



**EuroGOOS**  
European Global Ocean  
Observing System

## The Kostas Nittis Medal

### Purpose of the award

In 2015, EuroGOOS established the Kostas Nittis Medal in the memory of EuroGOOS Secretary General and strategic leader Dr. Kostas Nittis (1964-2014). The Kostas Nittis Medal is accompanied by a grant and awarded to a young marine professional within the operational oceanography and broader ocean observing community.

The Kostas Nittis Medal and the grant amounting to € 3,000 aim to support the participation of young researchers and marine professionals in relevant conferences and events. The awardee is thus given a chance to present their research or technology at relevant events, building a professional network, gaining real life experience and reaching out to potential partners and/or employers.

### Call and nomination process

The call is open to marine researchers or professionals according to the following criteria:

- Candidate must be younger than 35 years old;
- Candidate will have made a significant contribution to operational oceanography (technology, research, software, product/service) which is described and documented;
- Candidate nominations must come from the current EuroGOOS members (<http://eurogoos.eu/>).

### Evaluation

Nominations are evaluated by the EuroGOOS Executive Board who will act in a personal capacity (regardless of their institutional affiliation).

### Award ceremony

The medal is awarded at a high-level pan-European event in ocean science, technology and/or policy, e.g. the European Maritime Day, or at the EuroGOOS Annual Meeting.

Payment of the grant is made within one month after the award to the bank account indicated by the winner.

### Winner's obligations

The winner is obliged to use the award grant to attend relevant events and conferences and deliver presentations and/or posters, as well as report on the use of funds and the usefulness (impact) of those activities. The following documents are to be submitted to the EuroGOOS Office:

- Two reports, mid-term and final including:
  - Abstracts of presentations and/or posters delivered;

- Feedback on the impact of the grant outlining its effect on the winner's research/visibility/potential opportunities. Have new work or network connections emerged? Has the winner's understanding of the landscape changed? Have any funding opportunities emerged? Have the events/conferences attended contributed to the winner's knowledge or work practices?
- By accepting the award, the winner will accept that EuroGOOS will publicize the award and the winner's pictures may be released online and in EuroGOOS dissemination materials.

## Further information

The EuroGOOS Office is coordinating the award; all queries should be addressed at:

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