

European Capital of Democracy 2026

Declaration of Intent

The undersigned *[insert the name of the person signing this form]*, representing:

City:	Address:
ID or passport number:	Full name:

[insert the name of the person signing this form] hereby certifies that

1. the City's highest political representative is supporting the application and participation¹,
2. the conditions set out in the European Capital of Democracy Call for Applications and its Annexes have been thoroughly read, understood and accepted and
3. the Exclusion Criteria have been signed as an Annex to this Declaration.

[insert the name of the person signing this form] hereby certifies that

1. Multiple parties compete in regular free and fair elections in the represented City.
2. Elected municipal governments can operate without interference from unelected bodies.
3. State institutions, e.g. the legislature, the judiciary and specific oversight agencies, oversee the local government to ensure checks between institutions and to prevent the abuse of power.

If one of the above requirements is not satisfied, please indicate here which and give a brief explanation:

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Representatives of the City *[insert the name of the City]*, when passing the check of technical, organisational and democratic prerequisites, will submit a programme as indicated in the Call.

Date of the declaration	Full Name	Signature

The person subject to this declaration may be subject to rejection or exclusion from this procedure if any of the statements, declarations or information provided as a condition for participating in this procedure prove to be false.

Annex: Exclusion Criteria

¹ Support can and must be proven either by providing a written mandate of the highest representative or by the highest representatives signing this document themselves.

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Exclusion Criteria

I, the official representative of *(insert City name)*, authorised to sign on behalf of *(insert Mayor's name)*, residing at *(insert address of City administration)*, declare to the best of my knowledge and belief and the belief that, as regards the above mentioned City,

- A. the administration and the highest political representatives are not bankrupt or being wound up, is not having its affairs administered by the courts, have not entered into an arrangement with creditors, has not suspended business activities, is not the subject of proceedings concerning such matters or is not in any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure provided for in national legislation or regulations;
- B. the highest political representatives have not been convicted of an offence concerning their professional conduct by a judgement which has the force of res judicata;
- C. the highest political representatives have not been convicted of grave professional misconduct;
- D. the administration has fulfilled obligations relating to payment in accordance with the legal provisions of the country in which they are established or those of the country where the contract is to be performed;
- E. the highest political representatives have not been the subject of a judgement which has the force of res judicata for fraud, corruption, involvement in a criminal organisation or any other illegal activity detrimental to the City inhabitants' financial interests;

In addition, the undersigned declares that the City mentioned above:

- F. has no conflict of interest in connection with the agreement; a conflict of interest could arise in particular as a result of economic interests, political or national affinities, family or emotional ties or any other relevant connection or shared interest;
- G. will inform the contracting authority, without delay, of any situation considered a conflict of interest or which could give rise to a conflict of interest;
- H. has not made and will not make any offer of any type whatsoever from which an advantage can be derived under the agreement;
- I. has not granted and will not grant, has not sought and will not seek, has not attempted and will not attempt to obtain, and has not accepted and will not accept any advantage, financial or in kind, to or from any party whatsoever, constituting an illegal practice or involving corruption, either directly or indirectly, as an incentive or reward relating to the ECoD Call;
- J. has provided within the context of this invitation to submit a proposal information which is accurate, sincere and complete;

By signing this form, the undersigned acknowledges that he/she has been acquainted with the Exclusion Criteria for participating in the ECoD Initiative, which may be applied if any of the declarations or information provided proves to be false.

Name and function: _____

Signature: _____

Date and place (city/town) of signature: _____