

European Association for Rural Development and Village Renewal  
European Village Renewal Award 2024 | Entry Form



Name of participant	
Type of participant	<p>Village Part of the municipality:</p> <p>Rural municipality (consisting of one or more rurally characterized settlements/villages/districts/cadastral communities)</p> <p>Intercommunal association (consisting of two or more rurally characterized municipalities) Names of municipalities:</p>
Region/Province	
Country	
Contact person (Name, position, address, phone number, email):	
Relevant websites, social media URLs, blogs etc.	

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

## 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 and traffic area (%)	
Arable land (%)	
Grasslands (%)	
Forest (%)	
Distance to the nearest county-town/administrative center	
Distance and connection to the nearest metropolitan city	

Is your community located within a nature, environmental, or landscape conservation area, or does it have a share in such an area?

no

yes

If yes, please provide the name, size, and type of conservation area:

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

According to census and/or internal data

Population	currently	2011	optional: additional reference year <sup>2</sup>
Permanent inhabitants			
Temporary inhabitants			

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

<sup>2</sup> Particularly relevant or impactful year for the population development of the community (process initiation or other significant milestone).

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<b>Age structure</b>	<b>currently</b>	<b>2011</b>	<i>optional:</i> <b>additional reference year</b>
0-18 (%)			
18-60 (%)			
60+ (%)			

<b>Nationalities (%)</b>	<b>currently</b>	<b>2011</b>	<i>optional:</i> <b>additional reference year</b>

<b>Minorities (%)</b>	<b>currently</b>	<b>2011</b>	<i>optional:</i> <b>additional reference year</b>

**Does the development and structure of the residents in your community correspond to that of your region/country, or are there significant differences in certain areas?**

**no differences**

**significant differences, respectively**

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

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

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

Unemployment		
Commuters employed here, living elsewhere		
Commuters living here, employed elsewhere		

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

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**A.4. Outstanding clubs and initiatives**

How many clubs and initiatives are active in your community in total?

Please list below a selection of those clubs and initiatives that are of particular importance for the quality of life and sustainability of your community. Provide the name, number of members and purpose of each club/initiative (max. 10 clubs/initiatives).

Name	Members	Goal

Which (volunteer-led) emergency services organizations are additional active in your community?

**A.5. Outstanding networks**

Please list the clubs, associations, and networks (local, municipal, regional, national, international) in which your community is an actively involved or shaping member. Explain these in terms of their content and purpose, and indicate whether your community plays a special role as a co-initiator or in a leadership position within them (max. 5 networks).

Name	Purpose and objectives	decreed, customary or self-initiative?	Special role?

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**Communities applying for the European Village Renewal Award as an Intercommunal association are additionally requested to provide the following information** *(this section is not applicable to individual villages and municipalities):*

Type of association:

Time of formation of the association:

Motivation and purpose of the association:

**A.6. Technical Infrastructure and Environmentally Relevant Data**

**Please provide information on how the tasks listed below are handled in your community.**

**Disposal of waste and wastewater:**

**Supply of drinking water:**

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

**Special measures for conservation of resources and reducing waste, wastewater, and energy consumption:**

**Provision of modern, high-performance information and communication infrastructure (broadband, mobile, cable/satellite, etc.):**

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**Integration into local/regional public transportation network:**

**Connections to long-distance public transportation (train, bus, etc.):**

**Connections to regional or higher-level roads:**

**Infrastructures to promote low-emission and resource-efficient individual and/or community-organized mobility:**

**Percentage development of traffic and settlement areas in the total area since the beginning of the development process:** (Please provide - if available - comparative data from neighboring municipalities/your region.)

Current settlement area (*in percentage*):

Settlement area at the beginning of the development process:

Explanatory notes and/or comparative values from the region:

**Are there specific measures to reduce land consumption?** (Please describe them in keywords.)

### A.7. Social welfare provision

Please specify the specific institutions in each area and tell us how the residents of your community have access to them (e.g., elementary school in the village itself, high school in the district town 10 km away...)

