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REGIOSTARS Awards 2021

All you need to know about the application process

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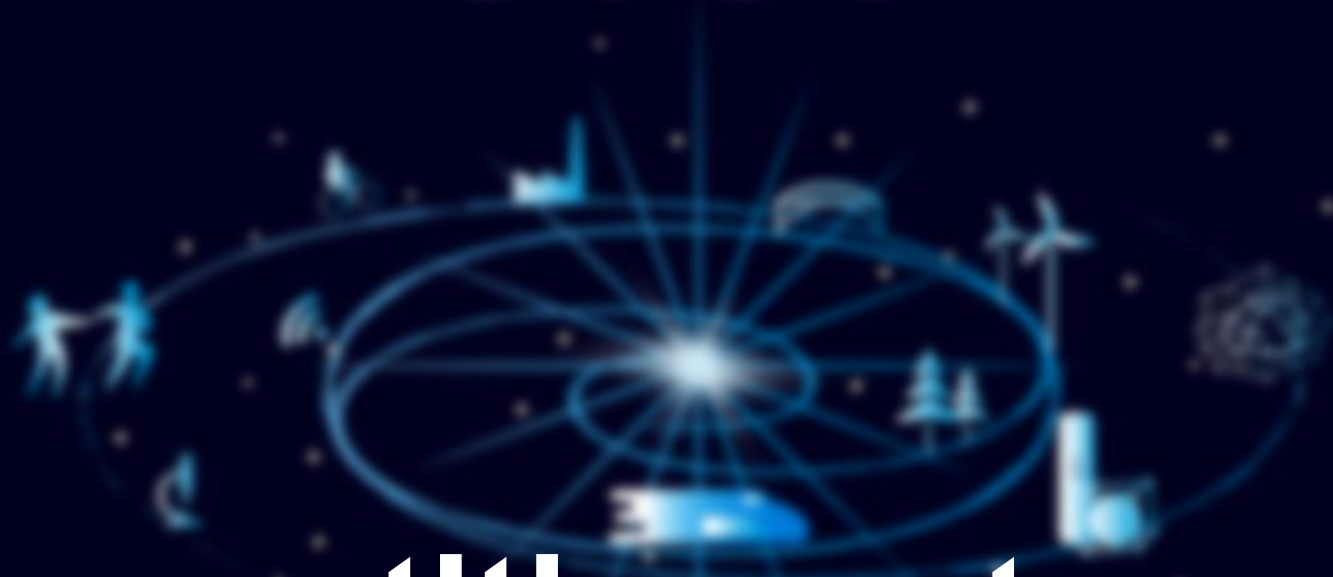
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- Applications to be submitted by **9 May 2021 23:59:59 CET**
- The jury meets in July
- **The finalists will be announced late August/early September**
- Finalists invited for a training (“Pitch your project” and “video editing”) as part of EU Regions Week 11-14 October
- Finalists requested to produce a video during September - October
- **Vote for the Public choice award: September to mid-November**
- Award ceremony with the announcement of winners to take place **2 December in Dubrovnik**

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Competition categories

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Five areas - crucial part of the EU's regional policy:

- **SMART Europe:** Increasing the competitiveness of local businesses in a digital world
- **GREEN Europe:** Green and resilient communities in urban and rural setting
- **FAIR Europe:** Fostering inclusion and anti-discrimination
- **URBAN Europe:** Promoting green, sustainable and circular food systems in functional urban areas
- **TOPIC OF THE YEAR:** Enhancing green mobility in the regions: European Year of Rail 2021

Category 1: SMART EUROPE

Increasing the competitiveness of local businesses in a digital world

- The EU committed to become a global digital player
- SMEs, as the backbone of EU economy, have a pivotal role in this



SMART EUROPE

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Increasing the competitiveness of local businesses in a digital world

We look for projects that demonstrate innovation in terms of:

- Reducing CO2 emissions with new business processes
- Contributing to relevant RIS 3
- Increasing presence in non-EU market
- Creating jobs in digital industries





