



ECOCLUB.com Ecotourism Awards 2008
The 5th Annual ECOCLUB.com Ecotourism Awards
Terms & Conditions

1. Award Scope:

Each year, on the 1st of July, to celebrate our founding anniversary, we fund micro-projects initiated & implemented by our Members, which improve local well-being and promote ecological change in Tourism, according to the aims of ECOCLUB. You may find past winners and projects at <http://www.ecoclub.com/awards.html>

Building on the experience & successes of previous years we hereby announce our 5th Annual Awards. This year's theme is "**Tourism Without Plastic**", in line with our annual campaign theme, and we invite our Members to submit projects somehow related to this topic.

The Awards are open to all Business and Individual Members who are in good standing, and the total prize funds amount to Euros 3,000 (approx. USD 4,750) to be shared by up to five winners. Each winner will receive Euros 600 (approx. USD 950). The project must be undertaken by a legal entity, in the case of and Individual Member, one that an Individual Member owns or works for.

2. Project Guidelines & Eligibility:

(a) We accept new, independent, realistic, implementable projects, which relate to this year's theme "Tourism Without Plastic".

(b) Projects should have been duly researched (legal, technical aspects) and should not depend on the performance of 3rd parties, or on factors outside your control.

(c) **Members can only submit projects that cost a minimum of Euros 600 and a maximum of Euros 6,000** to fully implement, including all costs, fees, wages, and materials.

(d) Projects *should not* already be under way, *should not* be a part of, funded, or submitted for funding, through any other projects and should not in any way depend on other projects or other organisations.

(e) Please only submit realistic projects that your organisation is able to implement, and only if you are certain that you can allocate the time & resources required.

(f) All [Individual](#) & [Business](#) ECOCLUB Members who are in good standing (i.e. have paid their Membership dues) on May 31, 2008 (Individual & Business) are eligible to apply. Approved Applicants will be accepted as Award Candidates. Candidates must remain in good standing until 31 June 2008. Winners must remain in good standing until 1 November 2008. The project must be undertaken by a legal entity that a Member owns or works for. Members can only apply on behalf of their company / organisation, and not on an individual basis.

(g) Past winners may apply, as long as they submit a different project, not in any way related to the old one. Past candidates who did not win, may resubmit a similar but not identical project.

(h) ECOCLUB S.A. will be the sole & final judge upon applicant and project eligibility matters.

4. Application Procedure:

To apply please download the Application Form available at <http://www.ecoclub.com/awards/08/application.pdf>

All applications should be sent by email to awards@ecoclub.com by Saturday 31 May 2008, 23:59 GMT at the latest.

However, Members are encouraged to send in their applications as soon as possible, in case their initial project proposals are not eligible, or there are serious errors, so that there is time to resubmit. No amendments will be accepted after 31 May 2008!

5. Winner Selection:

The winners will be determined in a democratic fashion by Members through an **EMAIL vote**. Each Member will have **1** vote, and the five candidates who receive most votes will win. Voters may **not** change their vote after sending in their email vote. Candidates and their employees will **not** be able to vote. In the event that five or fewer eligible project proposals are received, there will not be a voting procedure, and all eligible entrants will be declared winners.

6. Awards Timetable:

(a) Saturday, **31 May, 2008** 23:59 GMT: Application deadline
(N.B. *extended from original deadline of 25 May 2008*)

(b) Monday, **2 June, 2008**: Eligible project proposals will be posted online at the dedicated ECOCLUB.com Ecotourism Awards 2008 Forum. The Forum will be accessible by Members, who will be able to ask questions about candidate projects so as to determine potential issues with a project proposal at an early stage. Candidates should be ready to reply to such questions in a timely manner, and hopefully convince the electorate!

(c) Monday, **2 June 2008**: Voting opens. Voting will close on Sunday **June 29** at 23:59 GMT.
Email votes received after the deadline, will not count.

(d) Tuesday, **July 1, 2008**: The five Winners will be officially announced in a Live Member Meeting.
All winning projects will be considered equal, although they will be listed according to votes received.

(e) Winning projects must be initiated as soon as possible and not later than **August 1, 2008** and completed by **November 1, 2008**.

(f) In the event that a voting procedure does not take place (as detailed in paragraph 5 above), the winning projects will be posted online and officially announced by Thursday 5 June, 2008. In that case winning projects will be listed in the order that they were accepted for entry.

7. Winning Project Responsibilities & Schedule:

(a) Winners will receive **Euros 600**. The winners will be deemed to be providing services to ECOCLUB S.A. and invoicing ECOCLUB S.A. for these services.

(b) To claim the Award funds, the winner's company / organisation should be able to sign a legal agreement and issue a legal invoice to ECOCLUB S.A., detailing project costs up to the value of Euros 600 in an analytical manner and to provide all relevant payment receipts.

(c) Winners should submit a **Project Progress Report**, by email to awards@ecoclub.com, by **September 1, 2008** at the latest, providing textual, photographic and/or video evidence of project implementation with precise dates. A **Second Project Progress Report** should be submitted at least 30 days after the first one, and by **October 1, 2008** at

the latest. The final, **Project Completion Report** must be submitted by **November 1, 2008** at the latest. ECOCLUB S.A. will be able to publish and use these reports in any way we see fit.

(d) ECOCLUB S.A. will closely examine the two progress reports and the completion report, to check if they contain adequate proof that the project has been implemented. If we feel that the project has been implemented however the proof provided is not satisfactory, an extension of 30 days will be offered, to resubmit the Project Completion Report by **December 1, 2008 at the latest**.

(e) After the Project Completion Report is received and approved, the Winner will be asked to send by registered post (NOT Courier):

i. original project receipts amounting to Euros 600

ii. a signed Private Agreement (to be provided) explaining that ECOCLUB S.A. has agreed to pay Euros 600 to your organisation in return for the implementation of the project.

(e) The Private Agreement and original receipts should be received by registered post (NOT Courier) by **December 31, 2008** at the latest.

(f) Winners that are deemed not to have completed their projects in time in the manner specified above, will forfeit the prize! Please only submit realistic projects.

(g) The Prize funds payment will be sent by ECOCLUB S.A. within 60 days after receiving the Private Agreement and original receipts. Payment will be made by PayPal or by Bank Transfer. Winners should confirm receipt of the prize funds by email.

(h) Winners should use the following expression to describe their win in any literature they produce related to their win: "Winning Project, ECOCLUB.com Ecotourism Awards 2008" or "Winner, ECOCLUB.com Ecotourism Awards 2008". A graphic/ logo will be provided for online use.

(i) Winners should use the following expression to describe their project in any literature they produce related to the project: "Project funded by ECOCLUB S.A. through the ECOCLUB.com Ecotourism Awards 2008".

(j) Where feasible/appropriate, the above expressions (h, i) should be inscribed / included on the product(s)/outcome(s) of the winning project. The inscription cost should be included in the budget.

(k) When a Winning Project is deemed complete by ECOCLUB S.A., a certificate will be provided to the Winner explaining that the project was funded by ECOCLUB S.A. and fully implemented by the Winner, following a democratic vote by ECOCLUB Members.

8. Acceptance of these Terms

Applying for the ECOCLUB.com Ecotourism Awards 2008, indicates acceptance of the above Terms & Conditions and constitutes a legal agreement. Any dispute arising from this Agreement will be referred to the Law Courts of Athens, Greece, according to the Greek Laws.

We look forward to receiving your application.

If you have any queries about the Awards, please do not hesitate to email awards@ecoclub.com

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