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AWARD**



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EuroGOOS is an international non-profit association of national governmental agencies and research organizations, committed to European-scale operational oceanography within the context of the Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS).

Its mission is to lead the development and implementation of sustained and coordinated operational oceanography across Europe.

Founded in 1994, EuroGOOS includes 44 members from 18 European countries providing operational oceanographic services and carrying out marine research.

# Kostas Nittis Award

## What is the Kostas Nittis Award?

Each year, EuroGOOS awards the Kostas Nittis medal and a grant of **€ 3,000** to outstanding early-career scientists in operational oceanography and ocean observing field.

The Kostas Nittis Medal was established in memory of EuroGOOS Secretary General and strategic leader Dr. Kostas Nittis (1964-2014).



Dr. Kostas Nittis

## Why should you apply?\*

Successful applicants will have the opportunity to present their work at international conferences and events, expand their professional networks, and reach out to potential research partners and future employers.

## Who should apply?

Eligible candidates should be:

- Under 30 on the day of the nomination deadline;
- Student at a Master of Science, PhD level, or recent PhD, carrying out research or innovation projects on climate change, marine safety, ecosystem and ocean health, or operational oceanography (ocean observations, ocean data, modelling, operational ocean services, etc.);
- Nominated by current [EuroGOOS members](https://eurogoos.eu).

\* Please consult the Terms of Reference on the EuroGOOS website for more information about eligibility and application process: <https://eurogoos.eu/eurogoos-kostas-nittis-award/>

# Winners of the Kostas Nittis Award



George Petihakis, EuroGOOS Chair, presenting the Kostas Nittis Award to Lörinc Mészáros (Deltares, the Netherlands) at the EuroGOOS International Conference, 2021, virtual event

## Lörinc Mészáros,

Winner of the 2021 Kostas Nittis Award

The Kostas Nittis Award gives me the opportunity to pursue my research interests, while allowing me to expand my professional network in operational oceanography and engage with scientists in other fields, such as climate change, data science, and machine learning.

## María Dolores Pérez Hernández,

Winner of the 2019 Kostas Nittis Award

I have benefited from the Kostas Nittis Award in several ways. While attending the EuroSea kick-off meeting to receive the award, I met many scientists from different countries. This was the first time I got to see how big European projects are managed.



George Petihakis, EuroGOOS Chair, presenting the Kostas Nittis Award to María Dolores Pérez Hernández (Universidad de las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spain) at the kick-off meeting of the EuroSea project, 27-29 November 2019, Brussels



**Florent Gasparin,**  
Winner of the 2018 Kostas Nittis Award

The Kostas Nittis Award has given me the opportunity to promote my work as well as my institution internationally. This award has also allowed me to develop long-term collaboration with scientists from observing networks.



Glenn Nolan, EuroGOOS Secretary General, presenting the Kostas Nittis Award to Florent Gasparin (Mercator Ocean International, France) at the 4<sup>th</sup> GEO Blue Planet Symposium, 4-6 July 2018, Toulouse

**Robert King,**  
Winner of the 2017 Kostas Nittis Award

The Kostas Nittis Award has been a great help in my oceanographic career. The Award has led to collaborations and co-authorship of a number of papers by allowing me to attend and become involved with international working groups, of experts on marine and coastal modelling.



Eric Buch, EuroGOOS Chair, presenting the Kostas Nittis Award to Robert King (Met Office, UK) at the 8<sup>th</sup> EuroGOOS international conference, 3-5 October 2017, Bergen

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Eric Buch, EuroGOOS Chair, presenting the Kostas Nittis Award to Angelique Melet (Mercator Ocean International, France) during the EuroGOOS General Assembly, 25 May 2016, Brussels

## **Pablo Lorente Jimenez,** Winner of the 2015 Kostas Nittis Award

I truly believe that the Kostas Nittis Award represents an excellent opportunity and incentive for young marine professionals to give visibility to their contributions to operational oceanography.

## **Angelique Melet,** Winner of the 2019 Kostas Nittis Award

The Kostas Nittis Award has been a great springboard to further introduce me to the operational oceanography community. It allowed me to expand my professional network and attend three main international conferences. Receiving this award also felt gratifying because of the associated recognition of my work.



Pablo Lorente Jimenez (Puertos del Estado, Spain) and European Commissioner Karmenu Vella at the European Maritime Day, 28 May 2015, Athens

# Apply now!

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