian origin and having obtained a PhD at a Belgian or foreign university or being a PhD holder of foreign nationality who has obtained a PhD at a Belgian university;
- The PhD has been obtained in agricultural economics or related socio-economic research fields on a topic relevant for the agricultural sector, food systems or rural economy;
- In exceptional cases, PhDs in other fields can be accepted on condition that a clear link with the agricultural or rural economy can be proven. It is up to the jury (see art. 4) to decide on the acceptance.
- The PhD must have been defended in the period July, 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 to September, 30<sup>th</sup> 2024;
- Candidates should be or become member of the BVLE/ABER at the moment of submitting their candidature (BVLE member fee 20 EUR, see [Membership – BVLE-ABER](#))

Art 3. The call for the ABER/BVLE prize is launched in the year the prize is awarded. Candidates should send their candidacy consisting of a motivation letter and an electronic version of their PhD (to be send electronically by WeTransfer) to the president of the jury before January, 31<sup>st</sup> 2025. A paper copy is not needed unless asked by the president. The award ceremony will take place at the occasion of the BVLE doctoral symposium in 2025. The winner is supposed to present his PhD at that occasion.

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	<b>BVLE</b>	<b>Belgische Vereniging voor Landbouweconomie</b>
	<b>ABER</b>	<b>Association Belge d'Economie Rurale</b>
	<b>BAAE</b>	<b>Belgian Association of Agricultural Economists</b>

Art 4. The jury is composed of minimum two professors in agricultural economics, two representatives of the BVLE/ABER board and two external members. The president of BVLE/ABER is also president of the jury. In case of equality of votes, the vote of the president is decisive.

Art. 5. The assessment criteria are (i) the scientific value, (ii) the novelty and value of the methodological approach, (iii) the organization, composition and presentation of the research, and (iv) the practical value with respect to real or potential impact on the agricultural and rural economy in Belgium or worldwide. The four criteria have the same weight in the decision of the jury.