

LUCI Cities & Lighting Awards 2026

APPLICATION GUIDE

About

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.

Discover the previous edition winners:

[2024](#): **City of Genoa, City of Eskilstuna, and the City of Bologna.**

[2022](#): **City of Izmir, City of Tampere, and Seoul Metropolitan Government**

Why Apply?

Winners receive international recognition for their work. The **LUCI Cities & Lighting Awards** ceremony will be organised during a main LUCI event in the first semester of 2026.

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

- Invitation to attend and present the project to an international audience as part of the official programme of the LUCI Cities & Lighting Summit Oulu 2026, in Finland.
- LUCI will cover hotel accommodation for 1 representative for 3 nights at the event's designated partner hotel.
- Invitation to attend and receive the award at the 2026 LUCI Cities & Lighting Awards ceremony, taking place in the context of the Summit in Oulu.
- Invitation to present the project 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 (1 representative per city)

2nd Prize

- Invitation to attend and receive the award at the 2026 LUCI Cities & Lighting Awards ceremony, taking place in the context of the Summit in Oulu.
- Invitation to present the project 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 (1 representative per city)

3rd Prize

- Invitation to attend and receive the award at the 2026 LUCI Cities & Lighting Awards ceremony, taking place in the context of the Summit in Oulu.
- Invitation to present the project 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 (1 representative per city)

How to Apply?

- 1) Carefully read through the **Rules & Regulations** document, ensure you are eligible to apply and accept the rules;
- 2) Look out for any information on our **website**, FAQ or updates regarding the LUCI C&L Awards;
- 3) Fill out the **Application Form** (1 form per project, max 2 per city);
- 4) Send your complete Application Form(s) + Annexes to awards@luciassociation.org **before the deadline**
- 5) **Deadline is 1 October 2025 (11:59 pm CET);**
- 6) Upon submitting your application materials, you will receive a confirmation email (please check your spam);

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.

The LUCI Charter and Declaration for the Future of Urban Lighting (See annex) form the main policy background and goals on which entries will be assessed. Your submitted projects should make reference to the LUCI Declaration for the Future of Urban Lighting: please explain how your entry reflects and relates to at least 2, but as many as possible, of the 7 LUCI Declaration goals.

Your entries will mainly be judged on:

- **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 process and cooperation:** describe how the project was implemented, with information about stakeholders and communities 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 detailed evaluation of the project's initial goals after project completion, how the project has had an impact on sustainability and quality of life.