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*Culture
Innovation
for
Sustainable
Urban Future*

- Whole City Award
- Environmentally Sustainable Project Award
- Technology and Solution Award

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Whole City Award

The LivCom Awards is the World's major Awards Competition focusing on International Best Practice regarding the management of the local environment and development. It was initiated by the International Federation of Park and Recreation Administration and is currently managed by the LivCom Committee, a UK registered nonprofit Association supported by the United Nations. Since 2018, the LivCom Awards has been upgraded with major adjustments made regarding judging criteria and categories connecting the UN 2030 Agenda and SDGs at local level.

The objective of the LivCom Awards is to encourage best practices, innovation and leadership in providing a vibrant, environmentally sustainable community that improves the quality of life.

Involvement in the Awards will result in increased international profile for your community and an opportunity to become aware of International Best Practices in the management of the local environment and development.

There are five population categories in the Whole City Award (also known as the Nations in Bloom Award). Cities are not compared against others within their population category but are judged as to how they are performing in respect of the judging criteria within the cultural, political, economic, geographic and climatic environment in which they are situated.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Communities of different sizes and in different cultures have different structures and responsibilities. If, within a Judging Criterion, there is an area of activity that is not the direct responsibility of the community, it will be expected both in the Written Submission and in the Final stages of the Awards, that it is demonstrated how the community makes use of opportunities to influence policies in these areas.

1. Enhancement of the Landscapes and Public Spaces

Landscapes, in the context of the Awards, are the aspects of the City and Townscape, which create an environment enhanced through horticultural and infrastructure designs, in particular including public spaces such as gardens, parks and squares. The Submission should describe the key features or vision of the community's landscape, and demonstrate how landscaping and public spaces in a community has brought together all of the distinct elements, both built and natural, so as to establish a sympathetic relationship between the built and natural landscape.

LivCom seeks evidence of the protection of the natural heritage and of ecologically important sites, biodiversity and introduction of vegetation in more difficult environments. This section should demonstrate how the landscape in your community has been enhanced to create an environment that generates civic pride, facilitates enjoyable recreational experiences and improves the quality of life within your community.

2. Arts, Culture and Heritage Management

This section should demonstrate how the community promotes and protects cultural diversity and cultural heritage, fully respects cultural rights and creates rich cultural services and products that enhance the quality of life and pride of the community. The Submission should reflect how the community values and embodies its own unique culture through recognition of its languages, its unique arts and craft and cultural practices within

their way of life and how it values its heritage both in its buildings and monuments and its spiritual places or historic events through recognition, interpretation and protection. This may be with original cultures or new individual cultures within multicultural populations. Festivals and events often celebrate these dimensions or become part of the culture itself. It should demonstrate how these groups are included within society generally. LivCom seeks to evaluate how well the arts in all their forms are generally encouraged and recognised through public exposure, community celebration and support.

3. Environment, Climate Mitigation and Green Economy

This section should demonstrate how the community has adopted innovative environmentally sensitive practices and pursues initiatives that result in sustainable management of the environment as well as develop green economy consciously to realize industrial transition towards environmental-friendly direction. Evidence should be included which demonstrates that the community is involved in efforts to apply sustainable development and to promote best practices that lead to the development, conservation and preservation of the environment. This would include the enhancement of the quality of air, water and land, biodiversity, reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and the consumption of natural resources through use of alternative materials and sources of energy and recycling.

4. Community Participation and Empowerment

This section should demonstrate the method and style of ongoing involvement of individuals, groups and Organisations in the planning, development and management of the local community, and how the local community is empowered and reacts to the opportunity of being involved in its development. Components of this section will include integration, development, satisfaction, resources and involvement.

5. Healthy Lifestyle

This section will need to demonstrate a clear understanding of the health issues that affect communities, supported by appropriate research and a commitment to making improvements. A track record of achievement in tackling these health issues will be necessary for example indicating the provision of facilities and lifestyle programmes, targeted towards improving the health of the community. Reviews of the successful implementation of these facilities and programmes would enhance the credibility of the submission in this criterion. The Submission should describe how a community is compiling evidence of research and understanding of the community's health challenges, together with a strategy to address identified challenges. A description of facilities and activity programmes and timely reviews of effectiveness should also be described. Evidence will be required that the community is adopting a holistic approach to the various wellbeing factors.

6. Sustainable Planning and Management Policies

This section should demonstrate how the community determines its future and maintain sustainability, what planning processes are developed and how they align to create action plans to deliver the stated outcomes that the community desires via making management policies. The Submission should aim to explain the future plans for the first five Judging Criteria, and indicate future plans and strategies for other relevant factors in the

development of liveable communities.

Evidence should be shown general community members support the strategic direction and have an opportunity to contribute, in order to reflect the plans and management policies are targeted at provide services for the public and improve their living quality.

JUDGING PANEL:

The International Panel of Judges comprises environmental and development management professionals, who will operate in teams of 3-6 to assess the written submission, presentation and answers to questions.

