

## European Capital of Democracy

### Experts' Jury Planning ECoD 2028

This document provides an overview of the main tasks of the Experts' Jury's (EJ) for the selection of the European Capital of Democracy 2028.

The Jurors' work starts with the evaluations of applications after 1 November 2026 and will conclude with the shortlist meeting in February 2027.

Nature of task	Date(s)	Location	Workdays per EJ member
Evaluation of submissions	November 2026	Remote	2,5
Jury meetings	Longlist meeting December 2026 and shortlist meeting February 2027	Online / Hybrid	1
On-site visits	December 2026 & January (backup: February) 2027	on-site in shortlisted cities	1,5 per city visited

As outlined in the Experts' Jury Member Agreement, the maximum number of workdays that may be compensated for under the present agreement limits the remuneration of the Jury Member. The workdays will only be compensated for to the extent that Jury Members provide auditable documentation of the work performed on the respective day.