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OPEN CALL BEST PRACTICE CATALOGUE | SUCCESSFUL EXAMPLES IN 7 EUROPEAN COUNTRIES



More than 70% of EU citizens live in urban areas: cities and urban areas are centres of economic development, services, knowledge and creativity. Public space is the soul of the City, the place where all its features come together. It is an area of overlap and interconnection, the place where the character and the culture of a Society is materialized.

If the public space we inhabit today was basically constructed prior or during the Industrial Revolution, the Information Society is now beginning to bring new principles and technologies with which to rethink the functioning and structure of the streets, avenues, squares and parks. Public spaces can now be transformed into Active Public Space, fostering human interaction with flows of energy, materials, services and business to catalyse sustainable economic development, resilience, and high quality of life.

Smart Urban Technologies are essential for the change, consisting in a combination of software and hardware that allow capturing real-time data, energy generation, storage and reuse, material adaptability, real-time management of time-uses and citizen-space interaction.

Within the framework of “Active Public Space” (APS), a European funded project, a Best Practice Catalogue on Active Public Spaces will be developed.

This activity will be devoted to detecting and mapping existing successful examples of active-smart public space in terms of design, technology, management and occupancy by citizens.

In order to build the Best Practice Catalogue, APS is seeking case studies regarding existing public spaces with particular interest in new “active” forms that emerge from the technological advances of the Information Age (as opposed to the Machine Age).

CATEGORIES

The Best Practice Catalogue on Active Public Spaces will be divided into three public space categories:

01. Square & Public Buildings
02. Streets & Pavements
03. Parks

LOCATION

Projects developed and deployed in the following 7 European Countries are welcome: Austria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Greece, Netherlands, Spain, United Kingdom.

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PRIZES

> 2 top submitted entries will be invited to present at the Active Public Spaces Symposium in Barcelona in July 2017, and will be granted a travel subsidy / allowance of 300 Euros per person (the grant will be disbursed upon participation in the Symposium). In case winners may not be able to participate, the place will be given to follow up entries according to the ranking.

> 13 selected and ranked entries will be published in the State of the Art Section of a Best Practice Catalogue and submitters will receive a free entry to the Active Public Spaces Symposium in Barcelona in July 2017.

IMPORTANT DATES

Submissions Until: March, 13th 2016

Jury Meeting: March, 28th 2016

Announcement of Results: March, 30th 2016

Deadline for speaker's confirmation: 2 weeks after announcement of Symposium schedule (presumably launched in January 2017)

RULES

Language: English

Eligible Projects: Any project located in Austria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Greece, Netherlands, Spain, United Kingdom that correspond to the above description of Active Public Space.

NOTE: the submitter does not necessarily have to be the author of the project.

Eligibility of Submitters: European Inhabitants: project authors or contributors, as much as participants, users, or observers of the project in the respective countries in question.

Submission requirements: submissions are to be made online, in English language, and according to the provided form. Please find it at the following address:

<http://www.formpl.us/form/5759392049790976/>

Copyrights: all parts of the submitted material (text and photographs), shall be authored by the submitters only. Original authors of projects and project-related information must be correctly stated as to the date of submission, leaving no doubt of origination.

Non-Eligibility/ Exclusion: violation of eligibility, submission requirements, and copyright rules.

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