

HELLENIC INVENTOR AWARDS

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The Ministry of Development & Investments and the Hellenic Industrial Property Organisation announce the 4th Competition for the Award of Distinguished Inventions which contributed or may contribute to the technological development of the country (Law 1733/1987 article 20, and KYA14113 / EFA / 3850 / 13.1.2003).

In this context, the Minister of Development & Investments set up an Inventions' Evaluation Committee which invites interested parties to participate in the selection process.

The Awards will be awarded to three categories of inventors who carried out the invention:

1. In the framework of a research program on behalf of a University or Research Center.
2. As employees in a Small and Medium Enterprise.
3. As independent natural persons.

Eligible to participate are those who are listed as inventors in either National Applications, European or International Patent Applications that include Greece as a country of designation, or in National and European Patents that have entered the national phase.

In addition, the following three cumulative conditions should be fulfilled:

- the inventor had his permanent residence in Greece at the time of filing the Greek or European or International Patent Application,
- the priority date of the application (if any) or the filing date (if there is no priority date) is later than September 1st, 2015,
- the application has been published or the Patent has been granted until 31 August 2020.

Interested inventors by October 30, 2020 must complete and submit to OBI the form of the request posted on the website, which includes:

- the name of the inventor / inventors and the mailing address,
- the number of the Patent application or the Patent number,
- the title of the invention, as set in the patent application,
- a copy of the published patent application.

In addition, and in order to support their candidacy, the interested parties may attach, on paper or audiovisual material, any information they wish to be taken into account during the evaluation process, such as: a brief report on the advantages of the invention and its contribution (or potential contribution) to the technological development of the country, data related to the exploitation of the invention, as well as data related to the protection of the invention internationally (e.g., granted Patents).

The application and all supporting documents will be submitted in both printed and electronic form (USB stick). The completion of all the above information is a prerequisite for participation in the evaluation process.

The evaluation of the inventions by the Committee will be based on the following criteria:

- They contain a particular inventive activity.
- They have significant prospects to contribute to the technological and industrial development of the country.
- The Search Report does not contain documents of the previous state of the art which infringe on the novelty of the inventive step of the invention (categories X or Y).

The application form and relevant information can be found on the website of the Organisation www.obl.gr.

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