



**SUPPLEMENT 1  
TO THE CALL FOR PAPERS  
38TH OTDK  
ECONOMICS SECTION**

## **1. General requirements**

The length of the OTDK paper may be a maximum of 80 pages, from the first page of the Introduction to the last page of the Summary. TDK papers that exceed the specified maximum page limit will be disqualified. Materials that are not part of the main text (explanatory sections, images, tables, figures, questionnaires, etc.) should be placed as an appendix after the bibliography. No text from the section spanning from the Introduction to the Summary may be moved to the appendix! A printed TDK paper is not required.

All TDK papers submitted to the OTDK are subject to a plagiarism check, which is evaluated by a special committee (Plagiarism Review Committee) set up by the Section Committee, which reviews the results of the plagiarism check one by one. Please note that **plagiarism in any form is not allowed, and that the applicants' own works may not be quoted without a reference** (prohibition of self-plagiarism).

**If an author submits more than one paper to the OTDK and there is an overlap in content between them, the other paper must be referenced in the same way as other literature used, and the same applies to other own publications.** Failure to do so will be considered plagiarism and will result in disqualification. When using your own texts, it is also expected that the amount of text should not exceed the usual professional and scientific ratio expected for other cited works. If the reviewers determine that a substantial amount of self-referenced text has been incorporated into the paper, the Plagiarism Committee will also assess and evaluate the paper's acceptability in this case.

TDK papers that are proven to infringe copyright will be excluded from the OTDK by the OTDT, with simultaneous notification to the nominating institution and the author. In other cases of suspected plagiarism, the paper will not be automatically excluded, but the case will be considered and evaluated by the Plagiarism Committee.

In the case of **research work carried out in a research group**, it is important to clearly describe the independent work carried out and to distinguish it from the other results of the research group. **In this case, the author contribution declaration found in Supplement 2 of the Section Call must be completed and uploaded as a supplementary document in the Documents section of the OTDT online system.** The name of the research group/project is required, as well as an indication of the specific tasks and the proportion of the work that was the author's own contribution. In the case of **multiple-author TDK papers**, the application must clearly indicate the extent of each author's individual contribution. **In the case of multiple-author TDK papers, the author contribution declaration found in Supplement 2 of the Section Call must be completed and uploaded as a supplementary document in the Documents section of the OTDT online system.**

In the Documents section of the OTDT online system, under **files of the Supplementary Document type**, if both types of itemized author declarations must be completed, they should be uploaded as **separate files**.

During TDK activities, the use of artificial intelligence is governed by Supplement 6 of the General Call of the 38th OTDK. The author(s) must declare the use of AI in the OTDT online system during the application of the TDK paper to the 38th OTDK in the manner specified in the above document. In the OTDK presentation, the use of AI must also be referenced in the ppt slides. If AI is used, it is recommended that the relevant sections of the TDK paper also indicate the purpose of use, a brief description of the prompt (AI query), the name of the AI application used (model and version), and the date of access. The ethical use of AI may be assessed by the reviewers (members of the Session Panel evaluating the TDK paper), as well as by the Plagiarism Review Working Committee and the Executive Board of the Section Committee. In line with the OTDT Code of Ethics (<https://otdk.hu/otdt/etikai-kodex/>), the Economics Section Committee has also incorporated ethical expectations regarding the use of artificial intelligence into its own professional and ethical guidelines ([https://otdk.hu/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Szakmai-es-etikai-iranyelvek\\_OTDT-Kozgazd-SzakB\\_20160929\\_kieg\\_mod\\_20241127.pdf](https://otdk.hu/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Szakmai-es-etikai-iranyelvek_OTDT-Kozgazd-SzakB_20160929_kieg_mod_20241127.pdf)).

The publication of TDK paper results (in journals, conference proceedings, etc.) is permitted and, in fact, aligns well with the spirit and goals of the TDK's mission to nurture future generations of scientists. However, ethical issues arise if the subsequent publications of the results of the TDK paper include different authors than the OTDK paper. The role of a contributor or facilitator (e.g. a consultant) is of paramount importance, but they cannot be considered real authors, the TDK paper must be the independent work of the student(s). In cases where publication practices obscure the identity of the author, the default decision is disqualification, although the Plagiarism Committee may assess and evaluate the case based on additional facts.

