

## A. General Provisions

1. Public and private developers are eligible to apply.

The “Lebendige Stadt” Foundation is looking for neighborhoods and buildings that exemplify best practices in sustainable construction, distinguishing themselves through intelligent planning, innovative solutions, and affordable concepts. The focus is on low-emission, energy-efficient, renewable energy-powered, economical properties and neighborhoods from private or public developers or property owners that have already been completed. The foundation wants to evaluate flagship projects according to ESG standards, separately for public and private buildings.

2. Application documents can only be submitted online on the Foundation’s website at [www.lebendige-stadt.de/stiftungspreis2026](http://www.lebendige-stadt.de/stiftungspreis2026). The specified content limits must not be exceeded.
3. The following documents must be submitted online (please do not send by post):
  - a. Fully completed application forms.
  - b. Up to five visualizations/images/aerial photos (including usage rights) that may be used for documentation and press work.
  - c. If available, a before/after comparison.
4. Applications will be made available to the jury. Documentation of the competition is planned; therefore, the Foundation reserves the right to publish the applications.
5. For questions, please contact: [stiftungspreis@lebendige-stadt.de](mailto:stiftungspreis@lebendige-stadt.de)

## B. Required Documents

Please submit your application along with any attachments **exclusively online** ([stiftungspreis@lebendige-stadt.de](mailto:stiftungspreis@lebendige-stadt.de)).

## C. Submission of Documents

The submission deadline is **April 30, 2026**.

## D. Jury Decision and Awarding of the Prize

1. The submitted documents will be pre-reviewed by the “**Lebendige Stadt**” **Foundation**, and a shortlist will be prepared for the independent jury. The jury will be presented with the complete applications that are eligible for an award.
2. A jury of experts will convene once in the summer of 2026 to decide on the admissibility of the applications and to determine the prize winners.
3. In addition to awarding the foundation prize of €15,000, the expert jury may also recognize applications that made the shortlist with a special acknowledgment in the form of a certificate. Any potential sharing of the prize must be justified by plausible reasons.

4. The expert jury will provide a written statement explaining its decision. Beyond this, it will not issue any further communication and will not comment on non-awarded applications, neither to applicants nor to the public. The jury's decision on the award is final and legally binding.
5. The prize ceremony will take place during the **Climate Congress on November 16, 2026**, at the **EUREF Campus in Düsseldorf**.

Hamburg, March 2026

The Board of the  
"Lebendige Stadt" Foundation