

European Association for Rural Development and Village Renewal  
European Village Renewal Award 2020

Entry Form

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Name of participant	
Type of participant	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Village Part of the municipality: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Rural municipality (consisting of one or more rurally characterized settlements/villages/districts/cadastral communities)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Intercommunal association (consisting of two or more rurally characterized municipalities) Names of municipalities: _____</p> <p><i>Please mark and fill in as appropriate!</i></p>
Region/Province	
Country	
Contact person (Name, position, address, phone number, fax, email):	
Relevant websites, social media URLs, blogs etc.	

Submission contains the following attachments: *(please list all attachments)*

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**A. Key data**

Please take advantage of the opportunity to provide as much of the requested data as possible. By doing so, you help us to better understand and evaluate your community<sup>1</sup>. If certain data is not available though, it will not affect the assessment.

**A.1. Location and area**

Altitude (m)	
Total area (ha)	
Settlement area (%)	
Arable land (%)	
Grasslands (%)	
Forest (%)	
Distance and connection to the nearest county-town/administrative center	
Distance and connection to the nearest urban center	

**A.2. Number, development and structure of population**

According to census and/or internal data

<b>Population</b>	<b>currently</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2000/begin of process<sup>2</sup></b>
Permanent inhabitants			
Temporary inhabitants			

<b>Age structure</b>	<b>currently</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2000/begin of process</b>
0-18 (%)			
18-60 (%)			
60+ (%)			

<b>Nationalities (%)</b>	<b>currently</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2000/begin of process</b>

<sup>1</sup> The term „community“ always refers to the participant, meaning the participating village, local community, self-administration, municipality, association of municipalities, *Samtgemeinde* or intercommunal association.

<sup>2</sup> Please indicate which year you chose as point of reference.

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Minorities (%)	currently	2011	2000/begin of process

If possible, please provide **comparative figures from the region/country** as well, or comparatively describe the situation:

**A.3. Employment situation and businesses**

Number of working places	currently	2000 / at begin of development process
Total:		
in agriculture		
in trade and crafts		
In industry		
In services		
others		

Unemployment		
Female activity rate		
Commuters employed here, living elsewhere		
Commuters living here, employed elsewhere		

**Explanatory or additional information concerning commuters** (places of residence, goals, distances commuted etc.):

Number of enterprises	currently	2000 / at begin of development process
total		
in agriculture (full-time)		
in agriculture (additional to other employment)		
in trades and crafts		
In industry		
in services		
others		

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**A.4. Active clubs and citizens' movements**

Please name those clubs and civic organizations which are of special importance to the life quality and sustainability of your municipality. Please provide name, number of members and goals of each club.

Name	Members	Goal

**A.5. Participation/Membership**

Please indicate in which clubs, associations and/or networks (local, communal, regional, national, international) your community is an active member. Please introduce these organisations regarding their purpose and objectives, indicate whether participation is voluntary as well as your municipality's specific role within.

Name	Purpose and objectives	Decreed/customary or self-initiative?	Role of your municipality

**A.6. Environmental data**

	currently	2000 / at begin of development process
Size of settlement and transport areas (ha)		

If possible, please include comparative figures from surrounding municipalities/your region.

**Additional environmentally relevant data** (if available) concerning

Energy:

Water:

Waste:

Mobility:

Resource conservation:

Others:

If possible, please also provide information from previous years so that any changes can be comprehended.

**Is your community located within a nature reserve/national park/nature protection area or is it partly within such an area?**

If yes: **Name and size of protected area:**

### **A.7. Technical infrastructure**

Please indicate how each of the following tasks is taken care of within your municipality.

**Disposal of refuse and sewage:**

**Supply of drinking water:**

**Supply of heat and electricity (energy sources, networks ...):**

**Supply of modern and efficient information and communications infrastructure:**

**Is your community equipped with infrastructures to facilitate low-emission and resource-conserving mobility? What infrastructures are they?**

**Is your community integrated in a public transport network?**

**What is the distance to connections to the transregional public transport (train, bus, etc.)?**

**What is the distance to connections to transregional major roads (highways, expressways, motorways)?**

### **A.8. Social infrastructure**

Please explain each establishment in regards to its concrete purpose as well as how your citizens can gain access (e.g. primary school within the village, high school in the regional capital which is 10 km away)

**Educational institutions:**

**Care and nursing:**

**Health care services:**

**Establishments concerning inclusion and/or integration:**

**Cultural institutions:**

**Others:**

### **A.9. Finances**

Financial situation of the municipality:

Sources of income:

Other relevant information concerning the subject of finances:

### **A.10. Specific or unusual features/characteristics**

In this category we ask you to provide information about unique historical, geo-political, geographical, natural, cultural, sociological, etc. features of your municipality if you have not stated them in any other category (key data, initial situation).

