

LIVING LABS EUROPE COMPETITION

LLEC: A competition for Europe's quarters

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and Climate Action

What is the LLEC?

The European competition that promotes the transformation of urban neighbourhoods towards climate neutrality. Interdisciplinary teams develop ideas for cities that are sustainable, inclusive, liveable and socially acceptable. Those ideas are implemented in Living Labs on site. Every year, the LLEC awards implementations that have the potential to move Europe forward.

Who participates?

Whether creative architects, committed residents, urban planners of real estate companies or responsible representatives of the local administration or public utility company: the teams develop holistic transformation concepts on site or present transformations they realized within the competition. The neighbourhoods function as Living Labs, as venues and experimental spaces.

What happens to the ideas?

From conceptualisation to construction to evaluation in the first phase of use: during the competition, the various phases of the transformation are discussed, presented and awarded. This creates best-practice examples with exemplary character that have an impact on the public.

What are the goals?

Europe decided on ambitious climate protection goals and, with initiatives such as the New European Bauhaus, initiated an overarching process of change. However, these can only be brought to life on the ground; in the member states, with the residents. They can create acceptance, drive the changes in their neighbourhoods with bundled expertise and make the transformation tangible.

Why a competition?

The format creates Europe-wide attention, for example through high-profile awards ceremonies and regional anchoring. Many multipliers will emerge from the teams. The excitement of the game increases the motivation of the participants. Their ideas gain radiance through direct implementation and motivate other neighbourhoods to enter the transformation path as well.

Who sets the rules?

The competition is an energy research initiative. Therefore, scientific criteria are developed for juries. Methods for calculation and measurement are subject to the approval of a European panel that will be formed for LLEC. The aim is for LLEC to reflect all phases of the transformation process.

What is the political background?

The project management organisation PtJ has developed a concept for the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action and submitted it to the European SET-Plan Working Group 5. The connection to the Driving Urban Transition Partnership is ensured and a cooperation with the New European Bauhaus is aspired.

More information: www.ptj.de/en/living-labs