

The OpenCities App Challenge

1. Definition and basic requirements

The Open Cities App Challenge is a Pan-European open data competition lead by the Open Cities Consortium and seeking to recognize the best open data apps.

2. Submissions

a. The challenge will be open for submissions starting on February, 27 and finishing on June, 30 and participation is free and open to any app, on any platform.

b. Any app will be considered as long as it makes use of open data and a working prototype is available. Actual commercial availability at the time of submission is not required.

c. Submissions to the Open Cities App Challenge will take place through the AppCircus platform where the app will be profiled for dissemination and evaluation. A free membership to AppCircus will be required including acceptance of its Terms and Conditions.

c. Members can submit as many different Apps as they like. Any App participating in the OpenCities challenge is free to be presented in any other challenge or competition.

3. Evaluation

a. After the finalization of the submission period, 9 finalist applications will be selected by an independent jury, set up by the OpenCities consortium and properly announced on opencities.net based on the information included in the App profile on the Site.

b. The selection process will be based on the following criteria:

- Quality of User Interface / User Experience
- Solving a real user's need
- Originality, creativity and innovativeness
- Technical and operational feasibility
- Economic and financial sustainability
- Intensity of use of open data

c. An additional finalist will be selected via public voting on the Site

4. The final and prizes

a. The 10 Apps that have been selected as finalists will have 3 minutes in stage to present their App at the grand finale event, which will take place during the Smart Cities Expo on November, 2012 in Barcelona, Spain. Eventual travel and preparation is at the participant's own cost. At the end of this event, 1 final winner will be chosen as the "Best OpenCities App". Additionally, 2 honorary winners of "Best addressing city needs App" and "Best use of open data App" will be selected.

b. The final winner, "Best OpenCities App", will be awarded a prize of €3000. The two honorary winners will gain public recognition and promotion through the project channels.

5. Privacy

a. All the content and information provided in the context of the Open Cities App Challenge is subject to the protection stated in the AppCircus Terms and Conditions.

b. In order to operate the Challenge, dotopen will share the contact data of the participating members with the other consortium partners. All the Open Cities partners abide to use this data for the sole and exclusive purpose of communication with its participants for the better operation of the challenge.