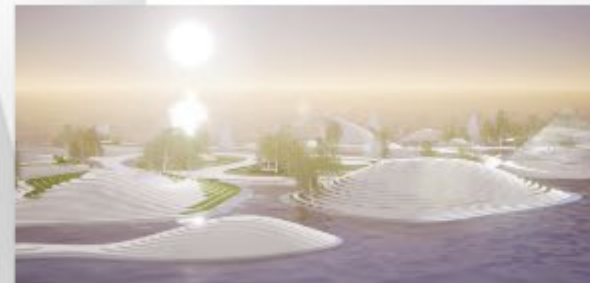


# EUROPEAN INVENTOR AWARD 2022



**EUROPEAN  
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# Agenda

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- Purpose and impact of the European Inventor Award
- European Inventor Award: categories
- Young Inventors prize
- Nomination form
- Q&A

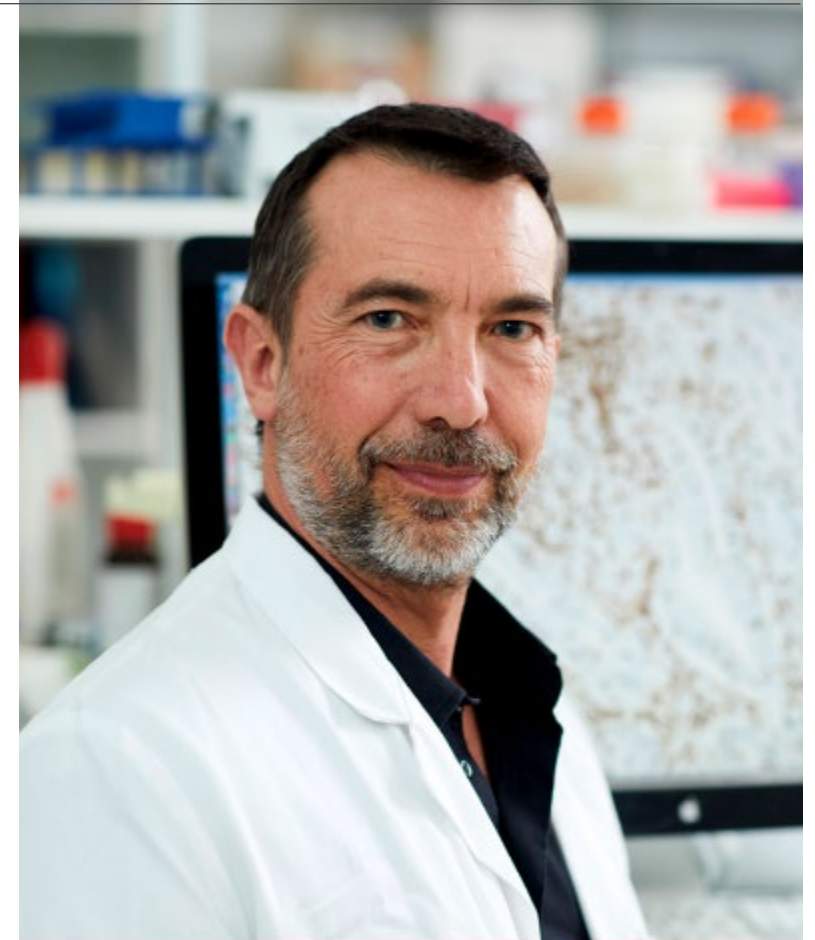
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# **PURPOSE AND IMPACT OF THE EUROPEAN INVENTOR AWARD**

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# Europe's foremost innovation prize

-  Pays tribute to outstanding inventors from a variety of technical fields
-  Highlights the role of innovation in driving economies
-  Shows how unique inventions provide solutions to issues from climate change to health
-  Tells inspiring stories of the people behind the invention



