

## **European Capitals of Inclusion and Diversity Award 2025: Shortlist announced!**

Brussels, 24 March 2025 - *almost 60 towns, cities and regions from 15 Member States applied to the fourth edition of the European Capitals of Inclusion and Diversity Award. 20 of them made it to the final round.*

Now in its fourth edition, [the Award](#) recognises cities, towns, and regions that are leading the way in creating more inclusive societies for all, regardless of gender, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age, or sexual orientation. It celebrates the outstanding efforts of local authorities across Europe in fostering inclusion and diversity for all.

Following a competitive selection process, the following finalists have been shortlisted in three categories:

### **Category: Local authorities above 50,000 inhabitants**

- Bilbao, Spain
- Braga, Portugal
- Komotini, Greece
- Kraków, Poland
- Ville de Paris, France
- Salzburg, Austria
- Tilburg, The Netherlands
- Utrecht, The Netherlands
- Wrocław, Poland
- Zaragoza, Spain

### **Category: Local authorities below 50,000 inhabitants**

- L'Alfàs del Pi, Spain
- Francavilla Fontana, Italy
- Gualdo Tadino, Italy
- Mariehamn, Finland
- Parada de Sil, Spain
- Platanias, Greece
- San Xoán de Río, Spain
- Settimo Torinese, Italy
- Sogliano al Rubicone, Italy
- Usurbil, Spain

### **2025 Specific Award for inclusive housing**

- Braga, Portugal
- Francavilla Fontana, Italy
- Gualdo Tadino, Italy
- Parada de Sil, Spain
- Salzburg, Austria

- **San Xoán de Río, Spain**
- **Usurbil, Spain**
- **Zaragoza, Spain**

The finalists have been recognised for their innovative and impactful policies that promote equality and a sense of belonging for all. They will now go through a final round of evaluation to claim gold, silver and bronze awards.

The winners will be unveiled at an official Award ceremony on 29 April 2025 in Brussels. The high-level event will gather mayors, national officials, diversity and inclusion enthusiasts and policymakers. Media representatives are invited to attend the ceremony, which will be organised together with the opening of the European Diversity Month.

### **Previous editions of the Award**

Learn more about the [seven 2024 Award winners](#) recognised for their contribution to a more equal and inclusive Europe.

Looking for an inspiration? Get to know [best practices](#) of previous winners and shortlisted candidates and discover how exceptional dedication and innovation of towns, cities and regions in the EU can positively impact the lives of all.

### **Press contact**

For media enquiries or to be added to our media list for the European Capitals of Inclusion and Diversity Award or the European Diversity Month, please contact:

[eudiversity\\_press@vo-europe.eu](mailto:eudiversity_press@vo-europe.eu)

[Subscribe to #DiversityCapitals newsletter](#)

[Access the Media Backgrounder](#)

### **Further information**

For more information on the European Capitals of Inclusion and Diversity Award and the European Diversity Month, visit our [website](#) and follow us on social media.

#DiversityCapitals #UnionOfEquality

[X](#)

[Facebook](#)

[LinkedIn](#)

[YouTube](#)