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Entente Florale Europe Adjudication Criteria



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
<p>In addition, there are also Thematic Prizes i.e. President's Prize, Herbert Titz Memorial Prize, the Green Space Award and Special Characteristic prizes.</p>					

To consider application of the UN Sustainable Development Goals.



DESCRIPTION OF CRITERIA

1. Planning and Development

Policy and implementation for

- Spatial structure
- 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).
- Environmental components: hydrology, geology, vegetation, ecology, green corridors, and ecosystems.
- Climate change resilience measures, including reducing the heat island effect in urban areas.
- Sustainable traffic and mobility policy.
- 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.
- 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 fertiliser and pesticides.
- Methods to maintain soil quality and minimise 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.
- Harmonisation 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

- Landscapes
- 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.