In the Economics Section TDK papers can be submitted in Hungarian and English. TDK papers submitted in English will also be classified on a professional basis according to the subject of the paper. The same TDK paper cannot be submitted in different languages.

## **2. Structure of the TDK paper**

- Outer cover
- Inner cover
- Table of contents
- List of tables (if applicable)
- List of figures (if applicable)
- Introduction
- Chapters (literature, research methodology, findings, evaluation, conclusions, etc.)
- Summary
- List of literature and sources used
- Supplements

**The TDK paper must include the mandatory elements covering the four points expected in scientific work:**

- a) at the beginning of the paper (in the introduction), it includes the scientific research question that the author aims to answer;
- b) it explicitly states its research model and/or methodology;
- c) at the end of the paper, it answers the scientific question posed; summarizes in a thesis-like manner the new or novel scientific findings of the paper;
- d) it contains the author's conclusions and suggestions.

### 3. Formal requirements

The TDK paper must be prepared on a computer using a word processing application, with Times New Roman font, 12-point font size, 1.5 line spacing, and justified alignment. We ask the authors of the TDK paper to clearly specify **the date of manuscript (content) completion**, including the exact year, month, and day, to facilitate accurate evaluation.

#### *Outer cover*

On the outer cover, in the upper third and centered, the title “OTDK Paper” should appear in 24-point font size. At the bottom, centered, the year “2027” (the year of the conference) should also appear in 24-point font size.

A template for the outer cover is provided at the end of this supplement and is available for download on the organizing institution's website.

#### *Inner cover*

On the inner cover, please include the author's name, the title of the TDK paper (in Hungarian and English), the supervisor's name, and the name of the submitting institution in 14-point font size. At the bottom of the page, indicate the completion date of the manuscript as follows: e.g., Manuscript completed: 2 October 2026.

A template for the inner cover is provided at the end of this supplement and is available for download on the organizing institution's website.

Page numbering begins with the Introduction as page 1. The page number should be centered at the bottom of each page. Margins should be set to 2.50 cm on all sides.

The appendix may include tables, figures, and other documents that illustrate the content of the TDK paper but do not constitute its substantive part.

*TDK papers that obtained eligibility for the 2027 OTDK prior to the publication of this call may be submitted in accordance with the Section call in effect at the time of the most recent/the institutional conference.*

The paper must be prepared according to the requirements expected of scientific work. For guidance, please refer to the **“Guide to Preparing OTDK Papers”** document available on the organizing institution's website.

In-text citations: primarily in parentheses using the author-year format (APA, Harvard).

Spelling, style, and the above formatting requirements are part of the evaluation criteria. For spelling in Hungarian-language papers, the most recent edition (12th edition, effective September 1, 2015) of **“The Rules of Hungarian Orthography”** published by the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (MTA) is the guiding reference.

### 4. Rules for the abstract

The abstract is not part of the main text of the paper to be uploaded; **it should be uploaded separately to the OTDT online system, but only the main text of the summary** (other information, such as the names of the student authors, institution, supervisor, etc., will be generated by the online system). The length of the abstract should be no more than 2,500 characters in both English and Hungarian.

**Abstracts must be uploaded in both Hungarian and English for all students, regardless of their native language.**

**The structure of the abstract should follow the scientific character of the TDK paper, i.e. it should include a brief summary of**

- a) the scientific question under consideration;
- b) the presentation of the research methodology used;
- c) a brief description of the findings.

## **5. Presentation of the TDK paper**

### *Submission procedure for the presentation*

The presentation (Power Point slideshow, prezi.com or other presentation to be projected on a computer) must be submitted to the organizing institution prior to the conference, and the organizing institution will send an e-mail with the format of the presentation no later than two weeks before the conference. **The delivery deadline is 18 April 2027 16:00 (CET)**, which may be postponed by the organizing institution in the information e-mail. If a student **does not submit their presentation to the organizing institution by the deadline, they may give their presentation verbally without the use of computer software.**

### *Presentation language and time frame*

- Participants have 15 minutes to present TDK papers in Hungarian, during which the authors must freely present the content and research findings of their paper.
- The presentation is followed by a mandatory 10-minute discussion led by the Session Panel, during which the student will receive questions.
- As a general rule, the language of the OTDK is Hungarian; native Hungarian-speaking students presenting an English paper must do so in Hungarian. An exception may be made if TDK papers can be grouped professionally to form a separate section comprising only English-language papers. In this latter case, the presentation may be given in English.
- For non-native Hungarian-speaking students presenting English-language papers, the presentation may also be given in English.
- For English-language papers, we ask the author(s) to set the preferred language of the presentation (Hungarian/English) in the "Presentation Language" field on the registration form.
- TDK papers may be presented at the conference only in person; online participation is not possible.