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**Communities which participate as intercommunal associations are asked to provide the following additional information:**

Type of affiliation:

Time of affiliation:

Intention and objective of affiliation:

## **B. Description of development process**

### **B.1. Initial situation**

Please describe your community's situation prior to the development process. Please name the specific conditions, strengths and weaknesses as well as opportunities and threats.

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### **B.2. Start of process**

Please explain,

- when the process was started and
- if there was a concrete reason to do so,
- who took the initiative and
- in what way or with which activity the first steps were taken.

In addition, please explain,

- under which programs (e.g. regional/national village renewal program ...) the process was started,
- which programming/planning documents (e.g. village renewal concept or mission statement) were worked out and
- who participated and helped to work it out.

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### **B. 3. Objectives and visions**

Please elaborate

- what visions did you have for your municipality and
- which concrete objectives were pursued during the development process.

Try to establish links between the initial situation and the resulting objectives and visions. Also let us know if you have written these ideas down in a document, and if so please name it.

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#### **B. 4. Specific steps of implementation (projects, programs and activities)**

Please indicate all projects, programs and activities which were implicated in order to reach the goals defined in B.3. To structure them, use the following subject fields – considered by the European Association of Rural Development and Village Renewal to be indispensable for a successful development process.

The individual areas and tasks, which are presented below, will be more or less emphasised within your municipality depending on your local/regional situation. Those areas obviously oftentimes supplement, overlap, strengthen and cause each other:

Should you chose to not provide any information on a particular field because you find it to be irrelevant for municipality, please explain your reason.

1. Strengthening of environmentally responsible agriculture and forestry, with regard to the cultural landscape
2. Responsible and environmentally sustainable use of natural resources and renewable energy
3. Activities aimed to ensure the mobility of citizens as well as local supply and location-appropriate jobs, with regard for the regional added value chain.
4. Development in accordance with economic, ecologic, cultural and social requirements
5. Revitalization of old building stock worthy of protection, and new high-quality constructions.
6. Creation of timely social institutions and socio-cultural qualities
7. Strengthening of identity and self-consciousness of the population
8. Support of empowerment and motivation for social dedication among the village citizens
9. Encouragement of participation of all generations, genders, nationalities and minorities in economic, social and cultural life.

Please also indicate the following for each programme, project or activity:

- who was responsible for the planning,
- who was responsible for the implementation,
- when the measurement/initiative was implemented/done and over which period it was run,
- how it was financed,
- which goal was pursued hereby and what the outcome was.

If specific measures are not completed yet or are still being planned, please indicate the current state of the project.

Participating communities without self-administration and without autonomous budgetary planning are kindly asked to provide the following additional information:

- Which projects were realized autonomously and through self-initiative of the community? How were the necessary funds mobilized?

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- Which projects were initiated by the community, but realized on a superordinate level?
- Which projects were initiated and realized on a superordinate level?

## **B.5. Methods and strategies**

Please answer the following questions:

- How and by what means was assured that planned and taken measures were harmonised and connected to each other?
- On what structures are information flows and communication between citizens, politicians and administrators based?
- In what form were citizens involved in finding topics, decision-making and implementation?
- Did you co-operate with any other communities during the development process or for specific measures? Were there any public-private-partnerships or urban-rural-partnerships as well?
- Was the development process accompanied by experts? If so, who was the consultant and in what form did they contribute?
- Do you make use of opportunities related to digitalization to further the development process of your community? Which role does digitalization play in choosing and implementing your projects?

## **C. Results and evaluation**

Please provide a brief description,

- how your municipality has changed during the course of the development process and
- in what situation the community is in today (specific conditions, strengths and weaknesses, opportunities and threats).

Please also let us know,

- how you evaluate the development overall,
- which particular successes and failures you have recorded,
- which lessons could be learned for further development and
- which conclusions can be drawn (also for other communities).

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## **D. Future priorities and projects**



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- What are the challenges you believe to be facing right now and in the future? (local, regional, continental, global)
- With which priorities, projects and measures do you intend to react to them?
- Which visions do you have for the future of your municipality?

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## **E. Summary**

Finally, we ask you for a detailed description about the specific conditions within your community at the beginning of the development process; the chosen main emphasis and projects; successes and objectives during the development process so far; as well as a short outlook for the future of your municipality.

Running text which summarizes the key points and is also suitable for publication  
(2.500 – 4000 characters)

***A final request: Please keep your answers in this form as short as possible! Quality – not quantity – counts! Thank you!***

By signing this form, I confirm that I personally / the community which I represent can freely command the right of use for the attached photos, graphics and other images and that the persons pictured have agreed to the use and publication of these images in association with the European Village Renewal Award 2020 as well as the European Association for Rural Development and Village Renewal as a whole. Any and all submitted images may be used for the journalistic utilization of the European Village Renewal Award 2020 and further activities of the European Association for Rural Development. The European Association for Rural Development also has the right to publish images on its website as well as on social media and to relay them to newspapers and magazines in relation to journalistic coverage.

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*Please mark as applicable!*

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Location, date

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Signature

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