Kindergartens, schools and other educational institutions:

Care and nursing services:

Elderly and healthcare:

Health services:

Establishments and facilities in the areas of inclusion and integration:

Cultural institutions:

Other institutions for social welfare provision:



### A.9. Finances

Does your community have its own financial budget?

yes

no

Financial situation of the municipality:

Sources of income:

Other relevant information concerning the subject of finances:

## B. Description of development process

### B.1. Initial situation, start of the process, visions and goals

Please describe the initial situation (strengths, weaknesses, special events, or circumstances) in your community before the start of the development process. Explain when, at whose initiative, and – if applicable – within the framework of which regional or supra-regional programs the process was initiated. Explain the visions and specific goals for the development process (mission statement, etc.) and tell us, who was involved in its creation (*maximum 5,000 characters including spaces*).

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**B.2. Specific steps of implementation (projects, programs and activities)**

(Attention: Additional Forms!)

Please document on the "Lead Project 1-5" forms at least one and up to five leading projects that are particularly essential for the renewal process of your community. (The quality of the projects and their relevance for the development process are more important than the number.)

**Describe the project and specify,**

- who was responsible for the conception and planning, and who was responsible for the implementation,
- when the measure was initiated and over what time frame it extended,
- how the financing was carried out,
- what goal it aimed to achieve and what results were obtained,
- whether and in what form the citizens were involved in the project development and implementation,
- how the interaction and communication between citizens, politicians, and government representatives took place,
- whether and in what form collaborations with other communities or partners were established or existing networks were utilized,
- whether and in what form experts were involved,
- whether and in what form it was ensured, that the project was interconnected with other projects.

**Then assign the project to one or more of the following thematic areas:**

1. Ecology: Responsible use of resources in the sense of circular economy, use of renewable materials, generation of renewable energies; environmental and nature protection and strengthening of biodiversity; Climate protection and adaptation to climate change
2. Economy: Strengthening of location-compatible employment opportunities as well as environmentally friendly and climate-resilient agriculture and forestry; valorization of the cultural landscape and promotion of regional value chains
3. Society: Creation of modern social facilities, promotion of education and training, inclusion as well as health and medical care, strengthening of the public welfare and the participation of all generations, genders, nationalities and minorities in economic, social and cultural life
4. Ensuring sustainable and long-term affordable services of general interest in the areas of: local supply, mobility and communication infrastructure; Making use of the opportunities of digitization
5. Preservation, conversion and sustainable revitalization of the building stock as well as new construction with special attention to quality, resource conservation and local building culture; Preservation, contemporary development and design of cultural landscapes and of empty, agricultural and public spaces
6. Promotion of artistic commitment, sporting activities and high-quality leisure activities; Preservation, maintenance and further development of cultural heritage

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**Finally, evaluate the project from your perspective by describing**

- its impact on life in your community,
- what is done differently or newly in your community as a result of the project,
- insights and experiences gained during the project realization, that can benefit other communities as well.

**B.3. Selection of additional projects (*optional*)**

**Please provide additional outstanding projects that complement the overall picture of your community, if the described leading projects were not sufficient (*maximum 300 characters per additional project*).**

### C. Summary and future perspectives

Please provide a brief description, what has made the development process in your community unique. Give a portrait of your community in a few words. Try to describe how the special quality of life is reflected.

Additionally give us information about

- the specific challenges you anticipate facing in the future,
- the future projects you plan to implement as a result,
- what might be hindering factors and
- your visions for the future of your community. (*maximum total of 4,500 characters*).

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***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 2024 as well as the European Association for Rural Development and Village Renewal as a whole. Any and all submitted images may be used as well for the journalistic utilization of the European Village Renewal Award 2024. 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.

By signing this form, I confirm that all the information given within the form is correct.

*Please mark as applicable!*

Location, date

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Signature (*manually*)

or

Signature (*digitally*)

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