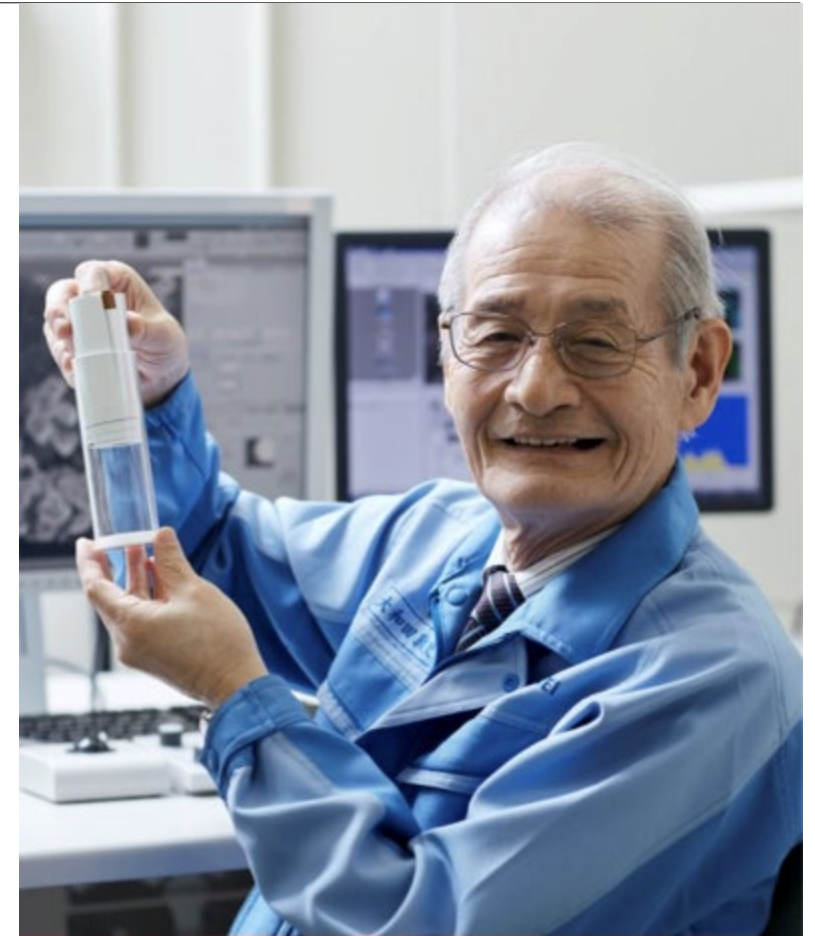
**JÉRÔME GALON**  
winner, Research, 2019



*"I am delighted to receive this award, which recognises more than 15 years of work in the laboratory."*

# Overall impact

- International media coverage with a total potential reach of **~948 million people**
- 82 winners and over 200 finalists
- 4 Nobel laureates
- **34 nationalities** since its establishment in 2006



**AKIRA YOSHINO**  
winner, Non-EPO countries, 2019



*"If you are a researcher working in industry, the European Inventor Award is an important recognition to put you on the way to a Nobel prize."*

# 2021 – a shift

- First **fully digital ceremony**
- **New disruptive concept**
- Extended reality, virtual live audience and other innovative features
- Over **17.000 people** watched live or the recordings



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# **EUROPEAN INVENTOR AWARD: CATEGORIES**

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# The European Inventor Award



The Award comprises **five categories**, each with three finalists:



Industry



Research



Non-EPO  
countries



SMEs



Lifetime  
achievement

1+ granted EP patents (in force in at least one EPO member state)  
Inventions that benefit society or environment and demonstrate proven or potential economic success  
All fields of technology

1+ granted EP patents  
Long-term contribution

**Two additional prizes** are awarded at the ceremony:

**POPULAR PRIZE**  
based on public vote

**YOUNG INVENTORS**  
sustainability on focus



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# YOUNG INVENTORS PRIZE

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# Celebrating young talent: the Young Inventors prize



- **Encourage young generations to provide solutions to global problems**
  - **Maximum age of 30** at the time of the award
  - **Cash prize of EUR 20,000** for the 1st, **EUR 10,000** for the 2nd and **EUR 5,000** for the 3rd finalist
  - Open to **participants worldwide**
  - No granted patent requirement
  - Public initiatives only: original, innovative and impactful
  - Use technology to solve problems within the frame of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals

