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| **RegioStars 2016 – The Awards for Innovative Projects****APPLICATION FORM**  |

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| You can use this application form in Word format to prepare your application offline. However, applications should be submitted exclusively **online** through the RegioStars platform <http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/en/regio-stars-awards/>***Please read the Guide for applicants carefully before submitting your application.*** **The deadline for applications is April 15th, 2016****For enquiries regarding the application process, please contact** **regiostars2016@iservice-europa.eu** |

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| **Project title (max 100 characters):**  |

**Identify the award category for which this project is being submitted *(tick as appropriate)***

[ ]  **1) SMART GROWTH**: Emerging opportunities in the global economy

**[ ]  2) SUSTAINABLE GROWTH**: The Circular Economy

[ ]  **3) INCLUSIVE GROWTH**: Integrated living – building inclusive and non-segregated communities

[ ]  **4) CITYSTAR**: Innovative solutions for sustainable urban
 development

[ ]  **5) EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT:** Making a difference - managing differently

**SUMMARY OF INFORMATION**

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| 1. **Region:**

 **Member State:**  |
| 1. **which EU Fund supported the project:**

***(tick as appropriate)***[ ] European Regional Development Fund[ ]  Cohesion Fund[ ]  European Social Fund[ ]  Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA)[ ]  Technical Assistance (Category 5 only) |
| 1. **Programme Name:**

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| 1. **Start date of the project (mm/yy)**

**(***Starting date must be after 01-01-2008***)** **end date of the project: (mm/yy)** **Programming period:** [ ]  2007-2013 [ ]  2014-2020 |
| 1. **Funding sources of the project in euro**

**EU funds:** **National Public:** **National Private:**  **Total :**       |

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| 1. **Contact Details**
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| **Managing Authority (or National or Regional authority** **responsible for managing the relevant** **EU funded programme):**Managing Authority: Name and Surname of representative: Mr [ ]  Ms[ ]   Address: Town: Tel: (00) E-mail:      Social Media accounts: (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Pinterest, etc.):**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  |
| **Project management:**Name of the organisation: Name and Surname of Contact person: Mr [ ]  Ms[ ]  Address: Town:  Tel: (00)     E-mail:      Website: Social Media accounts: (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Pinterest, etc.): **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |

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| 1. **Description of the project**

**PLEASE NOTE: Your application will be the basis of the jury's assessment of your project; therefore, it is in your interest to provide a clear and comprehensive description of the project under the following headings.** |
| **7.1 Summary description** of the project. (maximum 2000 characters with spaces).GUIDANCE: Please keep in mind that your project description should be clearly related to the selected category.**7.2 Key objectives and how these have been met.***GUIDANCE: Projects should only be proposed where they are already completed or where there is already clear progress in reaching key objectives.***Key objectives :****1)** **2)****3)****….****Describe how they have been met:****1)** **2)****3)****….****7.3** What was the **strategic context** of the project? (maximum 2000 characters with spaces).*GUIDANCE: This may include references to the socio economic context, relevant national or regional strategies (e.g. urban development, smart specialisation, etc.) and references to synergies between EU and national programmes or schemes (e.g. EAFRD, EMFF, CIP/COSME, LIFE, FP56/7/Horizon 2020, MEDIA, Erasmus, EIT/KICs, other)***7.4** Highlight the **innovative character** of the project. (maximum 2000 characters with spaces).*GUIDANCE: The innovative character can be linked to technology, process, service or organisational innovations. It may also be that the activity is innovative in the particular territorial context.***7.5** What has been the **impact** of the project in the country, region, locality or urban area? What are the activities and results that can be attributed to the initiative, i.e. which would not have happened without it? Are there new (business) activities emerging from the project? (maximum 2000 characters with spaces).*GUIDANCE: It will clearly be easier for the Jury to appreciate the results / impacts of the project where there is quantified information on the key indicators related to the objectives. Other qualitative benefits can of course also be mentioned. It may also be shown through evidence that the knowledge acquired or lessons learned are being applied by other organisations or successor projects.***7.6** What is the **approach for ensuring financial sustainability** of the project after the end of the EU-financed support? (maximum 2000 characters with spaces).*GUIDANCE: Sustainability can be understood in terms of potential or realised self financing, private financing or the likelihood of securing further public support, e.g. for running and maintenance cost (depending on the nature of the projects). If not applicable (e.g. for Category 5), please indicate.* **7.7** Describe the **partnership** and how it worked**.** Is there an inter-regional dimension? (maximum 2000 characters with spaces).*GUIDANCE: Partnership can be important both in terms of influencing the design, ownership and implementation of the project but also in terms of accumulating learning and generating concensus on policy priorities***7.8** Is an evaluation or audit report available? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No No need to provide it at this stage. If one is available please summarise the main messages resulting from it.**7.9** Please attach **2-3 high resolution images** to your application.By submitting this form you agree that you are the copyright owner of these images and that they can be used by the European Commission for the purpose of promoting the RegioStars Awards and EU Regional Policy.**IMPORTANT** \* Winners will be contacted between July 2016 and September 2016 for the shooting of a promotional video on their project. Cooperation with the production company is required, as well as on-site presence during 2 days for filming between June and September.Non responsiveness or unavailability to co-operate with the production company can be a reason for the European Commission to retract the awarding decision at its own discretion and award the 1st prize to the runner-up in the category.\* Applications must be submitted by the relevant Managing Authority (national or regional) **OR** by the Project Management body, with the approval/endorsement of the Managing Authority. **In this case, please upload, together with your application, the e-mail or a scanned document from the Managing Authority stating this approval.**[ ]  By ticking this box, you declare that all the information provided in this form is factually correct and that the proposed project has not been proposed for the RegioStars Awards before and that it has not been subject to any type of investigation for irregularities or fraud. **Date and name of the person submitting the form:** |