



DIVAIRCITY

The power of Diversity & Inclusion for Climate Neutral Cities

Call for Expressions of Interest for Cities to join the DivAirCity Twin Programme *Template*

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DivAirCity is looking for cities interested in joining our global network by becoming Twin Partners. The City-to-City Twinning Programme is aimed at sharing knowledge and exchanging experiences on common challenges around co-participatory urban data, co-design, and nature-based solutions. Twin Cities will be involved in a series of activities between May 2024 and June 2025, including:

- an opening event on May 17th 2024 in Orvieto, Italy
- an in-person city officials' exchange (between 1 and 3 days) in one of the DivAirCity pilot cities, featuring trainings, joint events, and hackathons
- a series of thematic virtual open house meetings to discuss common challenges and share innovative solutions
- a chance to participate in the DivAirCity D&I Green City Index
- a closing event in May 2025 in Valencia, Spain

Travel costs associated with the Twinning Programme will be covered by the DivAirCity project (within the range of available budget and prior approval of the expenses). The available budget will cover costs for a maximum of 20 Twin Cities, of which at least five from non-EU countries.

Cities can express their interest in joining the DivAirCity Twinning Programme by filling out the following form.

Cities will be selected based on the following criteria: strategies or policies to become climate-neutral, plans to promote social inclusion and diversity, alignment of interest with the DivAirCity project, and existing relationships with DivAirCity activities. Selected cities will be contacted by **29/03/2024**.

For any inquiries, contact us at contact@divaircity.eu

GENERAL INFORMATION	
Name of the city	
Country	
Name of the applying authority or department	
Website (if available)	
Is your city affiliated with any of the DivAirCity activities? (Including other twinning arrangements, Memorandum of Understanding, Letter of Support, etc.)	<input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO
Has your city previously been in contact with any of the DivAirCity partners regarding the Twinning Programme?	<input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO
Has your city previously participated in EU-funded projects?	<input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO
If you answered yes to the previous question, please indicate the project(s)	

Indicate the contact detail of the main contact person (full name, position, e-mail address, phone number)	○
Optional: Indicate the contact detail of a second contact person (full name, position, e-mail address, phone number)	○
INFORMATION ON DIVAIRCITY PILOT CITIES	
<p>Aarhus, Denmark (Special skills: air quality monitoring, IoT tools, economic impacts): the intervention in Aarhus focuses on the installation of a green screen made up by plants with specific AQ-qualities. The screen will function as a protective barrier between people and traffic. Local citizens will get the opportunity to maintain the new pocket park and keep it green and clean. Moreover, a new and accessible urban route for daily commute qualified by vulnerable groups will invite citizens through safe, healthy, and attractive areas in the neighbourhood of Langenæs and Frederiksbjerg. You can find more information here: https://divaircity.eu/aarhus/</p>	
<p>Bucharest, Romania (Special skills: social cohesion, urban regeneration): the intervention will be in District 2, in three different sites: Italian Square, Paleologu Square, and Viitorului. The interventions will include a community garden, new vegetation, new shaded areas to transform areas now underused (or used as parking lots) into spaces to increase the well-being of the global community, improving the air quality and reducing GHG. You can find more information here: https://divaircity.eu/bucharest/</p>	
<p>Castellon, Spain (Special skills: innovative public procurement, climate-neutrality): the intervention site is the street Carrer de la Marina Espanola - a street that connects the Parc de la Panderola with the primary school C.E.I.P. La Marina and is used by many school children (pedestrians) commuting to and from school every day. The solutions include increased vegetation and shaded areas to reduce heat exposure, vegetation barriers such as green walls to reduce human exposure to air pollution, temporary pedestrianization of the street. You can find more information here: https://divaircity.eu/castellon/</p>	
<p>Orvieto, Italy (Special skills: innovative public-private legal framework, citizens' engagement & co-creation, NBS): the intervention site is a park located near the main roads and the local elementary school. The intervention wants to improve the park and its perception by citizens, in order to redirect their flows through less polluted areas. This will be done by reducing its exposure to sound and air pollution through additional vegetation, introducing shaded areas for heat exposure, creating inclusive games, animal areas and sensorial experiences. The tunnel under the railway will be improved with new lights and new colours. You can find more information here: https://divaircity.eu/orvieto/</p>	
<p>Potsdam, Germany (special skills: private-public partnership, creativity & arts, health): the Potsdam case study is different from the other pilots because of its private dimension through a Housing Association, as it doesn't involve the Local Authority. The intervention aims to transform an underutilized, polluted and heat stressed courtyard into an Urban Green Hotspot, bridging the gap between nature and technology through ScrollyTelling QR-Codes. The Urban Green Hotspot will implement low-threshold NBS to design a green space that enhances urban life quality, offering a small ecosystem with high biotope values and capacity to sequester carbon emissions by increasing green volume and biodiversity. You can find more information here: https://divaircity.eu/potsdam</p>	
INFORMATION FROM THE TWIN CITY	
What is your main motivation behind joining the DivAirCity Twinning Programme?	

Please emphasize the motivation on leveraging diversity to combat air pollution and climate change in cities. (200 characters)					
Could you provide insights into the current challenges faced in your urban area? (200 characters)					
Which aspects of urban innovations are of particular interest to the applicant urban authority? (200 characters) <i>Please explain which aspects are more interesting for you among NBS, co-creation, urban data, blockchain apps and Smart City Contracts, or others.</i>					
How has the applicant urban authority demonstrated its commitment to the principles of diversity, social inclusion, and climate neutrality? <i>Please explain which policies, projects and initiatives your city carried out to promote those principles.</i> (200 characters)					
What specific benefits does the applicant urban authority anticipate from participating in the DivAirCity city-to-city twinning arrangement? <i>Please explain how the proposed exchange will contribute to building the applicant urban authority's capacity to tackle the implementation challenge specified.</i>					
Kindly identify the DivAirCity pilot city you could be keen to exchange with (indicate with 1 the city of most interest, with 5 the one of least interest)	1	2	3	4	5
Aarhus					
Bucharest					
Castellon					
Orvieto					
Potsdam					