



## Edible Cities Network Awards 2022

The Edible Cities Network works together to explore and support all forms of sustainable urban food production, distribution and use. We do this because we believe that more sustainable urban food systems are key to improving the social and environmental resilience of our cities.

Some examples of activities, products and services that make cities edible include community gardens, edible green roofs, indoor farming businesses and urban beekeeping initiatives. But edible city initiatives are about more than growing food. They are also about educating and engaging different social groups and building local communities of practice and exchange that work together in finding innovative approaches for promoting zero-km food, reducing food waste and fostering the circular use of resources in local food production and use.

As a network, we provide cities with the tools, knowledge and platforms necessary to explore, document and share the wealth and diversity of existing edible city initiatives and solutions. We also encourage the adaptation, planning and implementation of new ones. Our Awards aim to recognize, inspire and promote innovative edible city **actions, processes and approaches** with a demonstrated societal impact through the award of prizes in the following categories:

- **Most innovative individual action**

This award aims to recognize edible city actions that address a specific societal challenge in a way that inspires others and advances existing practices and knowledge in a given city and beyond.

- **Most innovative social engagement process**

This award seeks to identify and give visibility to innovative processes for engaging with and empowering citizens and particularly hard-to-reach socially disadvantaged individuals and communities through edible city actions.

- **Best overall Edible City approach**

This award aims to recognize holistic city-wide initiatives or policies for tackling societal challenges through edible city solutions in an integrated and sustainable manner that enables the generation of multiple long-term benefits for the city.

### **Eligibility and Nominations:**

Awards are open to any individual, group or organisation. Candidates can apply directly or be nominated by somebody else. Different initiatives by the same individual or organisation require separate applications.

### **Selection of Winners:**

Selection will be based on a two-stage process, including peer voting and expert selection. In the first stage, applicants will be invited to cast their votes for other initiatives submitted for evaluation. The top ten applications for each category short-listed through the peer voting process will then be evaluated by an expert panel, consisting of experts from different fields of expertise who will select the winners.

### **Evaluation criteria:**

Applications will be evaluated by the expert panel based on the following criteria:

**Innovation:** refers to the capacity of an edible city initiative to provide inspiration for others and advance or up-scale edible city practices and knowledge in their city and beyond.

**Inclusivity:** refers to the equitable possibilities for participation and engagement of different social groups and individuals in the design, implementation and assessment of the edible city initiative.

**Impacts:** refers to the demonstrable and locally relevant goods and services generated by the initiatives and their social, environmental and economic sustainability.

### **Prizes:**

- A travel grant of up to 2000 Euro for participation in the EdiCitNet Awards Ceremony (at the Edible Cities Network Conference in Barcelona in Winter 2023) or a visit to one of the [EdiCitNet cities](#) and [Living Labs](#)
- A promotional package, consisting of a short video, factsheet, interview and a press release disseminated via the EdiCitNet website, social media and communication channels.

### **Timeframe:**

Deadline for applications: 31 October 2022

Deadline for peer-voting: 30 November 2022

Notification of results: 31 December 2022

### **Contacts:**

If you have any questions or need some support with your application, please feel free to contact us at: [edicitnet-awards@eurtd.com](mailto:edicitnet-awards@eurtd.com)

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