



The European Capital of Innovation Award

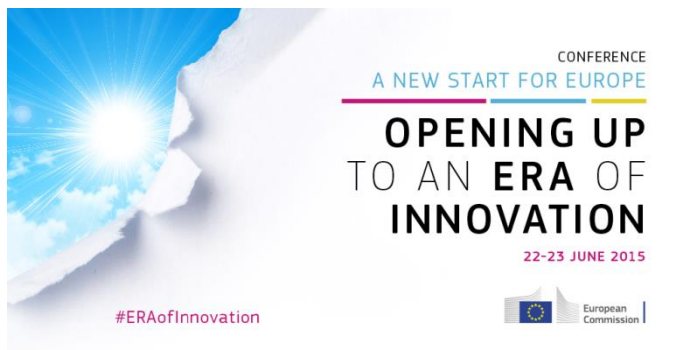
Building up an innovation ecosystem

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Commissioner Moedas' 3 strategic priorities for R&I policy

- *'Open innovation'*
- *'Open science'*
- *'Openness to the world'*



Priorities presented at the Conference *'Opening up to an ERA of Innovation'*, 22-23 June 2015



European
Commission

The 'Innovation Ecosystem'



*A place to bring
ideas to life*

Do you already know...

***...what are we
looking for?***

An outstanding achievement
of a city in creating an
innovation ecosystem

***...what do we
offer?***

Funds to help city expand and
scale up successful initiatives

REMINDER: Show us your concrete achievements!

A "City"?

For the purpose of this award:

An urban area, excluding metropolitan areas, larger urban zones and conurbations, understood as an administrative unit governed by a city council or another form of democratically elected body

From:

EU Member States

Associated Countries to Horizon 2020

Check before applying!

- ❑ A **population** of 100,000 or more
In countries where there is no city with more than 100,000 inhabitants, the largest city is eligible to apply.
- ❑ A complete **application** must be submitted
- ❑ The achievements for which the city applies must relate to on-going activities started after **1st January 2012**
- ❑ The achievements have not been previously awarded with a monetary **prize** by an EU institution.

Submission of proposals

Link accessible through the following website:

<http://ec.europa.eu/icapital>

All info:

- Contest rules***
- Application Guide***
- Frequently Asked Questions***
- Dedicated Helpdesk***

Award criteria

Provide evidence that your strategy is:

- ❑ **Innovative** - in terms of concepts, processes and tools
- ❑ **Inspiring** – attracting talent, resources, funding, investment
- ❑ **Integrated** – covering the entire ecosystem and its links with Europe 2020 (jobs & growth)
- ❑ **Interactive** - facilitating interactions within the ecosystem, particularly ensuring citizens' engagement
- ❑ **Impactful** – outlining city's commitment to realise the expected impact and achievements by 31 December 2017

Evaluation

- ❑ Before evaluation: Commission **pre-screening** of all received applications (eligibility check)
- ❑ **Evaluation:** carried out by High-level independent expert panel (individual reading then consensus meeting)
- ❑ **Hearings** will be organised for finalists (the highest applications in the ranking)

The Prizes



The new European Capital of Innovation:
EUR 950 000
to scale up its innovation activities



EUR 100.000 *for networking activities*



EUR 50.000 *for networking activities*

Timetable

<i>ACTION</i>	<i>TIMING</i>
<i>Launch of the Call</i>	JULY 2015
<i>Deadline for submission</i>	18 NOVEMBER 2015 – 17:00 Brussels time
<i>Eligibility screening and remote evaluation</i>	By early JANUARY 2016
<i>Hearings and final evaluation</i>	JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2016
<i>Award ceremony</i>	MARCH 2016

Questions?

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