



MEDIA ADVISORY

Announcing the 2023 European Capitals of Inclusion & Diversity Award

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The [European Capitals of Inclusion and Diversity Award](#) is back for a second edition. The European Commission will unveil the winners at a ceremony on **27 April 2023**. Applications can be submitted until 15 February 2023.

European Commissioner for Equality Helena Dalli will host the high-level event, which gathers mayors, national officials, diversity and inclusion stakeholders and policymakers.

The Award recognises Gold, Silver and Bronze winners in all three categories:

- local authorities with less than 50 000 inhabitants
- local authorities with more than 50 000 inhabitants
- special award for LGBTIQ+ equality

The first prize winners will be named 'European Capitals of Inclusion and Diversity' for one year.

About the #DiversityCapitals Competition

The Award recognises the work done by cities, towns, or regions in the European Union to promote inclusion and create discrimination-free societies.

The competition is a chance for local authorities to showcase policies and initiatives that create more diverse and inclusive spaces for their citizens.

It covers diversity and inclusion initiatives that tackle all discrimination grounds (sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age, or sexual orientation) and intersectionality, the interconnected relationship of different forms of social categorisation.

Read our [media backgrounder](#) to learn more about the Award and how it works.

Competition timeline

- Entries submissions: until 15 February 2023, at 12h00 PM CET
- Expert and jury evaluation of entries: between 16 February and 31 March 2023
- Announcement of finalists: early April 2023 (expected)
- Prize-giving ceremony: 27 April 2023

2022 #DiversityCapitals Gold Award Winners

More than 80 cities, towns and regions applied to be named European Capitals of Inclusion and Diversity in last year's competition. The ones below won the coveted Gold prize in their categories by

excelling in their pursuit of a more equal and inclusive Europe. [This article](#) discusses the impact of winning the Award for these cities and their plans for the future.

Category	Gold Winners
Over 50 000 inhabitants	COLOGNE, Germany
Less than 50 000 inhabitants	KOPRIVNICA, Croatia
Fostering Roma inclusion	ANDALUSIA, Spain

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