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**“STELIOS HAJI-IOANNOU AWARD FOR YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS
IN GREECE 2018”**

**LAUNCH OF APPLICATION SUBMISSION FOR THE INITIATIVE
THAT SUPPORTS GREEK ENTREPRENEURSHIP SINCE 2008**

€100.000 TOTAL CASH PRIZES

€30.000 FOR THE FIRST WINNER, €10.000 FOR SEVEN ADDITIONAL WINNERS

The application submission for the “**Stelios Haji-ioannou Award for Young Entrepreneurs of the Year 2018 in Greece**” has begun. The Award is held for the **11th consecutive year** by Sir **Stelios Haji-ioannou**, founder of **easyJet**, of **easyGroup** and **Stelios Philanthropic Foundation**.

Since **2008**, this important to Greek Entrepreneurship institution has essentially reinforced national economy and **has created new jobs in Greece**. More specifically, up until 2017, the Award has supported new businesses with the **total amount of €700.000**.

In **2018**, this significant for entrepreneurship in Greece annual institution returns, offering for one more year, the amount of **€100.000 and more specifically €30.000 for the first winner and €10.000 for each of the seven additional winners**.

The Award is exclusively addressed to young Greek entrepreneurs who are 40 years old or younger (born in 1978 or later), have created their company, have started their business activity in Greece **in the past 5 years**, have a minimum **turnover of 10,000€ per annum**, employ at least 2 staff and own more than 50% of their company. In case 2 applicants from the same business apply, together they should own more than the 80% of the company between them. Applications with more than 2 applicants from the same company will not be accepted.

For one more year, the process of the application submission will be held exclusively online and more specifically through the official [Facebook](#) page of **Stelios Foundation**. All applicants are expected to like the [Stelios Philanthropic Foundation](#) page and join the public group “**Stelios Awards for Young Entrepreneurs in Greece 2018**”, where they will be able to download the application in a PDF form. This application will have to be filled in and sent as an inbox message to the [Facebook](#) Page. The deadline for its submission is on **Friday, July 6th 2018**.

Winners and candidates of previous years are welcome to join the procedure and submit a new application, following the process as described above and provided that they meet all the criteria. **The winners will be announced by Mr. Haji-ioannou himself, in the Award Ceremony that will take place in Athens, in September 2018**.

Overall, until today, a total of **24 businesses** have been awarded, 8 of which were announced as winners in 2017. Last year, amongst a total of 89 candidates, a record number for the Award until 2017, [MELIRA Greek Honey](#) was announced as the big winner, receiving the amount of **€30.000**. Seven additional

companies got awarded in the same year with the amount of €10.000 each. These companies are: [Agro Know](#), [Athens Insiders](#), [Chimera](#), [Choureal](#), [Elixir60](#), [Relevance](#) and [Sea You Soon](#).

Other winning companies include: Sun of a Beach (2016), Sede (in 2015), Ancient Greek Sandals (in 2014), Nanobionic (in 2013), People for Business (in 2012), Fereikos Helix (in 2011), Fasmetrics (in 2010), Zoo.gr (in 2009) και Simply Burgers (in 2008).

For more information on the Award and details regarding participation criteria, please visit www.stelios.org, e-mail applications@stelios.com or call at +377 9880 1010 (office hours). Applications will be accepted only through the Stelios Foundation's [Facebook](#) page.

A few words about "Stelios Philanthropic Foundation"

Stelios Philanthropic Foundation is a non-profit, non-governmental institution that aims to raise funds to reinforce and motivate programs that promote education, environment and entrepreneurship. More specifically, the Foundation aims to offer scholarships mostly to young Greeks and Cypriots for Bachelor Degrees at London School of Economics and Political Science and for Master Degrees at Cass City University of London. Additionally, the Foundation offers three full scholarships of high academic performance at "Doukas Schools" in Marousi, Athens. In support of the environment, the Foundation is a founding member of the Cyprus Marine Environment Protection Association and supports also WWF and the Stelios Environmental Centre in Pedoulas. In support of entrepreneurship, the Foundation has established the Stelios Haji-Ioannou Awards for Young Entrepreneurs in Cyprus, in Greece, in the UK and in Monaco (countries where the Foundation is currently active). Simultaneously, the Stelios Philanthropic Foundation has introduced the philanthropic program "Food from the heart". This innovative program offers snacks to registered individuals at 21 Distribution Points in Greece and Cyprus, for every working day of the week and without any kind of discrimination. More than 50.000 individuals have already registered and received "Food from the heart" and nearly 25.000 snacks are distributed on a daily basis. In that way, a large number of people who face financial difficulties, receive support, while covering their basic daily nutritional needs.

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