First-Round Application Questionnaire

European City of Science 2026

Deadline: 31 December 2023, 23:59 CET
Application to be sent to: ecos@euroscience.org

Eligibility guidelines

● All text in response to the questionnaire must be provided in Calibri 11-pitch font.
● All responses provided as well as all annexes must be in English.
● The responses to questions 1 to 7 combined must not exceed a limit of 10 pages.
● The application questionnaire must be submitted as two separate files (one in editable format and another in PDF format). Both files must be identical in content.
● The annexes 1 to 3 listed below are mandatory and must be included in both files. Applicant cities may also submit additional annexes (e.g., additional letters of support) as they see fit, but the combined length of all annexes must not exceed a limit of 10 pages.
● Applicant cities may organise the presentation of their application, including a possible cover page, as they wish, but the order of responses to the questions must remain the same as that indicated in the questionnaire.
● All applications must include proof of payment of the 500 € application fee. The fee must be received by EuroScience before the first application deadline (31 December 2023).

All of the eligibility guidelines mentioned above, including the deadline, must be respected strictly. Applications violating one or more of the guidelines or submitted after the deadline will be considered ineligible.

In addition to the formal eligibility guidelines, the application should outline how the applicant city intends to integrate the key criteria for ECoS, as set out in the call for applications.

Please ensure that your application is clear and concise and that it responds to all of the questions included in the questionnaire. As this is only the first round of applications, please keep in mind that there will be room for further development of the proposal in greater detail later in the process.
Questionnaire (maximum 10 pages)

1. **The scientific ecosystem of your city**

Please introduce your city, the scientific and higher-education institutions in your city and how they are embedded in your urban life.

2. **Motivation and goals**

Please describe the motivation behind the application to become EcoS. The answers to this question may focus on:

- The reasons why your city wishes to take part in the competition to become an ECoS
- Building upon your past experiences and challenges and what your city wishes to achieve through the ECoS title. Please elaborate on your key goals, keeping in mind the importance of long-term legacy and the specific aspects you hope to change if your city is awarded the title
- How scientists and scientific institutions have been involved in defining the motivation and key goals of your application

3. **Structure and programme for the ECoS year**

Please present the vision of your city as future ECoS. The answers to this question may focus on:

- Which events will be included in the ECoS programme
- How citizens and researchers will take part in developing and implementing the programme
- How the programme will address European and global challenges and policies
- Which parts of the programme will attract broader European interest
- Possible involvement of communities from the area surrounding your city, and, if so, how

4. **Impact and long-term legacy**

Please describe the desired long-term impact and legacy that you intend for the ECoS title to have on your city. The answers should be coherently linked with the previous sections, notably in terms of motivation, key goals, and the proposed structure and programme. Emphasis on environmental sustainability should be included as well. The answers to this question may focus on:

- How the proposed programme will change the interaction between the city and its scientific community
- What the added value of the ECoS title awarded to your city will be for the European research landscape
- How your city will foster relationships across Europe, and for what purpose
- The legacy that you foresee five years after the ECoS year
- The monitoring and evaluation of the impact and legacy
5. **Management**

Please describe the governance, decision-making and implementation structures for the proposed ECoS programme. We recommend including diagrams and similar visual aids where relevant.

6. **Infrastructure**

Please describe your city’s capacity to host the ECoS in terms of infrastructure (venue(s), accommodation, transportation). You should make clear how this infrastructure will be used to support ECoS, especially during international meetings and events. The answers to this question may focus on:

- Options available from within your country and elsewhere in Europe to travel to your city
- Options for mobility within and around your city, including environmental sustainability and accessibility for persons with disabilities
- The city's capacity regarding accommodation for ECoS events, including affordability of accommodation available for young people

7. **Budgetary indications**

Please indicate an initial estimated budget for the full-year ECoS programme. The budget must be coherent with the programme proposed and other activities related to the preparation, implementation, and follow-up of ECoS. The budget should also include the application costs, as well as the trademark licence fee for the ECoS trademark. Please indicate, if possible, potential sources of funding.

**Annexes (maximum 10 pages)**

In addition to the answers to the questionnaire, the application must contain the following annexes:

**Annex 1:** A scan of the legal terms and conditions signed by an authorised representative of the applicant city.

**Annex 2:** A signed support agreement with a local scientific and/or higher-education institution

**Annex 3:** Proof of bank transfer of the application fee of 500 € to the EuroScience bank account (details provided below).

**Note:** additional annexes are optional and may be added, but the total size of all annexes is limited to a maximum of 10 pages (including Annex 1, Annex 2 and Annex 3).
EuroScience Bank Details

Please indicate in the remit of the application fee the following information: first-round application ECoS 2026 [Applicant city]. The details for the bank transfer are the following:

Account holder: EuroScience

Name and address of the bank: Credit Mutuel
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