Category 2: GREEN Europe

Green and resilient communities in urban and rural setting

- The European Green Deal as a path way to a sustainable transition:
 - a new growth strategy for a transformed, resource-efficient and competitive economy,
 - avoiding net emissions of greenhouse gases
 - decoupling economic growth from resource use,
 - no person and no place is left behind
- A key for meeting these targets: how we reconstruct our cities – buildings, settlements, blue and green spaces, transport and energy infrastructure networks

Category 2: GREEN Europe

Green and resilient communities in urban and rural setting

Projects should demonstrate innovation in terms of:

- reducing CO2 per year through energy efficiency in the built environment, including transport networks,
- increase energy efficiency in buildings
- contributing to climate change mitigation and adaptation
- Impacting positively on social inclusion and cohesion through green measures
- creating jobs in green industries



GREEN EUROPE

Category 3: **FAIR Europe** Fostering inclusion and anti- discrimination

- EU is taking huge efforts in combating discrimination of any kind and enhancing the equality of treatment of all Europeans, including gender equality, integration of migrants, and the accessibility for disabled persons
- We are looking for good projects that contribute to a more inclusive society at large, and nondiscrimination of any person.



Category 3: **FAIR Europe**

Fostering inclusion and anti-discrimination

Projects should demonstrate innovation in terms of:

- Fostering active inclusion of persons at risk of discrimination
- Easing the reintegration of disadvantaged persons in the labour market
- contributing to gender equality and diversity through management strategies
- creating jobs in course of integration work and anti-discrimination efforts





URBAN EUROPE

Category 4: URBAN Europe

Promoting green, sustainable and circular food systems in functional urban areas

- Resilient food systems are fundamentally important for biodiversity, natural resources and health.
- EU is committed to make food systems sustainable by identifying and implementing new opportunities for the operators in the food value chain.
- Farm to Fork Strategy: food safety, animal and plant health and effective internal market.
- Reduction of food waste at every stage of the value chain.
- European cities and their surroundings are leading urban food systems transformations.

Category 4: URBAN Europe

Promoting green, sustainable and circular food systems in functional urban areas

Projects should demonstrate innovation in terms of:

- fostering cooperation between urban and rural stakeholders
- contributing to the reduction of CO₂ emissions per year through food waste collection and green solutions in supply chain management
- impacting positively on rural or coastal communities in the urban functional area
- creating jobs in local food industries



EUROPEAN YEAR OF RAIL 2021



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Enhancing green mobility in the regions:
European Year of Rail 2021

- 2021 is the European Year of Rail, as it marks the first full year in which the rules agreed under the Fourth Railway Package will be implemented throughout the EU.
- Rail is the only mode of transport to have almost continuously reduced its CO2 emissions since 1990, at the same time as it increased transport volumes.

TOPIC OF THE YEAR

Enhancing green mobility in the regions: European Year of Rail 2021

Projects shall demonstrate innovation in terms of:

- impacting positively on local and regional mobility, in particular in areas that affect passengers directly
- contributing to regional mobility development plans
- reducing CO2 emissions per year through mobility measures
- enhancing multi-modality by linking rail solutions to other green mobility modes.



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Cross-cutting Criteria

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In an effort to bring Europe closer to the citizens the selection of projects will also consider **citizen engagement and empowerment strategies**, with a special attention paid to **youth involvement**.

The Regiostars Jury thus will examine projects against their **design and implementation** allowing for citizen's participation or allowing for bottom-up approaches that involve local communities.

