
[Nominations are open for the European Inventor Award 2018!](#)

Nominations for the European Patent Office's (EPO) European Inventor Award 2018 are now open.

The Award recognises outstanding inventors from around the world, from all technical fields and backgrounds. Inventors can either nominate themselves or be nominated by people from industry, research institutes, IP associations and universities, as well as the general public.

The selection criteria:

Inventions of great social and/or economic benefit, and which have been granted European patents (at least one still in force).

The application procedure:

The application process is free, simple and can be made online. The media success of the Award in promoting innovation and the patent system is dependent upon the quality of candidates. The deadline for submissions is **16 October 2017**.

For more information regarding the event and submissions, please click [here](#).

Highlights from the European Inventor Award 2017:

The 12th annual European Inventor Award gala in Venice on 15 June 2017 was a wonderful celebration of innovation, organised by the European Patent Office (EPO). The [short film](#) summarises the emotion of the trophy ceremony and the mission of the Award.

The [fifteen finalists](#) are excellent ambassadors not just for innovation but for the patent system as a whole. In each of [their films](#) they explain their inventions as well as the benefits to society and the economy, frequently mentioning the role patents play in their business models. The media coverage generated by the EPO for the Award finalists is enormous, with over 2,500 reports in journals, blogs, websites and TV shows around the world. The Award not only promotes the benefits of innovation and the patent system, it also reflects positively on all those working with inventors to help them create value from inventions and patents.

Some of the 2017 finalists made a very direct reference to how they used the patent system, and said so in their films:

- [Steve Lindsey](#) (UK; rotary air compressor);
- [Lars Liljeryd](#) (SE; digital audio compression) and
- [Günter Hufschmid](#) (DE; super-sponge for oil spills)

For further information, please check the EPO's webpage dedicated to the European Inventor Award

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