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Adjudication Criteria
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EFE ADJUDICATION CRITERIA

	Description	Marks
1.	**Planning and Development**	10
2.	**Sustainable Environment – Climate Change Mitigation**	10
3.	**Built environment**	10
4.	**Landscape**	10
5.	**Green spaces**	10
6.	**Planting – Permanent and/or Seasonal**	10
7.	**Environmental education**	10
8.	**Effort and involvement**	10
9.	**Tourism and/or Leisure**	10
10.	**Communication**	10
	Total	**100**

Assessment	Exceptional Quality	High Quality	Good Quality	Standard Quality	Basic Quality
Marks for each criterion	9-10	8.5-9	7.5-8.5	6.5-7.5	<6.5
Total of 10 criteria	90-100	85-90	75-85	65-75	<65
Award	Gold + Award of Excellence	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Certificate of Participation
In addition, there are also Thematic Prizes i.e. President's Prize, Herbert Titz Memorial Prize, the Green Space Award and the Environmental Educational Award.					

To consider application of the UN Sustainable Development Goals.



DESCRIPTION OF CRITERIA

1. Planning and Development

Policy and implementation for

- **Vision**
- **Structural plans**
- **Green infrastructure**
- **Sustainability**

Supplemental Information

- Responsible agency for urban planning (municipality/district/county/national level).
- Involvement of inhabitants/stakeholders in the planning process.
- Spatial plans and development strategies for urban and rural areas, (e.g., zoning plan).
- Sustainable traffic and mobility policy
- Environmental components: hydrology, geology, vegetation, ecology, green corridors, and ecosystems.
- Universal access.

2. Sustainable Environment – Climate Change Mitigation.

Policy and Management.

- **Evidence of advocacy/actions taken by local community and/or by the local authority.**
  - **Carbon reduction and capture**
  - **Soil**
  - **Water and Wetlands**
  - **Waste – Organic and Inorganic**
  - **Energy – Light, Heat and Fuel**

Supplemental Information.

Carbon reduction and capture

The following are examples of some relevant activities and initiatives,

- Planting and maintaining forests.
- Reducing carbon footprints – choice of transport and food.
- Climate change resilience measures, including reducing the heat island effect in urban areas.
- Changes to food consumption, travel, household energy use, sustainable use of goods and services.
- Promoting a transition to a mainly a plant-based diet in the community.
- Electric vehicles and charge points, car sharing, public transport, cycleways, and greenways.
- Urban green and blue infrastructure.
- Street trees, green roofs, and walls.
- Urban walkability, cycling infrastructure.

Soil

- Evidence of soil conservation measures, for example reduced usage of fertilizer and pesticides.
- Methods to maintain soil quality and minimize erosion.

Water and Wetlands.

- Level of water quality, water conservation and environmental protection.
- Value and usage of rivers, streams, lakes, and wetlands, including marshes, peatlands, and bogs.
- Extent of sustainable urban drainage systems (SUDS), include permeable surfaces.
- Extent of separate and combined waste water systems and sewage treatment.
- Water conservation measures, including rainwater management and reuse, green roofs.

Waste – Organic and Inorganic.

- Cleanliness and tidiness.
- System of waste separation and collection and level of success.
- System of green waste management.
- Means of promotion sustainability to the public, agriculture, industry and in schools.

Energy – Light and Heat

- Extent of alternatives to fossil fuel usage for heat and transport – solar, wind, renewable resources.
- Promotional campaigns for energy reduction.
- Extent of insulation in buildings and energy certification.
- Use of photovoltaic cells, LED in lighting schemes, reduction in light pollution.

3. Built Environment

Style, character, quality of the built environment including management, cleanliness, and tidiness.

- **Townscape**
- **Squares and streets**
- **Urban Form**

Supplemental Information

- Function, volume and scale in particular for public buildings.
- Heritage/monumental buildings and structures: status, register, public/private, regulations, public awareness, research/development.
- Harmonization of old and new buildings: scale, materials etc.
- Care and Maintenance of buildings open to the public: subsidies, regulations, guidelines.
- Derelict buildings. actions to manage dereliction.
- Streetscape, furnishings, sculptures: design, function, level of local respect, use of soft and hard landscape.
- Signage: control, design, function, maintenance, and actions taken.