1.Registration:

Complete Registration Form on page 3 and send to the LivCom Awards at info@livcomawards.org by 30 June 2025.

2.Written Submission:

The initial written submission should consist of:

Maximum of 4,500 words in English– not including titles/tables/headers etc.

Maximum of 24 photographs to be captioned and dated.

The submission should show how your community is addressing each of the above criteria. A community is defined as the whole area administered by the community criteria set out above.

Each Judging Criterion carries equal marks.

3.Judging:

The Panel of Judges will review each submission at the Interim Judging stage and will select communities from each population category to make a Presentation at the LivCom Finals, to be held at the venue and during the dates quoted on the Registration Form.

4.Submissions

Submissions should be sent to info@livcomawards.org by 31 July 2025.

5.Final Presentations:

-A maximum of three representatives from your community will be able to make the Presentation, plus an interpreter if required. You're encouraged by the judges to incorporate each year's LivCom theme into the Judging Criteria and final presentation.

-Presentations must be made in English.

-Population Categories A, B, C and D

Presentations must not exceed 35 minutes and may include a video, also in English, of no longer than 10 minutes duration.

Population Category E Presentations must not exceed 45 minutes, including a video of no more than 12 minutes.

Appropriate equipment will be provided.

-Communities will be permitted to use other visual aids, e.g. PowerPoint (a LCD projection system will be provided), during their Presentation. Other equipment must be supplied by the community. The LivCom Awards will not be responsible for the performance of equipment not supplied by the Organizers.

-At the end of each Presentation, the Judges will ask questions. If the assistance of an interpreter is required during the question period, you must provide the interpreter and extra time will be allowed.

Whole City Award

Registration to be completed by 30 June 2025
Please complete in capitals in black

City:

Contact person: all contact will be made with the person named below

Title (Dr Mr Mrs Miss Ms etc.) :

Family name/Given Name :

Job title :

Address :
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.....

Country :

Telephone: (including full codes) :

Fax :

E-mail :

City Web Address:

I wish to register the intention of the city shown above to participate in the International Awards for Liveable Communities in the category indicated below:

Category	Average Daytime Population	Please tick box
A	Up to 75,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
B	75,001 – 200,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
C	200,001 – 400,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
D	400,001 – 1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
E	Over 1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Invitation to Host the LivCom Finals

Consideration will soon be given to the selection of the venue of future LivCom Finals. If your City would like to be considered as a future venue, please contact the LivCom Office at:

info@livcomawards.org

KEY DATES

Registration Deadline
30 June 2025

Submissions Deadline

31 July 2025

Finals

18-21 November 2025
Avcilar, Turkey



PLEASE RETURN

Registrations 2025 and expressions of interest in hosting a future LivCom Finals

TO:
The International Awards for Liveable Communities

E-mail:
info@livcomawards.org

Project Award

The objective of the Project Award (Environmentally Sustainable Project Award) is to recognize innovative Projects that demonstrate sustainability and environmental awareness, and have a positive impact on the local community and environment.

Eligible Projects:

Eligible Projects will be those that have been completed within the past two years, or those of which a significant proportion has been completed. Projects may be from the public sector, private sector, or from a partnership of both. More than one Project may be entered. Rural areas (villages) are encouraged to apply for the Project Awards.

LivCom acknowledges that not all of the Judging Criteria will be applicable to all Projects. Where a particular Criterion or part of a Criterion is not applicable to a Project, the Project will not be penalized. However, a Project Submission must address all Criteria relevant to the Project.

Judging Criteria

The Judging Criteria for Projects are the same as that used to judge Whole Cities, which are detailed on page 2.

JUDGING PANEL

The International Panel of Judges comprises environmental and development management professionals.

WRITTEN SUBMISSION

Written Submissions should have a maximum of 3,000 words and contain no more than 12 photographs. They should be sent to info@livcomawards.org by 31 July 2025.

The Written Submission should show how the Project relates to each of the criteria set out on page 2.

Judging:

The Final Presentation of each Project will be assessed by 2-3 judges.

Final Presentations:

- A maximum of three representatives of the Project will be permitted to make the Presentation.
- Presentations must be made in English.
- Presentations may last up to 25 minutes and may include a video, also in English, of no longer than five minutes duration.
- Appropriate equipment will be provided. Presenters will be permitted to use other visual aids, e.g. PowerPoint (an LCD projection system will be provided). Other equipment must be supplied by the Presenters. The LivCom Awards will not be responsible for the performance of equipment not supplied by the organizers.
- At the end of each Presentation, the Judges will ask questions. If the assistance of an interpreter is required you must provide the interpreter and extra time will be allowed.

Benefits of Participating in LivCom Competition

There are numerous benefits resulting from participation in LivCom Competition including:

- The compilation of the Initial Report is a self-audit process that can provide the basis for a future plan to create a sustainable and liveable community.
- During the Finals you will be able to observe Presentations that contain examples of International Best Practice applied to challenges similar to those facing your City.
- You will be able to showcase your City's Best Practice on an International stage and influence accepted International Best Practice.
- Civic pride will be enhanced by being with 'the leading communities in the world'.

