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European Capital of Innovation Awards 2019 – learning session

Date: 20 March 2019 (14:00 – 15:30)

Venue: Brussels – InfoPoint Europa (Rue Archimède 1, 1000 Bruxelles)

With their capacity to connect people, places, public and private actors, urban areas are the **engines of economic growth and innovation in Europe**. Through their everyday activities, cities are advancing innovation, supporting business developments, and improving the lives of their citizens. By offering platforms for experimenting and engaging citizens at all levels of governance and stages of innovation, they ensure that their innovative outputs the best address problems of their inhabitants.

European Capital of Innovation Awards celebrates European cities that are **pushing the boundaries of innovation**. The prize identifies inclusive urban ecosystems that successfully translate their results into **improved wellbeing of citizens**. In particular, the award recognises the cities that are making the most to promote innovation in their communities by involving various actors, and especially citizens, in decision-making, and using innovation to improve the resiliency and sustainability of their cities.

With this award, the EU wishes to raise awareness about the benefits of urban **innovation 'with' and 'for' citizens**, supporting cities in addressing relevant **societal challenges**, and strengthening their **urban resilience**.

The 5th European Capital of Innovation Awards was launched by Carlos Moedas, Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation, with a video address at 'Athens: iCapital 2018' event in Athens on 20 February. The award generates high visibility for cities, in the form of renewed public interest and increased media coverage, and foresees six monetary prizes:

FIRST PRIZE

Nominated 2019 European
Capital of Innovation

€1 MILLION

5 RUNNERS-UP

Leading cities in experimentation and
citizen-driven innovation

€100,000 (EACH)

For more information, see the [iCapital website](#) and iCapital 2019 [Rules of Contest](#).

Objectives of the session:

1. Present the rationale, and dynamics, of this year's European Capital of Innovation Awards.
2. Listen to past winners tell of their journey to success, including their motivation to apply, how they approached the contest criteria, practical tips and tricks.
3. Open the floor for questions regarding this year's contest.

Event agenda:

13:45 – 14:00	<i>Registration</i>
14:00 – 14:15	Welcome & introduction to this year's contest iCapital Team
14:15 – 14:30	Presentation by Athens 2018 title holder
14:30 – 14:45	Presentation by Paris 2017 title holder
14:45 – 15:00	Presentation by Amsterdam 2016 title holder
15:00 – 15:15	Presentation of iKEN by Glasgow
15:15 – 15:30	Q&A All title holders

To attend the session, please register [here](#) by 18 March.

The event will be live-streamed.

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