4. Landscape

Policy and management of

- **Landscape setting**
- **Natural habitats, Nature reserves**
- **Managed areas (Agriculture/forestry)**
- **Flora and Fauna**

Supplemental Information

- Interface of town/village with landscape. How is the fringe developed in terms of landscape diversity and ecological connections (green structures)?
- Relationship of farming/forestry/other activity with the community and extent of sustainable practices.
- Protected areas and areas of ecological value.
- Extent of native flora, fauna, and wildlife conservation, including protected species.
- Protection of heritage trees and hedgerows.
- Streams, rivers, and lakes.
- Respect for natural habitats, ecological structure, and indigenous species.
- Extent of natural areas in the City, Town, or Village.
- Survey information on flora, fauna, and biodiversity.
- Extent of invasive species, level of awareness and control measures.

5. Green spaces

Policy, Management, cleanliness, and tidiness

- **Parks, Open spaces/Green corridors.**
- **Sports facilities and playgrounds.**
- **Private gardens.**
- **Collection and Botanic Gardens.**
- **Cemeteries.**
- **Streams, ponds, lakes, and adjacent areas.**

Supplemental Information

- Design, variety, size and location of green spaces.
- Integration and value to the community.
- Community involvement in developing new green spaces.
- Eco-friendly practices in maintenance programme.

6. Planting – Permanent and/or Seasonal

Policy and management of

- **Trees**
- **Shrubs**
- **Perennials**
- **Seasonal planting: display beds, containers, hanging baskets**
- **Special planting schemes: roses, etc.**
- **Grassed areas, wildflowers**
- **Composts and use of chemicals.**

Supplemental Information

- Species, variety, and location.
- Quantity and quality.
- Heritage/monumental plantings; tree register.
- Level of maintenance: inventory, pruning, weed, pest and disease control, mowing regime.
- Choice of compost material for potting, planting, and mulching.
- Methods of pest and weed control, use of chemicals.

7. Environmental Education

Policy and implementation by Municipality and/or Volunteers

- **Different age/social groups**
- **Range of activities**
- **Special Interest groups**

Supplemental Information

- Involvement of community, business, teachers and children.
- Quality, diversity, and inclusion of education programme.
- Environmental activities: Lectures, demonstrations, exhibitions and visit to parks, gardens or natural areas.
- Environmental projects: cleaning rivers, planting trees, bird watching etc.
- Level of sustainable practices: water, waste and energy conservation techniques.
- Experience of planting and care of trees, shrubs, herbs, vegetables and flowers.
- Existence of school and/or community gardens.

8. Effort and involvement

Policy and implementation

- **Action of voluntary bodies**
- **Cooperation between municipality and citizens**
- **Support from private business**

Supplemental Information

- Evidence of community taking responsibility for their environment.
- Existence of voluntary environmental groups: specific projects, residential schemes.
- Effort by local and/or municipal authority, local businesses: hotels, restaurants, shops, industry.
- Promotional activities: access to private/heritage gardens, botanic gardens etc.
- Competitions: gardens, balconies, window box/displays etc.

9. Tourism and/or Leisure

Policy, development, marketing and services.

Supplemental Information

- Attractiveness and sustainability.
- Accommodation, infrastructure, signage.
- Sport and leisure facilities: greenways, blueways, playgrounds, touring routes etc.
- Events: festivals, fairs, markets, seminars, meetings etc.
- Promotion: literature, website, media, tourist office.
- Special programmes: environmental, seasonal attractions, cultural/historic, crafts, agri-tourism, sporting, equestrian, health and food, including **Entente Florale Europe** promotion.

10. Communication

Presentation and information to

- **Public**
- **Jury**
- **Press**

Supplemental Information

- Clarity and quality of information documents: newsletter, press releases, site maps etc.
- Evidence of promotion of Entente Florale.
- Presentation to the jury and site visit.
- Community involvement during the jury visit.
- Press coverage of the jury visit.