



## EUROCITIES awards: eligibility and criteria

The EURO CITIES awards recognise outstanding achievement by EURO CITIES members in the delivery of local activities or practices which improve the quality of life for citizens and will be judged in the context of the theme of the annual conference. Entries are judged by an independent jury of five members from the thematic sector, academia, EU institutions, media and NGO. Jury members change every year.

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### Categories

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**Innovation:** recognising innovation in the planning and implementation of activities or practices by a local authority.

**Participation:** for activities or practices of a local authority which are successful in actively promoting citizen participation.

**Cooperation:** awarding cooperation efforts undertaken by a local authority with partner organisations or cities.

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### Eligibility

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All full and associate members of EURO CITIES are eligible to submit an entry.

1. The AGM host city and the President and Vice-President of EURO CITIES are not eligible to submit an entry.
  2. Winners from the previous year's Award's Ceremony are not eligible to submit an entry.
  3. Associate partners and associate business partners will not be eligible to submit an entry.
  4. The submitting body must be a local government authority.
  5. An entry cannot be submitted if the same activity or practice has previously won a EURO CITIES Award.
  6. Each city may submit a maximum of one entry per category.
  7. Applications must be submitted in English.
  8. Applications must be made by completing the entry form.
  9. Applicants should be aware that all shortlisted entrants will be asked to produce a short film (a maximum of 1 minute in duration) about the activity or practice. Technical format for shortlisted films: file format for DVD - dv, mpeg2; audio in English or English subtitles; submitted on DVD. The winners' films will be shown at the Awards Ceremony.
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### Evaluation

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#### General Criteria

The activity or practice will be judged on the following:



- Active involvement of a broad range of partners in both planning and implementation.
- A demonstrable impact on the everyday life of the city for a minimum of six months preceding the time of the Award entry.
- Transferability of the concept of the activity or practice between cities.
- Initiative taken in the planning and implementation of the activity or practice, independent of regional and national government.
- Efficient use of available resources and long-term financial sustainability.
- Direct relevance to the theme of the annual conference.

#### **EUROCITIES Award for Innovation Criteria**

The activity or practice should demonstrate all of the following;

- The implementation of a unique, original idea for a activity or practice or a novel approach to an existing activity or practice
- A creative and imaginative approach to the use of financial and practical resources to deliver the activity or practice
- The successful practical implementation of these ideas

#### **EUROCITIES Award for Participation Criteria**

The activity or practice should demonstrate all of the following;

- The planning and implementation of an activity or practice which city residents can voluntarily and actively participate in. (Where the activity or practice involves schoolchildren participation may not be voluntary).
- Clear practical benefits for citizens.

#### **EUROCITIES Award for Cooperation Criteria**

The activity or practice should demonstrate all of the following;

- a local partner organisation (public or private)
- an organisation which is not locally based (public or private)
- another local authority
- The establishment of a working cooperation arrangement between the entrant and one or more of the following:
- Clear practical benefits for all partners.