



MEDIA ADVISORY

Announcing the 2024 European Capitals of Inclusion & Diversity Award

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The [European Capitals of Inclusion and Diversity Award](#) is back for the third edition. The European Commission will unveil the winners at a ceremony on **25 April 2024**. Applications can be submitted until **15 February 2024**.

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
- specific award for local authorities enabling safe towns, cities and regions for women in all their diversity, by addressing violence against women

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 2024, at 12h00 PM CET
- Expert and jury evaluation of entries: between 16 February and 31 March 2023
- Announcement of shortlisted candidates: early April 2024 (expected)
- Prize-giving ceremony: 25 April 2024

2023 #DiversityCapitals Gold Award Winners

More than 70 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.

Category	Gold Winners
Over 50 000 inhabitants	TERRASSA, Spain
Less than 50 000 inhabitants	LA ZARZA, Spain
Fostering LGBTIQ Equality	GDAŃSK, Poland

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