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New award to promote diversity and inclusion in the EU: European Capitals of Inclusion and Diversity

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In 2022, the European Commission will announce the winners of the newly launched **European Capitals of Inclusion and Diversity Award** at a ceremony hosted by the **Commissioner for Equality, Helena Dalli**. The event will bring together policymakers, city officials, and representatives from diversity organisations across Europe and kick off **EU Diversity Month**.

The Award competition is open to any town, city or region in the EU. It will reward winners in two categories: local authorities with less than 50,000 inhabitants and local authorities with more than 50,000 inhabitants. There will also be a special Award for local authorities promoting Roma inclusion.

The event will take place online and at a venue in Brussels on 28 April 2022. More detailed information will be available shortly.

About the European Capitals of Inclusion and Diversity Award competition

The [European Capitals of Inclusion and Diversity Award](#) recognises the work done by cities, towns, or regions in the European Union to promote inclusion and create discrimination-free societies.

It is a chance for local authorities to showcase policies and initiatives that create more diverse and inclusive spaces for their citizens. These initiatives may have already been implemented or be in the process of being implemented.

The Award 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.

Competition timeline

- Entries submissions: from 22 November to 15 February 2022, at 12h00 PM CET
- Expert and jury evaluation of entries: from 15 February to 31 March 2022
- Announcement of finalists: beginning of April 2022 (expected)
- Prize-giving ceremony: 28 April 2022

Additional information and media resources

- Media toolkit: <https://eudiversity2022.eu/the-award/media-centre/>
- EU Diversity 2022 initiatives and Award website: www.eudiversity2022.eu

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