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 initiatives 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.

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

[Application form]:
- Which category would you like to apply for?
  - ☐ **Most innovative individual action**
  - ☐ **Most innovative social engagement process**
  - ☐ **Best overall Edible City approach**
- Title of the initiative or the person you are nominating
- Please tell us your name, city and institutional affiliation, if any
- Please tell us about the initiative (200 words)
  - When and how did it start? What are its main goals and activities? Who is involved in it? Is there anything about the context of your initiative that is important for us to know?
- Description of how the initiative meets each criteria (up to 100 words/criteria)
  - **Innovation**: Please explain why you think your initiative is innovative and inspirational, for example through recycling of resources, effective engagement of diverse communities, an innovative business model, etc.
  - **Inclusivity:** Please explain how different stakeholders and representatives from different social groups are engaged in this initiative. What processes

have been put in place to ensure fair access and engagement? How effective are they?

- **Impact:** Please describe the social, environmental and economic impacts of your initiative (if you have any data, that's great – no problem if not). What specific challenges in your city does the initiative help to address?

- Major challenges and lessons learnt: What major challenges have been encountered in the past and how have they been addressed? What are the major lessons learnt? (100 words)

- Future plans: If you would like, please explain the future prospects of the initiative, how it could be scaled up or how it could be adapted for use in a different context. (100 words)

- Please upload any additional materials (photos, videos, etc.) that you think represent the initiative well and support your application. Note: It is important that all persons in the photos have given their consent for public use of the image or that you have obtained their consent for use in accordance with the EU GDPR guidelines. If you wish to share multiple files with us, please bundle them in one zip folder before uploading.

- Please share any additional information or links with us, e.g. website, Facebook page, Twitter or Instagram account, etc.

- How did you hear about the EdiCitNet awards?

- The data that you have shared with us in this form will be processed as described in the EdiCitNet informed consent sheet. Please confirm that you have read this information and agree with your information being processed in this way

- Please note that by submitting this application you agree that information provided in it will be made available to other applicants for the peer voting process and if short-listed, will be displayed on the EdiCitNet webpage. Please note that you can revoke this consent at any time by sending us an email.

Prizes:

- A travel grant of up to 2000 Euro for participation in the EdiCitNet Awards Ceremony at the Edible Cities Network Conference, which will take place on 15-17th March 2023 in Barcelona, Spain or a visit to one of the [EdiCitNet Living Labs](#)
- Promotion via the EdiCitNet website, social media and communication channels.

Timeframe:

Deadline for applications: 10 November 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

Thank you!

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