

## GENERAL CRITERIA FOR THE SELECTION OF EXPERIENCES



The following are the criteria for the selection of experiences for the 18th International Congress of Educating Cities.

Please note that experiences must be presented in person in May 2026 in Granollers.

We invite cities to submit their experiences. The maximum number of initiatives that can be submitted is **three experiences per city, promoted and endorsed by the municipal government. Each city may also submit experiences from other institutions, organisations and associations.**

1. Thematic coherence: Experiences must be clearly connected to the central theme of the Congress, 'Education and culture in the city: community, critical thinking and creativity,' and aligned with one of its three key areas:

- **The construction of the city/community in increasingly complex cities.**
- **The development of a critical and free citizenry to participate in building the future of cities.**
- **The development of a creative citizenry that generates new sensibilities, strategies and tools to face the challenges of their society.**

2. Linkage: Priority will be given to experiences promoted or endorsed by local governments, institutions and entities.

3. Interdepartmental collaboration: Special consideration will be given to initiatives carried out in collaboration between different departments/areas of the municipal government or other spheres of government and other organisations.

4. Educational aspect: Experiences must have an educational purpose that must be explicitly stated.

5. Community participation: Priority will be given to experiences that involve the local community, fostering collaboration between citizens, educational and cultural institutions. Priority will also be given to those that encourage the participation of children and young people in an autonomous, unconstrained and responsible manner.

6. Innovation, pedagogical or social transformation: Priority will be given to experiences that provide innovative solutions to existing problems.
7. Accessibility: It must be ensured that the experiences are accessible to vulnerable population groups, eliminating physical and socio-economic barriers.
8. Social Cohesion: Experiences that promote social cohesion and respect between different cultural and social groups will be particularly valued.
9. Consolidation: Experiences must have a minimum duration of two years to allow their impact to be demonstrated.
10. Durability of the initiative: Experiences must be sustainable over time, with the necessary human and economic resources for their proper development.
11. Evaluation: Experiences that provide a verified evaluation will be valued.
12. Social Impact: Priority will be given to experiences that have an impact on the community, promoting social development and the well-being of citizens.
13. Environmental sustainability: Initiatives that minimise their impact on the environment and promote a commitment to sustainability will be valued.
14. Transferability: Priority will be given to initiatives that can be totally or partially transferred to other municipalities, neighbourhoods, etc.