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RULES AND CONDITIONS FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE 15TH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF EDUCATING CITIES

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Background:

The participation and involvement of citizens in local decision-making and community life is a priority for all educating cities. That is why local governments promote practices and activities aimed at providing the citizenry, young people and adults with the tools so that they can participate actively in democratic life and assume and exercise their rights and social responsibilities in the construction of fairer and more sustainable societies.

Along these lines, and with the aim of motivating and providing young generations with the tools for critical, active commitment and the opportunities to reflect on the future of their city, we are inviting young people in the member cities of the International Association of Educating Cities (IAEC) to actively participate in the 15th International Congress of the Association, which will take place in Cascais (Portugal) from **13 to 16 November 2018**.

The city of Cascais has been named 2018 European Youth Capital.

1) Introduction

This document sets down the criteria for the participation of young people in member cities of the International Association of Educating Cities at its 15th International Congress.

2) Registration

2.1) What is the total number of young people who can participate in the activity?

Up to a total of 70 young people can participate in the 15th International Congress of Educating Cities.

2.2) How many per city?

Each city can candidate a maximum of two young people.

3) Youth candidacies

3.1) How can you register?

The member cities of the International Association of Educating Cities can present a maximum number of two candidates for the Congress, preferably one boy and one girl, by filling out a registration form that will be provided in a timely way by the City Council of Cascais. The candidacies must be filed in English. The maximum number of cities will be selected from the candidacies on the basis of the following criteria:

- An essay written by the young people (see next section below)
- The geographic diversity of the candidate cities

3.2) Guidance for the selection of the young people to participate in the congress

Each city will be responsible for the selection of their candidates, based on the following criteria:

- Written and oral knowledge of English; given that the young people's workshops during the Congress will be in English.
- Presentation of an essay on the Theme of the Congress "The city belongs to its people", emphasising the "Participation of youth in the city life". **The essays can be about how to respond to a specific problem that affects young people or how to improve a project or service underway in the city that is addressed to youth.**

The essay cannot be longer than two pages, in Times New Roman font set at 11 and with 1.5 line space setting.

4) Costs

4.1) What costs will be borne by the City Council of Cascais?

Cascais will defray the following costs:

- a) Congress registration;
- b) Lodging at a youth residence (separate rooms for boys and girls)
- c) Meals during the Congress, including breakfast, lunch and dinner.

4.2) What expenses and commitments must be borne by the cities whose young people are selected to participate in the program?

Each city must bear the following expenses: trip to Cascais, transfer to and from the airport; civil liability and health insurance policy (the European Health Card for Young People in the EU will be valid).

Any other expenses will be borne by the participants or their cities.

5) Eligibility

5.1) What is the age requirement for participants in the Congress?

They must be between 18 and 24 years old.

6) Activities

6.1) What activities can the young people take part at the International Congress of Educating Cities?

The idea is that they have their own time to work as well as time with the rest of the participants at the Congress.

Based on the theme of the Congress “The city belongs to its people”, the youths will be able to participate in 3 workshops, with the following themes:

- Plank 1: Reconfiguration of the city based on people, their needs and aspirations;
- Plank 2: Living together and the feeling of belonging;
- Plank 3: The city for its people and their life projects.

The young people will also have the chance to go on study tours of Cascais projects organized along the lines of the Congress, as well as the possibility of participating in lectures and different thematic round tables.

At the end of the Congress the young people will present the results of their work in the workshops in a plenary session, for the entire audience of the 15th Congress.

6.2) What follow up work after the Congress can the young people do in their cities?

The idea is that the young people from the different cities meet in order to discuss/think about how they can build a better Educating City. Through this participation we will try to: improve communication between young people and their politicians, giving rise to creating new projects impacting their cities, as well as fostering friendly relations amongst the participants, which, in the future, could generate projects amongst young people in different cities.

7) Schedule

Launch of the invitation to all the cities in the IAEC.	January 2018
Deadline for the filing of candidacies by the cities.	10 April 2018
The organizing Committee notifies the cities of the candidates chosen.	10 May 2018
Registration deadline.	1 July 2018
Acceptance of new candidacies for the waiting list and notification to the cities.	10 July 2018
Reconfirmation of attendance and delivery of the final program to the participants.	28 September 2018

Final Note

All matters, regarding the selection of the young people, which have not been specified in this document, will be handled by the Congress's Scientific Committee.

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