The 14th international City.People.Light award

Enhancing life through light in urban environments

Philips Lighting and LUCI (Lighting Urban Community International) established the City People Light award in 2003. Since then the goal has been to reward urban lighting projects that best demonstrate how to 're-humanize' urban environments through light, boost city livability and explore ways to maximize sustainability.

Established in 2002, LUCI represents an international network of cities engaged in using light as a major tool for promoting sustainable urban development. Today, LUCI brings together over 100 members including over 70 cities worldwide and 46 associated members such as manufacturers, lighting designers, lighting consultants, and leading universities.
Prizes and awards
The competition awards the following:

- Winners chosen by the official jury members
  The jury, consisting of independent lighting professionals and city representatives from different parts of the world, awards three lighting projects based on objective and subjective criteria. The first prize recipient receives an award and a check for €10,000. The second and third prize winners will receive an official award. This year's award ceremony will take place in Seoul, South Korea during the LUCI Annual General Meeting 2016 between the 2nd and 6th of November. The three awarded projects will receive an official invitation to attend the event.

- People's Choice award
  After the three winners are selected, we open the People's Choice award which is determined through online voting, accessible to anyone who would like to vote for their favorite lighting project. Voting will take place via the Philips Lighting website in September. The People's Choice award winner will also be invited to attend the LUCI Annual General Meeting in Seoul, S. Korea in November 2016.

- Special mentions
  In addition to the other awards, two projects will be chosen for a special mention award in the following two categories:
  1. Empowering cities for people with connected solutions - lighting solutions that enable experience management over a longer period of time that have a positive impact on livability, local economy or pride & fun
  2. Best lighting design
  The cities that receive the special mention award will be showcased in next year’s online campaign. Special mentions will also be given by the official jury members.

Criteria
The city people light competition rewards urban lighting projects that best demonstrate how to ‘re-humanize’ urban environments through light. Even if your project is only a single building or a landmark in the middle of the city, it has a chance to win if it fulfills the following criteria:

- The lighting project must be a permanent installation and accessible to all people. Temporary light festivals or illuminations are excluded from the contest.
- The contest is open to urban lighting projects that were completed less than two years prior to entry in the contest.
- The project is intended to improve livability in the city by applying innovative design and/or technology.
- The installation is intended to provide both the city and its citizens with short and long term benefits.
- The winning projects will receive exposure during the awards ceremony, in the professional press and via various online channels.
- The top 20 projects will be promoted via the online channels of both Philips Lighting and LUCI.

Why participate?
- It’s a great engagement platform for stimulating collaboration and bringing professionals together from all over the world. It provides an ideal opportunity to showcase your project.
- Representatives of the three winning projects will get to meet over 100 city representatives during the LUCI Annual General Meeting 2016 in Seoul – an excellent networking opportunity. In addition, you’ll have the chance to participate in inspirational presentations on the challenges of urbanization and learn about recent research and innovations in the lighting world.
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Submit your project
Complete our online application form in order to submit your project. Please carefully read the terms and conditions included in the form. The contest is open from April 4th until August 12th.

Find out more about the contest and previous years’ winners at philips.com/citypeoplelight and if you have questions send a mail to city.people.light@philips.com

Historical Centre of San Francisco de Campeche, Mexico

Unidades de Vida articulado (UVA), Medellin, Colombia

Treasure Hill Village, Taipei, Taiwan
Winners of City.People.Light award 2015

First prize
New Nightscape, lighting masterplan for the City of Avila, Spain
Lighting design: Rafael Gallego, AUREOLIGHTING

Avila’s new nightscape is a project to upgrade all the existing street lighting in the urban area in both a functional and ornamental way. The project boosts the city’s outstanding cultural value whilst at the same time being based on the philosophy of conservation and value creation that has given the city such a great heritage. This lighting strategy has been translated into a lighting masterplan, which is based on a new lighting philosophy and takes into consideration four areas: functional, architectural, commercial and festive lighting.

Second prize
Artistic escapes at twilight, masterplan, Valenciennes, France
Lighting design: French lighting studio CONCEPTO

This lighting masterplan included the renovation of 41 existing architectural lighting installations and the creation of 9 new architectural lighting projects, including the lighting of two of the main night-time routes 1100 meters and 700 meters in length that converge right in the heart of the city. Good lighting in the city at night encourages residents to walk in the city after dark and to re-discover their magnificent architectural heritage. The people of Valenciennes are proud of this new night-time landscape. Aspects of poetry and humor have also been included in the public space to make it more welcoming and appealing.
Third prize

**Restoration of Fortress Square, Baia Mare, Romania**

Lighting design: Mitru Ildiko, chief project architect

This project is part of the masterplan that started in 2005 and forms a cultural component of the entire Baia Mare city center reconstruction. The purpose of this project was to restore the most important city monument St. Stephen’s Church which is associated with the birth of the Rivulus Dominorum city. The lighting provides an ambient lighting atmosphere that highlights buildings, trees, major city routes and emphasizes the city’s main landmarks: Stephen’s Tower, the ruins of St. Stephen’s Church and the two other churches that were re-discovered at the time of the restoration the Church of Saint Catherine and Saint Martin’s Church so that residents and visitors can also enjoy them after dark.

People’s Choice award winner

**Victoria Grande Fortress, Melilla, Spain**

Lighting design: Javier Gómez, DCI Design study and lighting consultancy

The fortress was a military construction designed and built as a defense bastion, and later became a prison before falling into disuse and becoming a dilapidated ruin. But since being restored, the fortress has become a frequently visited complex that is open to the public. This project offered many good opportunities to use bright and smart lighting solutions, and the results speak for themselves with regard to the synchronicity between the architects, engineers and lighting designers. This kind of application allows the original image of the building to be preserved during the day and enables interesting displays to be created at night.