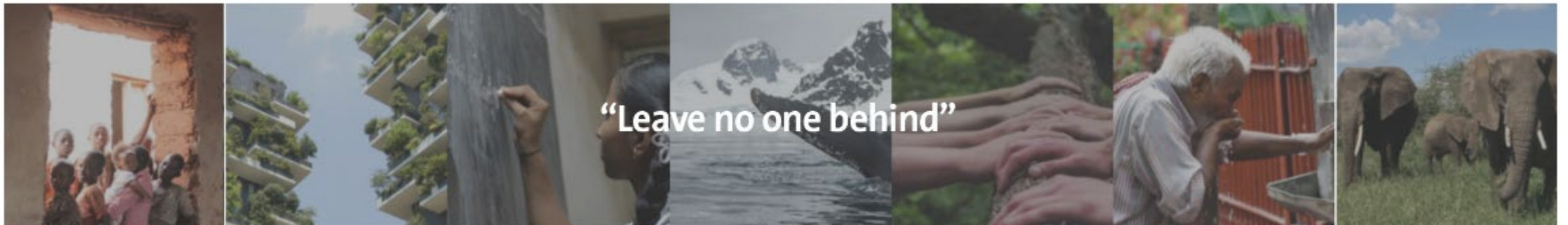


# Sustainability on focus



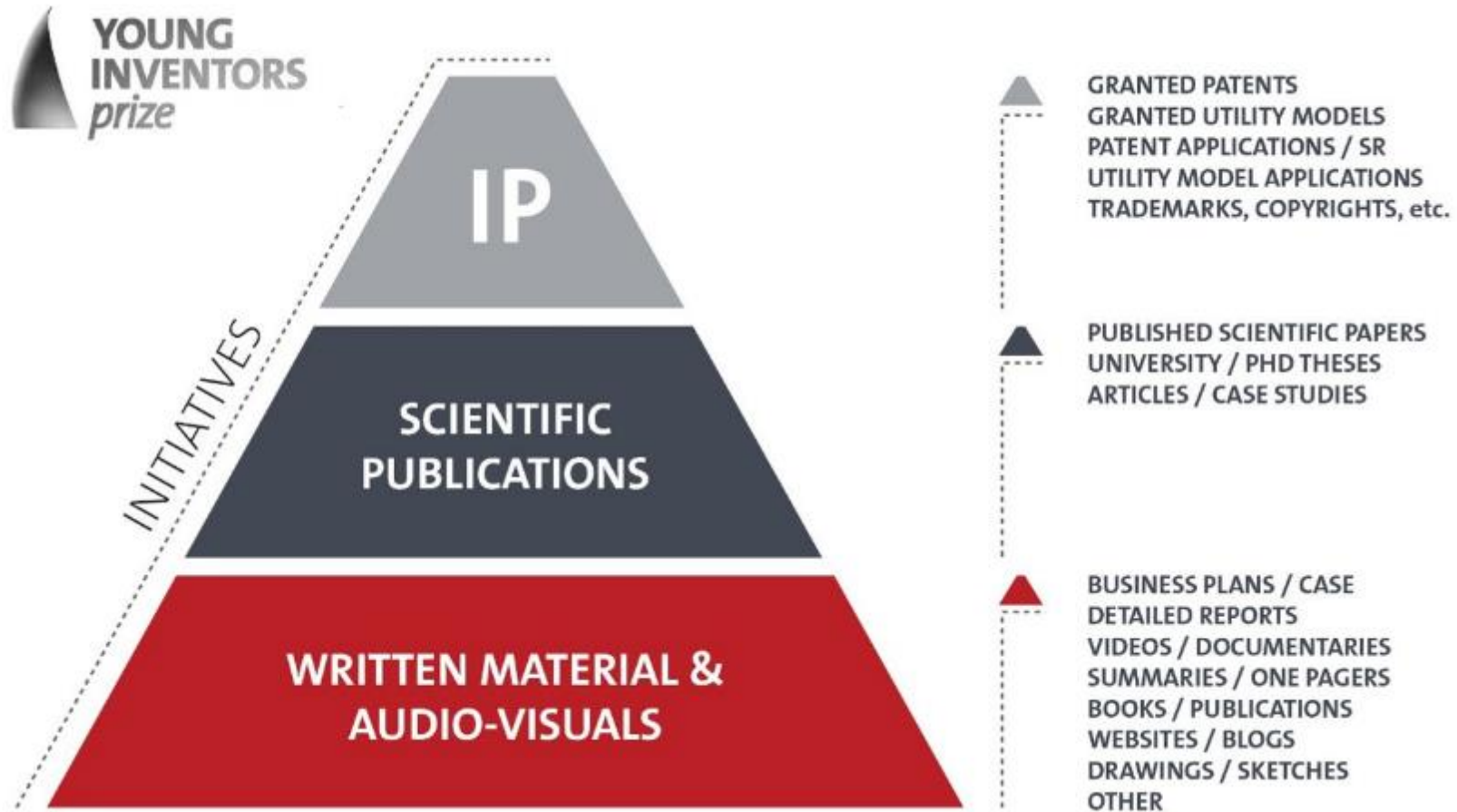
There are **17 Sustainable Development Goals** defined by the **United Nations** within the **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**.