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Eligibility Criteria

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- Application submitted via the online platform by **9 May 2021**, 23:59:59 CET.
- Applications must be in **one of the official EU languages**.
- Application includes an **endorsement letter of the managing authority**
- Application refers to a project, which has received EU co-financing from the **European Cohesion Policy Funds**, or a project which has received EU funding under Interreg IPA-CBC or Interreg ENI-CBC programmes, starting earliest at 1 January 2007.
- The project clearly **refers to one of the five award categories of 2021**.
- The project should be either **fully implemented or should be in a sufficiently mature state** for the jury to assess it

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Award Criteria

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- **Innovative character** of the project in the selected award category
- Good results and **impact of the project** in relation to its initial objectives and regional context
- **Financial sustainability** of the project
- **Transferability** and possibility to replicate the project in other regions, especially lesser developed ones
- Meaningful **citizen engagement & involvement** during its design and/or implementation with a special attention to young people

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Application Process

- Where to apply? <http://regiostarsawards.eu/>
- When to apply? Until 9 May 2021
- Who can apply? The application should refer to a project, which has received EU co-financing from the European Regional Development Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Social Fund, or a project which has received EU funding under Interreg IPA-CBC or Interreg ENI-CBC programmes, starting earliest at 1 January 2007.

Step 1 : Read the guide for applicants

Scroll down the Regiostars website to this section

Please read the [guide for applicants](#) carefully before submitting your project.
The information should preferably be provided in English, but can also be submitted in any other official EU language if necessary.

Click on “guide for applicants” and the guide in PDF format will be downloaded to your computer.



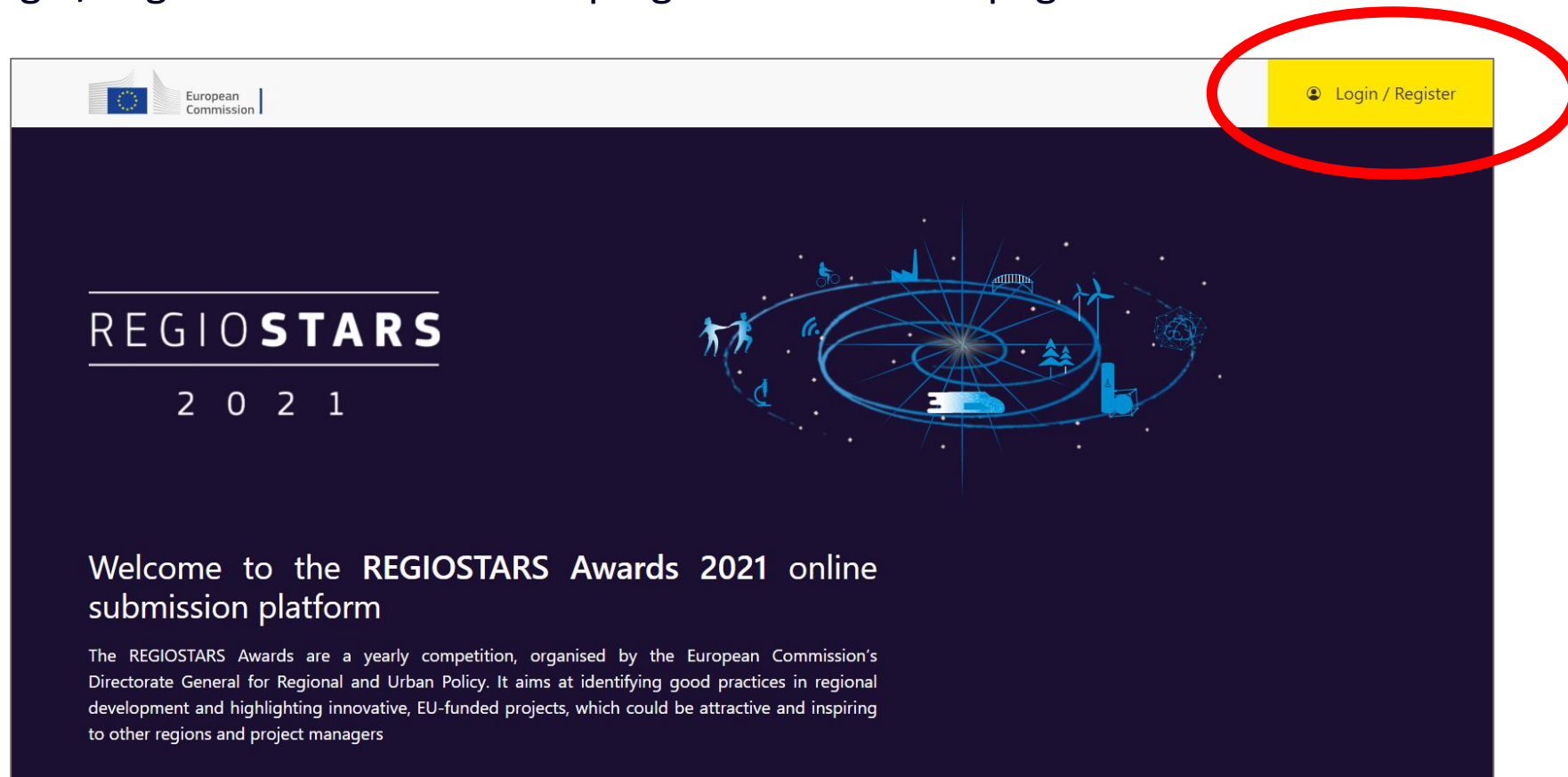
The guide includes all the relevant information regarding :

