

Will your city be the next European Green Capital?

The European Commission launches a new competition round with the aim to nominate the European Green Capital for 2025.

The title of European Green Capital is awarded annually to a European city with a population of over 100,000 inhabitants for its commitment to environmental sustainability. If you feel that your city is already on the pathway to becoming cleaner and healthier and can act as a green ambassador capable of promoting sustainable urban practices and motivating and inspiring other cities - why not apply?

Evaluation Process

The Prize is awarded on the basis of **7 environmental indicators areas**:

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| 1 | Air Quality | 5 | Noise |
| 2 | Water | 6 | Climate Change: Mitigation |
| 3 | Biodiversity, Green areas & Sustainable Land Use | 7 | Climate Change: Adaptation |
| 4 | Waste & Circular Economy | | |

A panel of 7 independent experts will carry out a technical assessment of the eligible applications received.

After the technical assessment, and taking into account environmental data from the European Environment Agency, DG Environment will then establish a number of short-listed cities (the finalists) that will have the opportunity to present their city in front of a Jury Panel.

Winning the title of European Green Capital brings benefits, including a greater focus on environmental projects which makes the city attractive as a destination. In addition, the application process itself proves beneficial in evaluating the city's environmental progress and gives cities the opportunity to benchmark themselves against their peers. [More information here.](#)



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Representatives of each shortlisted city will be invited to give an oral presentation in front of the jury panel covering as follows:

- 1 The city's overall strategy, vision, and commitment to sustainability, and how these are implemented in practice.
- 2 The city's communication strategy and actions for its role as a European Green Capital or Leaf for the year 2025, which should address:
 - Citizen communication and involvement to date in relation to the 7 environmental indicators, effectiveness via changes in citizen behaviour, lessons learned and proposed modifications for the future.
 - The applicant city's ability to showcase the city's environmental sustainability vision and plans at local and regional levels.
 - How the applicant city intends to fulfil their role of Green Ambassador/role model, inspiring other European cities.
- 3 Their proposal on concrete initiatives and measures for their title year 2025 with the aim to enhance transition to a greener and more sustainable city. The city should give examples and inform about planning to reach targets as under the European Green Deal, in particular those specified in the Zero Pollution Action Plan, the Biodiversity Strategy and Circular Economy Action Plan and the Fit for 55 Package.

Following these presentations, the Jury will deliberate on the winner of the European Green Capital Award 2025. The Jury will choose the winner on the basis of the award criteria.

The jury is chaired by the European Commission.

Financial Prize

The Commission will award €600,000 to the winning city of the 2025 European Green Capital title to enhance the city's environmental sustainability and to contribute to achieving the city's sustainability vision.

European Green Capital 2025: Key Dates

- January 2023: Competition opens
- February 2023: Online Applicant City Workshop: How to make a good application
- 30 April 2023: Competition closes at 23:59 CEST (GMT+2)
- May – June 2023: Assessment of applications by the Expert Panel
- June 2023: Announcement of finalist cities
- 5 October 2023: Jury presentation and Awards Ceremony

You can check the competition rules and get more information on eligibility, submission, evaluation process and updates on our website or by contacting the Secretariat.

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[Get inspired by other cities' journeys, discover what it means to get involved in the Awards, find tips and tricks from previous winners.](#)

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