## **6. Evaluation criteria for the TDK paper and the presentation**

### **6.1. Evaluation of the TDK paper and the presentation**

The evaluation of the papers is overseen by the OTDT Economics Section Committee in collaboration with the organizing institution of the Section.

The OTDT Economics Section Committee, together with the organizing institution, establishes a review committee for each category, identical to the Session Panel and consisting of at least three members. The members of this committee are instructors with scientific qualifications, recommended by higher education institutions. If the Session Panel has three members, all must have scientific qualifications. The Session Panel may also consist of four or more members, in

which case it may include outstanding representatives of the profession or business sector who do not have scientific qualifications. The chair of the review committee is always associated with a higher education institution. An additional member of the Session Panel without voting rights is the secretary responsible for administrative duties.

The evaluation of the TDK papers consists of two parts:

- the TDK paper itself, and
- the oral presentation given at the conference.

In the final evaluation of the TDK paper, the paper and the oral presentation are weighed at 60% and 40%, respectively.

Two members of the review committee evaluate the paper in writing before the conference. The maximum score available from the written evaluation is 60 points. The final score for the written evaluation is the arithmetic mean of the two scores for two reviewers.

If the difference between the two evaluations is 15 points or more, the organizing institution first tries to provide an opportunity for the two reviewers to discuss their reasoning and potentially adjust their evaluations. If no adjustment is made or if the 15-point difference remains, a third reviewer (who has not yet evaluated the paper) is mandatorily appointed. In cases where there is a third reviewer, the final written score is the average of the two closest scores among the three; in the case of equal differences, it is the average of the two higher scores.

All written evaluations for each category (including the names of the reviewers) are made available to students by the organizing institution in the OTDT online system 5 days before the start of the conference or as soon as all reviews for the category are completed. The written and oral scores are not public.

If the average score from the evaluations is less than 50% of the possible points (30 points), the paper may be presented at the OTDK, but it cannot be rewarded.

The organizers of the Section strive to ensure that evaluations are completed no later than 5 days before the conference. If this deadline is not met, the paper cannot be excluded from eligibility for awards on account of this delay, regardless of the score.

The presentation will be evaluated by a Session Panel of recognized members of the field. The maximum score for the presentation evaluation is 40 points.

## 6.2. Evaluation criteria for the TDK paper and presentation

### OTDK PRESENTATION EVALUATION SHEET

Name of the participant: .....

Title of the TDK paper: .....

Name, position and contact details (e-mail) of the reviewer: .....

#### 1. Overall evaluation of the TDK paper (max 12 points)

Formulation of specific and relevant objective(s) – vs. – Lack of objectives, or irrelevant issue(s)			
3	2	1	0
Consistency between objective, methodology and results (conclusions, proposals) – vs. – Lack of consistency			
3	2	1	0
The TDK paper is logically structured, professionally sound – vs. – Confusing, highly questionable			
3	2	1	0
Clear, comprehensible, linguistically correct formulation – vs. – Difficult to understand, unclear			
3	2	1	0

Total score: .....

Written justification:

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#### Use of literature (max 12 points)

The range and diversity of the literature used, including domestic and international sources, is appropriate – vs. – Few or poorly chosen sources used			
3	2	1	0
Management of sources, accurate cross-references – vs. – Missing, inaccurate references			
3	2	1	0
The literature used is relevant and up-to-date ----- – vs. – Overly general, outdated			
3	2	1	0
Thoroughly processed, independently evaluated sources – vs. – Poor processing, no independent evaluation			
3	2	1	0

Total score: .....

