# 2019 Mariano Gago Ecsite Awards
# Sustainable Success Award – Submission guidelines

Created in 2015, the Mariano Gago Ecsite Awards encourage creative and impactful work in science engagement.

Open to all Ecsite members, they provide a prestigious incentive and reward, and contribute to the development of excellence in our field.

The **Sustainable Success Award** celebrates long-lasting impact: projects that embody the values of science engagement, that are visionary and socially relevant.

*"Winning the Mariano Gago Ecsite Award has been a highly valuable recognition for everyone working with and at the Museum. A sign of innovation and creativity that we have used in all our communications throughout the year."* Peter Skogh, Director, Tekniska Museet. Winner of the 2016 Mariano Gago Ecsite Award

## Prize

The winning member organisation will receive a trophy and certificate at the ceremony taking place during the Opening event of the 2019 Ecsite Conference (Copenhagen, Denmark) on 6 June 2019. The winning organisation will also receive a maximum of three free conference registrations to attend the award ceremony. Their project will be featured in a slideshow displayed at the ceremony. The winner will also see their project showcased on the Ecsite website for 6 months and will be able to use the Mariano Gago Ecsite Awards logo.

## Eligibility

- All Ecsite members in order of payment of their 2019 membership fee can submit an application or be nominated by peers.
- Several Ecsite members can team up to submit a common application if they worked on a project together.
- At least part of the featured project or initiative must have taken place in 2017 or 2018.
- Winning projects of previous years cannot be submitted again.

## Evaluation criteria

- Bold
- Socially relevant
- Sustainable
- Shareable

## Selection process

All eligible applications will be evaluated by an independent jury of professionals, recognised for their expertise across various practice areas relevant to the Awards. The jury is chaired by Sharon Ament, Director of the Museum of London, United Kingdom.

The winner will be notified by email by the end of May 2019 at the latest. The winner will then work closely with the Ecsite team to prepare communications elements for the Awards ceremony, as well as the winning project's slideshow presentation. The winner will provide Ecsite with pictures and if available videos of its project, and grant Ecsite permission to use them on all its communication channels.

*The decisions of the jury are final and binding. Entry in the competition implies acceptance of the jury's decisions and of these guidelines. The organisers reserve the right to modify these guidelines; any changes will be communicated to participants in due course.*

## Application process

You can either put in an application yourself or be prompted to do so by a peer who thinks your project deserves recognition. Note that submission deadlines differ depending on the type of nomination.

**Peer nomination:** Two step process:

1.  **Peer nominations**: Use this online form. Submission deadline: **23:59 CET on Sunday 3 March 2019.**

2.  **Confirmation & extra information submission by nominees**: Ecsite relays nominations to the relevant organisation and asks if it wants to stand for the Award and to provide extra information. All information due by **23:59 CET on Friday 5 April 2019** – see next page.

**Self-nomination:** Submit a pdf document in English containing the different elements listed below.

Send your document to info@ecsite.eu by **23:59 CET on Friday 5 April 2019**, with header "Ecsite Sustainable Success Award – Submission".

For files larger than 5 MB, use a transfer platform (e.g. wetransfer) and notify us by email.

**Submission contents for self-nomination**

*Please compile a pdf document with the following elements. The document should **bear the signature of your organisation's Director or President***.

### 1.  Contact details

Contact person for application
Name and job title of contact person for application (only one contact person even for joint applications):
Direct phone number:
Email address:

Information about your organisation
Name of organisation:
Postal address of organisation:
Website:
Ecsite member (yes/no):
*Check who Ecsite members are here*

### 2.  Application questionnaire

Please answer in the same order. **2,000 words maximum in total**.

1. **What is the project about?** Briefly describe what it consisted in.
2. **How is this project bold**? Outline how the initiative serves visionary goals, outline the risks you might have taken in pursuing it.
3. **How is this project socially relevant**? Demonstrate impact in your community or society at large.
4. **How is this project sustainable**? Show legacy over time, a mid to long term perspective (not a one-shot initiative).
5. **How is this project shareable**? Outline lessons learnt and how they can benefit the science engagement community.
6. How does your initiative contribute to **Ecsite's vision** fostering creativity and critical thinking in European society, emboldening citizens to engage with science? How does it convey **Ecsite's values** of cooperation, diversity, inclusiveness and active citizenship?
7. Tell us why you believe that this project is **extraordinary**.
8. **Why do you think you should win** the Sustainable Success Award? How will the Award be helpful to your organisation?

### 3.  Supporting documents (please include in same pdf)
- Optional: up to 10 pictures illustrating your project
- Optional: a link to a website or video hosted on an external open access platform (in English, max. 5 minutes of footage)