

# 16<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF EDUCATING CITIES

“City of change as a space for creativity and innovation: music, environment, leisure and participation”

Katowice, 30 September to 2 October, 2020

## Presentation of experiences: Call for Proposals

Cities interested in presenting their experiences in the 16th International Congress of Educating Cities, can choose between two modalities:

- 1) **Experiences for discussion**
- 2) **Speakers' corners**

In order to submit their experiences, cities will have to fill in the online form (one per experience) in one of the official languages of the Congress (English, Spanish or French) and choose the modality (Experience for discussion or Speakers' corner). The experience should fit in one of the sub-themes of the Congress, please read carefully the document of the description of the sub-themes.

The deadline for submitting experiences is **February 6, 2020**.

## Presentation modalities

### Experiences for Discussion

The aim of this space is to foster the knowledge of different best practices from different cities and to enable a debate between presenters and the audience. To facilitate the exchanges, the presentation should put the accent on the educational intentionality of the experience from a practical approach.



The structure of a session will be:

*1<sup>st</sup> part:* the moderator will briefly present to the audience the topic in which the different experiences are framed.

*2<sup>nd</sup> part:* each city will have a maximum of 5' to present the most important features of their experience. This presentation will be accompanied exclusively by the projection of images (5-10 photographs) which will help the audience to better understand the experience.

*3<sup>rd</sup> part:* the moderator will pose questions to the different participants, in order to focus attention on significant aspects of each experience. The participants will have 3' to respond to each question.

*4<sup>th</sup> part:* there will be time for the audience to ask questions to the participants in an open format.

The Experiences for Discussion will have **simultaneous translation** into the 3 official languages of the Congress, so the city representative will be able to present the experience either in English, French or Spanish.

### **Experiences on Speakers' corner**

A specific space for the experiences on speakers' corner will be provided. A slot has been kept in the program so that cities can present their experiences to any interested Congress attendees.

Presentations should be in English, French or Spanish. There will be no translation available in this space.

In this modality of presentation visual support is compulsory (PowerPoint presentation, videos, photos, etc.) to display the core elements of the experience.

An abstract book will include a summary of the selected experiences both for the Experiences for Discussion and for the Experiences on Speakers' corner, which will be made available in all the official languages of the Congress.

## **Selection of experiences to be presented in the Congress**

All the received experiences will be assessed against the following criteria:

- **Theme consistency.** Experiences fit into one of the 3 sub-themes of the Congress.
- **Citizen participation.** Experiences propose actions that are carried out with citizen participation.
- **Cross-departmental work.** Experiences foster the collaboration of different city departments and agencies.



- **Innovation.** Experiences foster an innovative approach to a challenge or offer innovative tools or methodologies.
- **Replicability.** Experiences can be easily transferred to other cities.
- **Duration.** Experiences are currently operating, have been implemented for at least two years and can provide information about the results obtained.
- **Specific actions.** The experiences are not general programs or theoretical frames but showcase specific actions with a clear methodological approach.
- **Empowerment and transformation.** Initiatives are not limited to a mere service provision but engage in empowering citizens and foster social transformation and impact.

## Number of experiences per city

There is **no limitation on the number of experiences** that a city can submit.

However, cities have to decide the modality of presentation for each of the experiences, as it has to be chosen within the application form.

**IMPORTANT: one same experience cannot be presented under both of the modalities.**

The organising committee of the Congress can invite cities to change the modality of presentation of their experience to ensure a well-balanced distribution amongst all the received proposals.