The **EPO** wants to acknowledge young innovators who use technology to develop solutions that will help reach these goals and positively impact our live for a better future.



“Leave no one behind”

# The initiatives



 To prevent any issues during a potential further prosecution of a patent, only public/published initiatives and supporting material will be accepted

# Save the dates



Call for **2022 nominations**

**17 June 2021 – 1 October 2021**



Processing of **nominations, shortlist of candidates and selection of finalists** by the independent jury

**October 2021 – January 2022**



**Announcement of 2022 finalists**

**May 2022**



Announcement of winners during the **European Inventor Award 2022 ceremony**

**June 2022**

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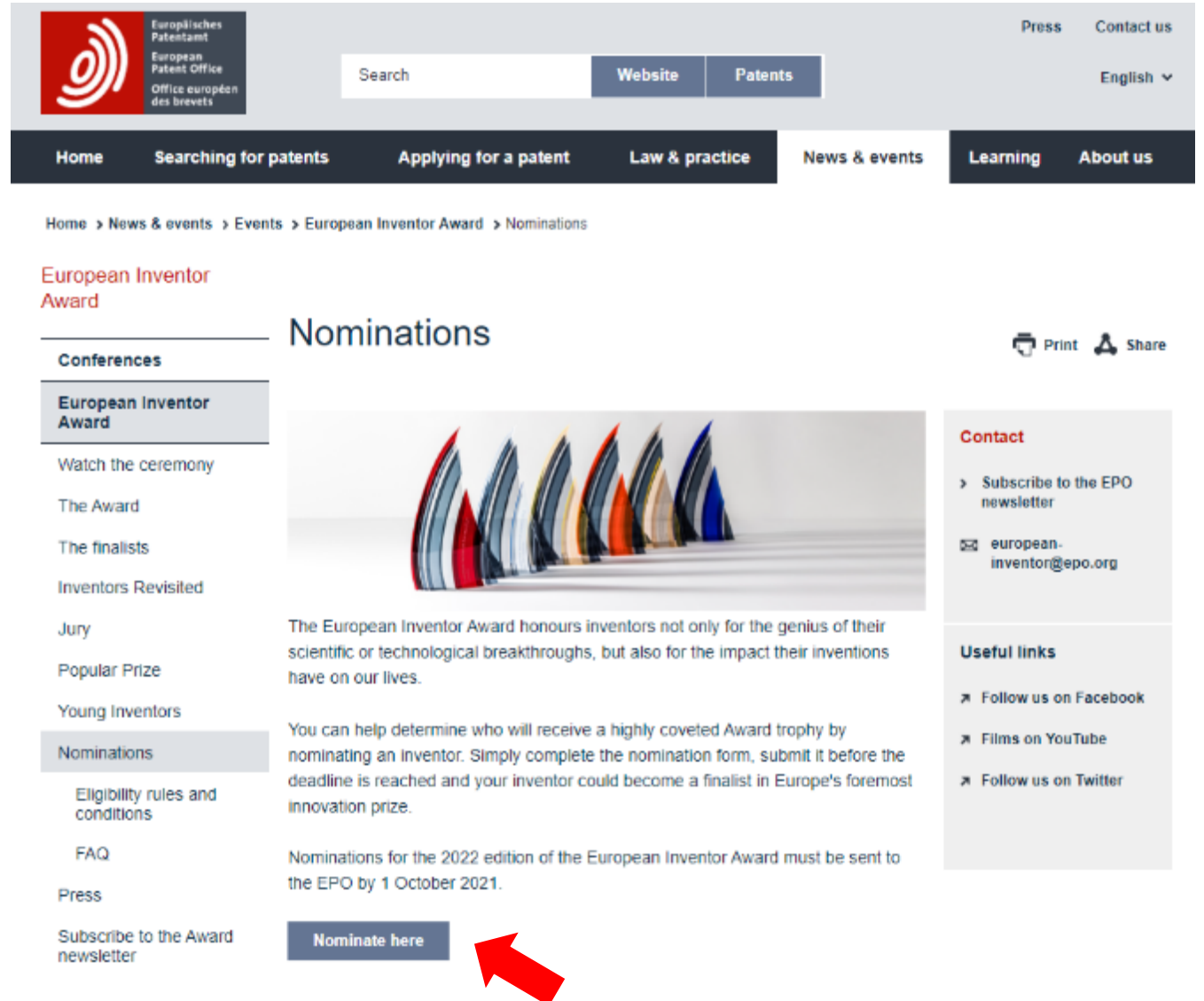
# NOMINATIONS