Written justification:

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**2. Methodology: quality of data and information collection and processing (max 12 points)**

The method of analysis chosen is appropriate – <b>vs.</b> – The method is not appropriate			
3	2	1	0
Comprehensive, thorough, independent data and information collection – <b>vs.</b> – Incomplete / missing			
3	2	1	0
The processing of data or information, the analysis carried out is thorough – <b>vs.</b> – Incomplete processing, oversimplified analysis			
3	2	1	0
High quality, correct methodological application – <b>vs.</b> – Low quality, incorrect application			
3	2	1	0

Total score: .....

Written justification:

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**Results, conclusions, suggestions (max 12 points)**

The results are professionally sound (and numerically accurate in the case of calculations) – <b>vs.</b> – Incorrect, erroneous			
3	2	1	0
Novel findings and conclusions – <b>vs.</b> – General statements			
3	2	1	0
The reasoning and presentation of results are logical and clear – <b>vs.</b> – Confused reasoning			
3	2	1	0
Conclusions and recommendations are clear and correct – <b>vs.</b> – Incorrect or missing			
3	2	1	0

Total score: .....

Written justification:

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**3. Format requirements (max 6 points)**

Appropriate length, structure, and chapter proportions as expected – <b>vs.</b> – Inappropriate		
2	1	0
Figures and tables are formally complete – <b>vs.</b> – Missing (e.g. lack of source, unit of measurement, etc.)		
2	1	0
A tastefully, carefully edited paper – <b>vs.</b> – Formally clumsy, careless work		
2	1	0

Total score: .....

Written justification:

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**Evaluation of the abstract (max 6 points)**

Clear formulation of the research questions and objectives ----- – <b>vs.</b> – Lack of questions			
2	1	0	
Good overview of the research and analysis carried out – <b>vs.</b> – Presentation of the research missing, inadequate			
2	1	0	
Professionally sound summary – <b>vs.</b> – Highly questionable summary			
2	1	0	

*Total score:* .....

*Written justification:*

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**TOTAL POINTS (max 60 points):** .....

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## OTDK PRESENTATION EVALUATION SHEET

Name of the participant: .....

Title of the TDK paper: .....

Name of the reviewer: .....

### 1. Overall evaluation (max 12 points)

*Criteria:*

The structure of the presentation is logical, the structure (introduction, objective, methodology, results, conclusions, presentation of proposals) is proportionate	<b>vs.</b>	The logic of the presentation is confused, the structuring is disproportionate
Excellent presentation	<b>vs.</b>	Poor presentation
Clear, easy to follow presentation	<b>vs.</b>	Difficult to understand, unclear presentation
Engaging, well-structured slides	<b>vs.</b>	Poor / over-decorated; superficial / overcrowded slides
Excellent knowledge of the subject matter, field of expertise	<b>vs.</b>	Knowledge of the subject, field incomplete, inadequate

### 2. Quality of the Presentation Content (max. 16 points)

Description of objective(s), methods are easy to understand	<b>vs.</b>	Description of objective(s), methods confusing / incomplete description
The reasoning and presentation of results are easy to understand	<b>vs.</b>	The reasoning and presentation of results are difficult to follow, confusing
The presentation is professionally sound	<b>vs.</b>	The presentation is not professionally sound
A concise, logically structured presentation	<b>vs.</b>	Poorly structured, confusing presentation
Adequate professional vocabulary, correct use of technical terms	<b>vs.</b>	Insufficient technical vocabulary, incorrect use of technical terms

### 3. Debate skills of the presenter (max 12 points)

Provides professionally sound, adequate answers to the questions asked	<b>vs.</b>	Does not answer questions satisfactorily / avoids them / is embarrassed by them
Understands the current state of the topic and is aware of changes that occurred after the	<b>vs.</b>	Not informed about current issues

completion of the paper

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Argues convincingly and logically, understands  
and accepts other points of view

**vs.**

Arguments are unstable, rejects other  
points of view / Does not engage in debate

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Able to initiate a professional discussion

vs.

Passive participant in the debate, lack of  
initiative

**TOTAL POINTS (max 40 points):** .....

Kecskemét, April ....., 2027

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**TITLE OF THE TDK PAPER IN ENGLISH**

**Name of the Author(s)**

Name of Consultant(s):

Closure date of the manuscript: xx. xx. xxxx.