

# Pretty unvacant

Rules of the call.

## Descriptive title:

### Call for the best European vacant building revitalised in collaboration with citizens

Do you manage or use a previously vacant building that has been revitalised in collaboration with citizens? Let others know about it!

It's simple. Provide basic information in the application form and attach 2 photos of the building.

## Who is it for?

We are looking for buildings in public ownership and managed or used by diverse actors, e.g. NGO's, civic organisations, communities or initiatives. Applicant is either the public owner or manager of the building.

## Why apply?

Participation in the call will help you communicating your case to international audience. Particularly the winning case will be presented to the international audience via different channels.

## Award

The photo of the building winning this call will be put on the front page of the *Compendium of best practises of new uses of previously vacant buildings in public ownership*. The winning case will be presented as first among other cases in the respective *Compendium*. The winning case will also be promoted on various websites with EU coverage (websites and blogs dealing with urban matters, partner websites, project website, in the URBACT community and other). Several other cases taking part in this call will be presented in the compendium that will be available in an e-version and promoted online.

In short, the call does not offer financial awards, but promotes the good practice instead.

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## How to apply?

The application has two parts: *photos* and *narrative*.

### 1. Photos

Please send us two photos of the case you would like to apply with.

- The first one must illustrate the state of the building before the revitalisation took place.
- The second must illustrate the building after the revitalisation took place. Each sent photo should not be larger than 2 megabytes.

### 2. Narrative

Please write down the narrative of the revitalisation process in one or two paragraphs. The points listed below should guide your narrative (max. 300 words).

(This text will later be published on the call website in order to promote your case.)

- Location of the building.
- When did the revitalisation process and new use start?
- Who was the initiator; the manager, the owner or citizens – expand on the role of all three stakeholder groups in the process of revitalisation.
- Describe the content that the building provides since it has been revitalised.
- How is the building managed?
- What are the plans in terms of the future development of the building?
- Links with more information (preferably in English).

## Who pays for the call?

This call is a part of the project\* called **New Ideas For Old Buildings** (NIFOB) – a project which focuses on improving public property management to help municipalities increase the real estate occupancy by public participation. It has been co-funded by the Europe for Citizens Programme of the EU. More information on the project available here (<http://newideasforoldbuildings.eu/project/>).

Lead partner of the NIFOB project is Municipality of Ajdovščina, while other partners are: Expeditio (ME), Green Istria (HR), Institute for Spatial Policies – IPoP (SI), kitev (DE), Municipality of Maribor (SI), Municipality of Nikšić (ME), MikroArt (Ministry of space) (RS), Municipality of Oberhausen (DE), Urban Institute (LV).

## Who organises the call?

Institute for Spatial Policies – IPoP, a non-governmental, consulting, and research organisation in the field of sustainable spatial and urban development in cooperation with the project partners.

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## Selection of the winner

An international expert panel consisting of architects, planners, urban sociologists, geographers and urban activists will select the winner. The selection of the winner will be grounded on the estimated potential that each case has for the promotion of revitalisation of vacant public buildings in collaboration with citizens.

[See the application available in the separate document. Here is an example.](#)

**Send the application to Insitute for Spatial Policies at: [info.nifob@gmail.com](mailto:info.nifob@gmail.com), before 15. 6. 2017.**

**Name the file with the name of the application – first row of this application (e.g. Community-Centre-Savsko-naselje.docx)**

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