- Each award category
- The eligibility of a project
- The assessment criteria
- How to submit a project
- The role of the Managing Authority
- The different steps of the competition

Step 2 : Create a profile

If your project is eligible to the Regiostars Awards, create a profile to submit it.

Click on the “Login/Register” button in the top right corner of the page.



Step 2 : Create a profile

Log in

LOG IN **CREATE NEW ACCOUNT** RESET YOUR PASSWORD

Username *

Enter your REGIOSTARS username.

Password *

Enter the password that accompanies your username.

LOG IN



Create new account

LOG IN **CREATE NEW ACCOUNT** RESET YOUR PASSWORD

Email address *

A valid email address. All emails from the system will be sent to this address. The email address is not made public and will only be used if you wish to receive a new password or wish to receive certain news or notifications by email.

Username *

Several special characters are allowed, including space, period (.), hyphen (-), apostrophe ('), underscore (_), and the @ sign.

First name

Last name

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For the REGIOSTARS Awards 2021 - The Awards for Innovative Projects

1. OBJECTIVE

The objective of the REGIOSTARS Awards 2021 online submission platform, is to receive applications for the REGIOSTARS yearly competition and identify good practices in regional development and highlight innovative, EU-funded projects which could be attractive and inspiring to other regions and project managers.

Personal data related to REGIOSTARS Awards 2021 is processed under the responsibility of the European Commission's Directorate General for Regional and Urban Policy acting as Data Controller and in accordance with data protection rules as established by Regulation (EU) 2018/1725[1] of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data.

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CREATE NEW ACCOUNT

Confirmation message :

A welcome message with further instructions has been sent to your email address.



Step 2 : Create a profile

Dear applicant,

Your account for the REGIOSTARS Awards competition platform has been successfully created.

You may now log in by clicking this link or copying and pasting it into your browser:

<https://regiostarsawards.eu/user/reset/2814/1614688587/hdS2njIJB9dBsRJVO-6i452MgW-ntTJ3CPfvWDucloE>



This link can only be used once to log in and will lead you to a page where you can set your password.

After setting your password, you will be able to log in at <https://regiostarsawards.eu/user> in the future using:

username: Fatoumata_Sylla

password: Your password

Please do not answer to this email.

For any question, please send an email to contact@regiostarsawards.eu Apply now for the 2021 REGIOSTARS Awards by filling in the online application form: www.regiostarsawards.eu

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✓ You have just used your one-time login link. It is no longer necessary to use this link to log in. Please change your password.

Set password

This is a one-time login for *Fatoumata_Sylla*.

Click on this button to log in to the site and change your password.

This login can be used only once.

LOG IN

Email address *

f.sylla@teamwork.fr

A valid email address. All emails from the system will be sent to this address. The email address is not made public and will only be used if you wish to receive a new password or wish to receive certain news or notifications by email.

Password

Password strength:

Confirm password

Passwords match:

To change the current user password, enter the new password in both fields.

First name

Fatoumata

Last name

Sylla

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Workbench

Add new project

My account

Log out

Step 3 : Create your application

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Step 4 : Submit your application


1. Fill in the application form.
2. Save it as a draft until you are ready to submit it. Do not close the window if you have not received a confirmation message.

