EdiCitNet Awards

EdiCitNet is a network of Edible Cities exploring sustainable methods for urban food production, distribution and use to foster environmental and social resilience. EdiCitNet provides cities with the tools, knowledge and platforms necessary to explore, document and share the wealth and diversity of existing Edible City Solutions (ECS) and to adapt, plan and implement successfully new ones.

Edible City Solutions (ECS) comprise all forms of urban food production, distribution and use, such as community gardens, edible green roofs and indoor farming. They also entail innovative approaches for promoting zero-km food, fostering the circular use of resources in local food production and harnessing the societal value of food through knowledge-sharing and engagement of different societal groups in the processes of building local communities of practice and exchange.

The EdiCitNet Awards aim to recognize, inspire and promote innovative ECS initiatives, processes and approaches with a demonstrated societal impact through the award of three prizes in the following categories:

- **Most innovative individual action**
  This award aims to recognize ECS initiatives and "local heroes" who have employed ECS to address a specific societal challenge in their city in a way that inspires others and advances existing ECS practices and knowledge in their 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 ECS.

- **Best overall Edible City approach**
  This award aims to recognize holistic city-wide initiatives or policies for tackling societal challenges through ECS in an integrated and sustainable manner that enables the generation of multiple long-term benefits for the city.

Eligibility:

Awards are open to any individual, group or organization located in one of the EdiCitNet member cities (see here). Candidates can apply directly or nominate a "local hero" or initiative. The same application can be used to apply for each of the three categories. Different initiatives by the same individual or organization require separate applications.

Selection process:

Selection will be based on a two-stage process, consisting of peer-voting (by 22nd of October) followed by expert selection (by mid-December). 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 will then be evaluated by an expert panel, consisting of ten experts from different fields of expertise who will select one winner per category.

Evaluation criteria:

Applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

Innovation: refers to the capacity of an ECS initiative to provide inspiration for others and advance existing ECS practices and knowledge in their city and beyond.

Relevance: refers to the degree to which the initiative responds adequately and in a valuable manner to addressing an important local challenge or need.

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

Impact: refers to the demonstrable (planned or unexpected) goods and services generated by the initiatives and their social, environmental and economic sustainability.

Upscaling & replication: refers to the potential of the initiative to be employed at a broader scale OR in a different context.

Peer voting will be based on information provided by the applicants with respect to each of the above criteria. Short-listed applications will be evaluated by experts through a 100-point scoring system that entails different maximum points for the individual criteria depending on the category of the award (see below), and consensual selection of winners in the case of equal scores.

Criteria	Category 1 (Max. points)	Category 2 (Max. points)	Category 3 (Max. points)
Innovation	30	10	10
Relevance	10	10	10

Inclusivity	10	**30**	20
Impact	40	40	**50**
Upscaling & replication	10	10	10
Total	100	100	100

Prizes:

Each winner will receive the following:

• A promotional package, consisting of documentation and promotion via the EdiCitNet social media and communication channels.

• A travel grant to fund their participation in the EdiCitNet Awards Ceremony (to be held in January 2022). Please note: this prize is only available to those individuals and initiatives that **are not already** receiving direct funding from the EdiCitNet project

Timeframe:

Deadline for applications: 30th September
Deadline for peer-voting: October 22nd
Notification of results: mid-December
Announcement of Winners at the Annual EdiCitNet Conference: January 2022

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