

REWARDING EXCELLENCE
IN CITIES & REGIONS' INTERNATIONAL ACTION

PLATFORMA AWARDS

Does your town or region contribute
to the Sustainable Development Goals?

APPLY
BEFORE 31 DECEMBER 2019



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By 2035, the number of people living in cities will double in Africa and by 2050, 70% of the world's population will be urban. The sustainable development and urbanisation of partner countries is one of the most pressing global challenges. European local and regional governments are key players to accompany and support partner cities and regions to implement the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Our Award aims at promoting development cooperation projects and collecting data and indicators from the best European practices, thus offering cities and regions worldwide easily replicable solutions for sustainable development.

HOW CAN I APPLY?

Apply on www.platformawards.eu or send your application at awards@platformawards.eu before Tuesday 31 December 2019.

ADMISSION CRITERIA

- You are a town, city, province or region from the **European Union** cooperating with at least one local or regional government from a partner country in Africa, Asia, Latin and South America, Eastern Europe or the Middle East.
- Your **partnership** contributes to the mutual development of the parties and specifically contributes to the implementation of one or several of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations.

TIMELINE



APPLICATIONS

From 2 July to 31 December 2019

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE JURY

November 2019

JURY COMMITTEE

March 2020

AWARD CEREMONY

6 May 2020 at the CEMR Congress in Innsbruck (Austria)

SELECTION CRITERIA

Members of the jury select three winners from among the nominees. The following themes will be particularly monitored:

- Local democracy
- Active citizenship
- Multi-stakeholder approach
- Strategic approach
- Development effectiveness and policy coherence
- Gender equality
- Innovation and creativity
- Localisation of the SDGs



WHY SHOULD I APPLY?

- Win the **production of a €15,000 video** to promote your cooperation project (first prize only)
- Win a **free entrance to the Congress of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions** (CEMR) in Innsbruck (Austria) with your project counterpart (6-8 May 2020; www.cemr2020.at)
- Win a **trip to Brussels** to discover the EU district with your project counterpart and take part in the 2020 edition of the European Development Days (EDD)
- Get **access to the PLATFORMA network** and expertise in workshops and conferences

THE JURY

To guarantee a transparent and fair selection, an independent jury will choose the winners among shortlisted candidates. The jury is composed of European elected representatives (from the European Parliament and the European Committee of the Regions), and high level practitioners of development cooperation (such as representatives of UNDP or OECD). Supported by their experience and a criteria grid, jury members will select winning projects.

The winners of the PLATFORMAwards will be announced during a ceremony organised on 6 May 2020 at the CEMR Congress in Innsbruck (Austria).

AT THE 1ST EDITION

- We received **25 applications** representing 42 projects and partnerships
- **75 towns and regions** were involved, from 10 EU countries and 19 partner countries
- The 1st winners were **Dogbo** in Benin and **Roeselare** in Belgium for a partnership on birth registration



Discover the video of the winners of the 2018 edition!

<http://bit.ly/DogboRoeselare>



ABOUT PLATFORMA

The PLATFORMAwards are organised by PLATFORMA, the pan-European coalition of local and regional governments – and their associations – active in city-to-city and region-to-region development cooperation.

In 2015, PLATFORMA signed a Framework Partnership Agreement (FPA) with the European Commission. Its signatories commit to take action based on common values and objectives to tackle global poverty and inequalities, while promoting local democracy and sustainable development.

The PLATFORMA secretariat is hosted by the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR), Europe's most senior organisation of towns and regions, which brings together 100,000 local and regional governments through 60 national associations.

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