Your changes were saved.

3. Do not forget to include the endorsement document. The template is available at the bottom of the homepage.

↓ Downloads:

 [Application Form.doc \(104 KB\)](#)

 [Endorsement Document.doc \(52KB\)](#)

4. Submit your application. After submitting, you will not be able to modify the information.
5. You will be able to download a PDF file of your application after submitting.

Step 4 : Submit your application

Dear applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the REGIOSTARS Awards competition. Your application has been successfully submitted.

Applications will be examined by an independent jury taking into account the eligibility and award criteria.

Only applications which satisfy the first phase of the evaluation (eligibility) will be admitted to the second phase (pre-selection of finalists/awards by the jury).

We will inform you on the status of your application by the end of June 2021.

Please do not answer to this email.

Should you have additional questions, please don't hesitate to contact the REGIOSTARS secretariat at: contact@regiostarsawards.eu

Step 5 : Eligibility check

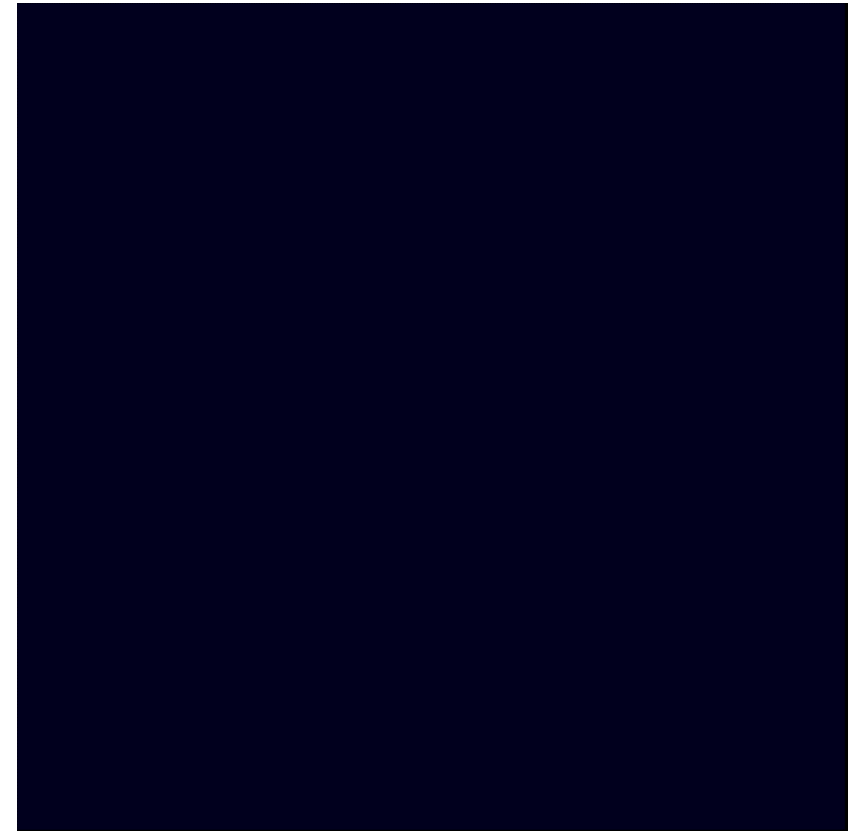
DG REGIO will review your application to confirm it matches the eligibility criteria for the Awards.

- If it does, your project will be sent for evaluation with the jury and displayed on the Regiostars Awards website for voting.
- If not, you will be contacted to gather additional information or to inform you of your ineligibility.

For any questions or need of assistance with the registration platform, send an email to contact@regiostarsawards.eu

Available Communication Materials

- Visuals to promote the Regiostars competition
 - Regiostars main visual
 - Regiostars animation
 - Categories 2021
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- Available at:
https://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/en/regio-stars-awards/



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Your Questions

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Looking forward to receiving your applications!

contact@regiostarsawards.eu

Thank you!

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