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# The nomination form

Propose your candidates via our intuitive nomination form:

- Quick & easy
- Available in three languages (English, German and French)
- Both self-nomination and nomination of third persons is possible (nomination origin has no impact on evaluation of proposals)



The screenshot shows the EPO website's 'Nominations' page for the European Inventor Award. The page includes a navigation menu with 'Home', 'Searching for patents', 'Applying for a patent', 'Law & practice', 'News & events', 'Learning', and 'About us'. The breadcrumb trail is 'Home > News & events > Events > European Inventor Award > Nominations'. The main heading is 'Nominations' with 'Print' and 'Share' icons. A sidebar on the left lists various award-related topics, with 'Nominations' highlighted. The main content area features a banner image of sailboats and text explaining the award's purpose and the nomination process. A 'Nominate here' button is prominently displayed at the bottom, with a red arrow pointing to it.

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Nominations

The European Inventor Award honours inventors not only for the genius of their scientific or technological breakthroughs, but also for the impact their inventions have on our lives.

You can help determine who will receive a highly coveted Award trophy by nominating an inventor. Simply complete the nomination form, submit it before the deadline is reached and your inventor could become a finalist in Europe's foremost innovation prize.

Nominations for the 2022 edition of the European Inventor Award must be sent to the EPO by 1 October 2021.

Nominate here

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# The nomination form



European Inventor Award

## Entry form for the European Inventor Award 2022

1. Complete > 2. Preview > 3. Submit

Fields marked with an asterisk (\*) are mandatory. Click the "Preview" button at the bottom of the page when you are ready to proceed to step 2.

Thank you for making a proposal for the European Inventor Award!

In this form, you will be asked to provide information about you and the invention. Once you have submitted this form, you will receive a confirmation e-mail in which you will have the opportunity to submit documents with further information to support your proposal.

If you need further background information on the Award, you can find it on this [page](#).

In case you encounter any issues filling in this form, please contact: [european-inventor@epo.org](mailto:european-inventor@epo.org)

Please select the category you are proposing for:\*

- Industry
- Research
- Non-EPO countries
- SMEs
- Lifetime achievement
- Young Inventors prize

Please select one of the following:\*

- I am proposing myself and/or my team
- I am proposing someone else and/or a team

- Mandatory fields are marked with an asterisk “\*”
- Read the **Eligibility rules and conditions** and check the **Declaration** tick-boxes before sending the form.
- Young Inventors Prize: **supporting documents** (if any) to be provided by replying to automatic confirmation email. Type of documents to be declared in advance in the nomination form.
- Participation of minors in Young Inventors prize is possible, but a **Consent Form** must be filled-in and sent by replying to the automatic confirmation email.
- Any issue? Mail us at [european-inventor@epo.org](mailto:european-inventor@epo.org)



# How to find candidates

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Finding innovative candidates can be an easy process:

- Friends and family members
- Professional network
- Word-of-mouth
- Newspaper, TV, Social Media, Radio, Internet
- Other similar initiatives

# Help us spreading the word

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- About the call for nominations....and the **deadline for submissions: 1 October 2021**
- About the newly-launched **Young Inventors prize**
- Share our **Social media posts**
- Tailor your own message with the help of **promotional material** on our [Trello board](#)
- Still questions? **Contact the Organisation Team: [european-inventor@epo.org](mailto:european-inventor@epo.org)**

Don't forget!



Deadline: **1 October 2021**

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More information: [epo.org/nominate](https://epo.org/nominate)

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# Q&A

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