

LUCI Cities & lighting Awards 2022

APPLICATION GUIDE

About

On the occasion of its 20th anniversary, LUCI Association, the international network of cities on urban lighting, is pleased to announce the **LUCI Cities & Lighting Awards**.

Designed for cities and local authorities, the **LUCI Cities & Lighting Awards** recognise, every two years, urban lighting projects that reflect the multi-disciplinary nature of urban lighting and show a positive impact on economic, social, and cultural development. They celebrate cities that have driven projects with the ultimate aim to improve sustainability and quality of life.

The inaugural edition of the **LUCI Cities & Lighting Awards** is launched in May 2022, at the occasion of LUCI's 20th anniversary event [*Sparkling the future of Urban lighting*](#).

Why Apply?

All the winners will receive international recognition for their work in 2022 and 2023. The **LUCI Cities & Lighting Awards** ceremony will be organised during the LUCI AGM Busan (South Korea) 19-22 October 2022.

Awarded projects will be highlighted as case studies within the Network's communication channels, adding to the long term collective knowledge and insights to share with cities internationally.

1st Prize

- Funds towards the production of a presentation video of the winning project (3000 € value)
- Invitation to present the project to an international audience during a LUCI webinar and the 2023 LUCI AGM (travel and accommodation taken in charge for 1 speaker)
- Project featured in LUCI's *Cities & Lighting magazine* + LUCI PR campaign
- For non-members of LUCI: free access to LUCI events for 1 year for 1 representative

2nd Prize

- Invitation to present about the project to an international audience during a LUCI webinar
- Project featured in LUCI's *Cities & Lighting magazine* + LUCI PR campaign
- For non-members of LUCI: free access to LUCI events for 1 year for 1 representative

3rd Prize

- Invitation to present about project to an international audience during a LUCI webinar
- Project featured in LUCI's *Cities & Lighting magazine* + LUCI PR campaign
- For non-members of LUCI: free access to LUCI events for 1 year for 1 representative

How to Apply?

- 1) Carefully read through the **Rules & Regulations** document, ensure you are eligible to apply and accept the rules;
- 2) Fill out the **Application Form** (1 form per project, max 2 per city)
- 3) Send your complete Application Form(s) and any Annexes **before the deadline of 31 July 2022 (11:59 pm CEST)** to awards@luciassociation.org – **DEADLINE EXTENDED TO 9 September 2022**
- 4) Upon submitting your application materials you will receive a confirmation email (please check your spams).
- 5) Only the winners will be contacted; the LUCI team will not be able to respond to questions regarding the status of your application.

Judging Criteria

Designed for cities and local authorities, the **LUCI Cities & Lighting Awards** recognise urban lighting projects that reflect the multi-disciplinary nature of urban lighting and show a positive impact on economic, social, and cultural development. They celebrate cities that have driven projects with the ultimate aim to improve sustainability and quality of life.

Your entries will mainly be judged upon:

- **Project design - clarity of intention and objectives:** describe the intention and objectives of the project, and how it was designed to achieve the goals;
- **Implementation - quality of the policy process and partnership:** describe how the project was implemented, with information about stakeholders involved and why; specific cooperation/ co-creation methods and processes used; overall management challenges/ solutions for implementing the project;
- **Evaluation - overall impact:** explain, when possible, with objective evaluation of the project's initial goals after project completion, how the project has had a positive impact on sustainability and quality of life, especially in reference to the LUCI Charter and LUCI Pillars (see Annex).

ANNEX

BUILDING A POSITIVE IMPACT ON SUSTAINABILITY AND QUALITY OF LIFE WITH URBAN LIGHTING

LUCI Charter: Promoting a culture of sustainability in lighting

Since 2010, the [LUCI Charter](#) gives an overview of the issues that should be taken into account by sustainable lighting strategies, while simultaneously gathering LUCI members around a common vision of urban lighting. The LUCI Charter addresses challenges common to all: energy efficiency, improvement of the quality of life, maintenance, recycling, light pollution, the cultural and social dimensions of lighting... Above all, it provides a reference framework within which cities can develop their own lighting strategies.

[Charte LUCI de l'Eclairage Urban](#) (in French); [LUCI Charta fur urbanes Licht](#) (in German); [Carta LUCI del Alumbrado Urbano](#) (in Spanish)

Your submitted projects can make reference to the LUCI Charter and explain where it has been taken into consideration in your strategy.

LUCI Pillars: Bringing sustainable urban lighting towards enhanced quality of life

Developed in 2016/2017 within the [LUCI Strategic Plan](#), the LUCI Pillars reflect some of the main challenges faced by cities today and the potential solutions that an optimal use of light can bring.

Your submitted project should reflect positive impact on at least 2, but as many as possible, of the LUCI pillars.



Pillar - Health & Wellbeing

The non-visual impacts of light at all hours can affect our mood, behaviour and our circadian rhythm. Light has major impacts on human wellbeing, both positive and negative. With innovative lighting solutions, cities can improve the lives of the most vulnerable citizens, e.g. in schools or nursing homes. The right indoor and outdoor lighting contributes to providing people with healthier, secure and comfortable environments.



Pillar - Social Cohesion

In today's increasingly digitised societies, light can encourage people to identify with each other as users of the same city and interact in the space around them, especially during night-time. Light contributes to bonding people and bridging gaps regardless of age, ethnicity, gender, religion, level of income, etc. Freely and equally accessible light can also improve quality of life throughout the entire city. Citizen participation and interaction are a major goal in the management of local public policies to enable a user-focused city. Urban lighting can help to foster social cohesion by concretely involving communities.



Pillar - Public Spaces

Developing good lighting policies for public spaces has the power to enhance urban structures and areas. It can create distinctive ambiances and nightscapes. Light can help citizens to navigate the spaces they inhabit or visit and can be a powerful tool to support a smart and environmentally friendly mobility. It can contribute to an attractive, functional and secure living environment, and boost identity and experience for residents and tourists.



Pillar - Governance

Cities are at the heart of innovation, procurement, implementation, maintenance and evaluation of effective lighting strategies. They are in a position to better understand the implications of new lighting technologies, and develop with all their partners inclusive, balanced and effective strategies for their citizens. Governance issues focus on lighting to increase the quality of life, and smart lighting strategies as meaningful solutions to transform cities.



Pillar - Art & Culture

Both permanent urban lighting and light festivals can help cities showcase urban creativity. Light becomes a playful material for all, a tool to explore people's needs and dreams for their own city. Light combined with art reinforces the cultural identity of a city and is a clear asset to any urban lighting strategy.