

Cities Forum 2027- Call for host city

Application form

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APPLICATION FORM

Title

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Introduction

As we prepare for the next edition of the Cities Forum, we invite EU cities to apply to host the event in 2027. This is a unique opportunity for your city to showcase its achievements, address its challenges, and share its vision for a greener, more resilient and inclusive future. We are seeking lively cities that contribute to the Cohesion policy and have the capacity to host a major European event.

Find all the information about the event, the key requirements and the selection criteria in the background document.

Apply by filling out the form before 17 February 2026, 14:00 CET.

The EUI Permanent Secretariat will carefully assess the applications, on the basis of the selection criteria. This process will take into account the detailed information you have provided. We may reach out to you for additional information or to arrange a meeting as part of the evaluation process.

The results of the assessment will be shared to the European Commission, which will present a list of shortlisted candidate cities to the Meeting of Directors-General on Urban Matters (DGUM) for the final decision on 15 April 2026.

The host city for the Cities Forum 2027 will be officially announced shortly after the DGUM meeting. All applicant cities will be notified of the decision directly and the announcement will also be made public through the EUI [newsletter](#).

In the meantime, if you have any questions or need further information, do not hesitate to contact us at communication@urban-initiative.eu.

Fields

Section	Field Type	Description
General Information		
	Text Field	Name of the city in English
	Text Field	Country
	Text Fields	Contact person's Name, Position, City, Country, Phone, Email
	Text Fields (Back-up Person)	Back-up Person's Name, Position, City, Country, Phone, Email

Section	Field Type	Description
	Text area	Few words about the city
	Text area	Attractiveness of the city
Venue Spaces		
	Long text area	Venue 1 - List and describe the proposed venue (max. 2 venues), including the maximum capacity, the number of rooms and their respective capacity in theatre and cabaret style.
	Long text area	Venue 1 - Provide a detailed list of the technical equipment available at your venue, e.g. audio-visual equipment, lighting, stage facilities, connectivity options (Wi-Fi, Ethernet), and any additional technical resources that might be relevant for hosting events. Indicate whether the listed technical equipment is readily available at the venue or whether it needs to be sourced or hired externally for events. Indicate if the venue would be suitable for a hybrid event
	Long text area (optional)	Venue 2 - List and describe the second proposed venue (max. 2 venues), including the maximum capacity, the number of rooms and their respective capacity in theatre and cabaret style.
	Long text area (optional)	Venue 2 - Provide a detailed list of the technical equipment available at your venue, e.g. audio-visual equipment, lighting, stage facilities, connectivity options (Wi-Fi, Ethernet), and any additional technical resources that might be relevant for hosting events. Indicate whether the listed technical equipment is readily available at the venue or whether it needs to be sourced or hired externally for events. Indicate if the venue would be suitable for a hybrid event
	Checkboxes (for each weeks/periods) for each venue	Venue(s) availability (list availabilities between mid- April and mid-June 2027, weeks for consideration are those starting on 19 April, 10 May, 17 May, 24 May, 31 May and 7 June 2027.)
	Checkbox Yes/no	Is the venue accessible and inclusive?
	Text area	Please specify

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Accessibility and Infrastructure		
	Checkbox Bus/Tramway/Local or regional train/Metro/ Other..	Please specify the type of public transport available in your city
	Text field	Indicate the average time spent from the airport to the city center by public transport.
	Checkbox Bus/Tramway/Local or regional train/Metro/ Other..	Please specify the type of public transport from the airport to the identified venue (Bus/tramway/local trains...)
	Text field	How long does it take by public transport from airport to the venue 1.
	Number field (not mandatory)	How many European capitals are connected to your city with direct trains? (Non-mandatory field)
	Text fields (not mandatory)	How many European capitals are connected with direct flights (Non-mandatory field)
	Text fields	With which 5 countries you have the most direct connections? (Non-mandatory field)
	Number field	How many hotels within 3 km of identified venues?
Sustainability		
	Checkbox	Is your city able to provide big public transportation for large groups in the city?
	Checkbox	Is your city able to provide free public transport tickets for event dates?
	Checkbox	Does your city have a clause for donating leftover food?
	Text area	Please list sustainability measures that could be implemented for the event
Contribution to EU Cohesion policy, EU/global level initiatives supporting sustainable urban development		
	Checkboxes yes/no	Is your city a (Article 7, Article 11, EUI-Innovative Actions, EUI- Capacity building, URBACT IV) city?
	Text field(s)	Specify

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	Checkboxes yes/no	Is your city involved in the Urban Agenda for the EU, SDGs, other EU/Global urban initiatives, or projects?
	Text field(s)	Specify
	Text area	What is/are your city's action(s) and strategic approach to other EU level initiatives supporting urban sustainable development (e.g. EU Mission for Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities, EU Covenant of Mayors, CIVITAS, OECD Champion mayors, EU Capitals awards e.g. European green capital; European capital of culture; European capital of inclusion and diversity...)?
City's contribution to the event		
	Checkbox	Could your city provide a free or reduced-cost venue offer
	Text area	Please specify
	Checkbox	Could your city assist with venue communication and contract
	Checkbox	Could your city provide the technical equipment
	Checkbox	Could your city offer (part of) the catering
	Text area	Please Specify
	Text area	Other contribution
Involvement		
	Text area	Describe how your city can mobilise urban stakeholders
	Text area	Describe how your city can contribute to the dissemination of the event
	Checkbox yes/no	Can your city secure the Mayor's presence and keynote speech?
	Checkbox yes/no	Can your city offer assistance in inviting high-level politicians?
	Checkbox yes/no	Can your city offer assistance in bringing press to the event?
Site visits		
	Checkbox	Is your city able to organise site visits?
	Text area	List EU funded projects for possible site visits (particularly ERDF/ESF+ funded)
	Text area	Please detail your propositions for site visits and specify your involvement

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	Checkbox	Can your city arrange and offer transportation to those site visits?
Annexes		
	File upload	Provide any files that can support your application (e.g. venue pictures, floor plan, capacity charts, possible site visits map and pictures etc.)
Commitment		
	File upload	Letter of interest by the Mayor
	Checkbox	Could your city confirm that no parallel events targeting the same audience will be happening in your city
Agreement		
	Checkbox	Do you agree to fulfil the requirements and contributions as outlined
	Text area	Type name acknowledgement as signature of the authorized representative of the city
	Date picker	Date of application submission
Submission		
	Checkbox	I agree that the information provided in this application form may be shared with third parties involved in the organisation of the event, such as the European Commission and the EUI event provider, for the purposes of organising the event.
	Checkbox	GDPR consent
	Checkbox	Confirm the information submitted is correct
	Submit button	Submit the application