



REGIO**STARS**

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The REGIOSTARS

- Since 2008, the European Commission hands out annual REGIOSTARS awards to EU-funded projects which demonstrate excellence and new approaches in regional development.
- Awards in five thematic categories (smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, urban development and a topic of the year) plus Public Choice award
- Independent jury of high-level academics
- Ceremony during Week of Regions and Cities in October



The 2019 Edition

- Five thematic categories announced on 19 February
- Online platform: ec.europa.eu/regiostars
- **Application period: 19 February – 9 May 2019**
- Finalists determined by July 2019
 - Meeting with Commissioner in July
 - Videos for the finalist will be produced during summer



Conditions

- Maximum FIVE projects per programme (ERDF, CF, ESF, IPA, ENI) from the periods 2007-2013 and 2014-2020
- Endorsement letter of the relevant managing authority
- Reference to one of the five award categories
- Level of maturity and results should be ensured



Award criteria

1. Innovative character of the project in the selected award category.
2. Good results and impact of the project in relation to its initial objectives and impacts.
3. Financial sustainability of the project
4. Transferability and possibility to replicate the project in other regions



Award categories 2019

1. Smart growth - **Promoting digital transformation**
2. Sustainable growth - **Connecting green, blue and grey**
3. Inclusive growth - **Combatting inequalities and poverty**
4. Urban development - **Building climate-resilient cities**
5. Topic of the year 2019 - **Modernising health services**

Communication material

- Online: ec.europa.eu/regiostars
'Guide for Applicants' with
 - Description of award categories 2019
 - Eligibility and award criteria
 - Practical guidance to the REGIOSTARS 2019
- Printed: Postcards and posters
- Visuals for presentations and social media





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