Meeting with delegates from communities from other countries and cultures that are facing similar challenges to those faced by your community leads to the formation of

partnerships to exchange information and experiences, and the arranging of exchange technical visits on an ongoing basis.

- These partnerships can extend to subjects beyond Environmental Issues.
- The exchange of information and experiences can produce accelerated technical benefits and financial savings year on year. The investment in time and finance needed to participate in the Awards is not large and can be exceeded by many times by ongoing benefits.
- Success in the Awards may be used to promote tourism and inward capital investment.
- National and international publicity is enhanced.
- Joining of an international network of communities from over 70 countries with similar environmentally based objectives.

- Engagement by the community is encouraged.
- Described by many participants as "the most rewarding professional experience of their career".

I can assure you that participating in LivCom Awards is professionally rewarding and will potentially bring long-lasting benefits to your City.



Ms. Angela Kane
The LivCom Chair
Former Under-Secretary-General
of the United Nations

Project Award

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Please complete in capitals in black.

Project:

Contact person: all contact will be made with the person named below

Title (Dr Mr Mrs Miss Ms etc.) :

Family name/Given Name :

Job title :

Address :

Country :

Telephone: (including full codes) :

E-mail :

Project Web Address:

I wish to register the above Project in the International Awards for Liveable Communities,
Environmentally Sustainable Project Award (ESPA).

KEY DATES

Registration Deadline
30 June 2025

Submissions Deadline
31 July 2025

Finals
18-21 November 2025

Avcilar, Turkey

OBSERVERS

If your Project does not enter the LivCom Finals, you may attend the Finals as an individual or as a Representative of your Project and participate in all of the Finals activities. For details, please contact the LivCom Office.

info@livcomawards.org

Signature

Date

More than one Project may be entered but a separate application form must be completed for each one.



Technology & Solution Award

The objective of the Technologies and Solution Award is to explore the excellent "technologies" and "solutions" in promoting the sustainable development of cities and communities. The Award focuses on dealing with confirmed problems and challenges in a particular field of sustainable development and requires innovative solutions.

The TSA 2025 focuses on innovative "technologies" or "solutions" in the field of *"Urban Cultural Sustainability in Digital Age"*.

Innovative "technologies" or "solutions" in the following areas are expected to be applicable (please check LivCom website for detailed topics).

1. Cultural Heritage Preservation in Urban Development
2. Smart Cities and Cultural Engagement
3. Sustainable Urban Mobility and Culture
4. Green Architecture and Urban Design
5. Digital Technologies in Cultural Preservation
6. Cultural Diversity and Inclusion in Urban Spaces
7. Public Art and Community Identity
8. Sustainable Tourism and Cultural Experiences
9. Community Resilience through Cultural Initiatives
10. Interdisciplinary Approaches to Urban Cultural Sustainability
11. Policies and Frameworks for Sustainable Urban Cultural Development
12. Climate Change and Cultural Resilience
13. Technology-Enhanced Community Engagement
14. Cultural Education and Sustainable Learning

Judging Criteria

Participants should make presentations centering on the following 5 aspects.

- Challenge (problem): What are the main issues or challenges that the technology or solution target at regarding sustainable development of cities and communities?
- Method: What are the main pathways and methods that the technology or solution adopts to solve the above problems?
- Innovation: Originality or differences and advantages over other related technologies or solutions
- Replication: The replicability of the technology or solution; under what conditions can the technology or solution be replicated, how is the social impact of the technology or solution?
- Recognition: Please provide relevant evidence materials and media reports of the problem and its solution.

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WRITTEN SUBMISSION

The Written Submission, to be a maximum of 3,000 words and to contain no more than 12 photographs. The Written Submission should show how the "technologies" or "solutions" relate to each of the criteria set out above.

Final Presentations:

- A maximum of three representatives of the Project will be permitted to make the Presentation.
- Presentations must be made in English.
- Presentations may last up to 15 minutes. In this case, you need to answer the above 5 questions.
- Appropriate equipment will be provided. Presenters will be permitted to use other visual aids, e.g. PowerPoint (an LCD projection system will be provided), during their Presentation. Other equipment must be supplied by the Presenters. LivCom will not be responsible for the performance of equipment not supplied by the Organizers.
- At the end of each Presentation, the Judges will ask questions. If the Assistance of an interpreter is required, you must provide the interpreter and extra time will be allowed.

Technology and Solution Award

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Job title :

Address :

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Telephone: (including full codes) :

E-mail :

Project Web Address:

I wish to register the above Project in the International Awards for Liveable
Communities, Technology and Solution Award.

KEY DATES

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30 June 2025

Submissions Deadline
31 July 2025

Finals
18-21 November 2025

Avcilar, Turkey

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Signature

Date

