



## PROJECT PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM FOR PARTNER SEARCH

<b>A.1</b>	<b><i>Name of the organization</i></b>	Comune Artena- Artena Municipality
<b>A.2</b>	<b><i>Profile of the organisation [main area of intervention, past experience, information on main activities carried out]</i></b>	<p>The municipality di Artena is an Italian municipality of 13.654 inhabitants in the metropolitan city of Rome Capital. The city of Artena is located 35 km south of Rome. It is the first town in the Lepini Mountains and overlooks the three valleys below: the Sacco River Valley; the valley that slopes down to the sea; and the plain before the Castelli Romani. It has a rich history deeply intertwined with the development of the surrounding area. Artena's urban and social landscape has undergone significant transformation and has witnessed its rapid growth fueled by its strategic proximity to Rome and Latina.</p> <p>As the local government authority, the Comune of Artena is responsible for a wide range of services and initiatives aimed at enhancing the quality of life for its citizens. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Urban planning and development: Ensuring sustainable growth and managing infrastructure like roads, parks, and public spaces.</li><li>• Public services: Providing essential services like water, sanitation, waste management, and public transportation.</li><li>• Social programs: Supporting vulnerable populations through social assistance, healthcare, and educational programs.</li><li>• Cultural initiatives: Promoting cultural heritage, arts, and community events.</li><li>• Economic development: Fostering local businesses and attracting investment opportunities.</li></ul> <p>Today, Artena presents a multifaceted geography marked by diverse residential areas, green spaces, and historical reminders. The Municipality has a rich history a vibrant cultural scene that reflects its vibrant social fabric characterized by intercultural exchange and community initiatives. Artena boasts a diverse and dynamic population, with residents originating from various regions of Italy and abroad.</p> <p>While not as expansive as larger cities, Artena prioritizes cultural events and initiatives that foster a sense of community and artistic expression in part through the enhancement of its wealth of artistic and architectural heritage.</p> <p>Key highlights of Artena's cultural offerings include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Promoting local artists and traditions: Artena actively supports local artists through various initiatives, including</li></ul>



		<p>exhibitions, workshops, and festivals. Traditional folklore plays a significant role in cultural events, celebrating the town's roots and heritage.</p> <p>Artena also offers a range of artistic events and festivals for residents to enjoy such as the Processione della Madonna della Grazie, which has been held continuously since 1731 every year on the Saturday before the third Sunday in May. Madonna della Grazie in Artena has been venerated in the town since the 15th century, when the Statue of Madonna della Grazie was found. Another event is the Palio delle Contrade, which is celebrated every second Saturday in August. The event opens with a historical parade through the streets of the ancient village to the Villa Borghese Park, where the 20 competitions based on ancient traditions are held among the ten contrade of Artena.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Historical and cultural landmarks: Artena possess ancient monuments; several significant landmarks offer glimpses into its ancient history. The Palazzo Borghese majestic 17th-century building whose present form is due to the radical makeover commissioned by Scipione Borghese. Inside, the recently laid-out monumental garden is open for visits. The Borghese Arch, a monumental arch built by Scipione Borghese on the main access road to the town and recently restored. Ex Granaio Borghese, a rectangular building raised from the street front built by the Borghese family in the 18th century. Restored it is home to the Roger Lambrechts Archaeological Museum and the Council Chamber.</li><li>• Accessible cultural spaces: Committed to ensuring cultural engagement for all, Artena provides accessible cultural spaces like the Municipality Library, established in 1994. The Library covers about 200 square meters, and is also accessible to people with disabilities. It features 6 workstations, and a reading room for 20 people. The Municipal Library contains over 15,000 volumes, many of which are children's and young people's literature.</li><li>• Collaboration and partnerships: Artena actively collaborates with local associations, cultural institutions, and neighboring municipalities to organize joint events and expand its cultural offerings.</li></ul>
<b>A.3</b>	<b><i>Previous experience in European projects [name, what programme, brief description].</i></b>	<p>The Municipality of Artena, embracing democratic principles and maintaining a nonpartisan stance, operates on a non-profit basis with the aim of promoting cultural development and support. It seeks to enhance its historical and cultural heritage, fostering its appreciation in Italy and abroad. The effort is free from spatial, temporal or stylistic discrimination, and aims to promote and make its artistic cultural heritage accessible, while also encouraging the production of local artists.</p> <p>In addition, the city undertakes initiatives and services that not only enhance the arts, but also extend to other cultural areas, including tourism and entertainment. The goal is to meet the aspirations of the community by promoting a holistic cultural experience. At the same time, the municipality takes an active role in the protection and enhancement of nature, advocating a responsible and environmentally conscious approach.</p>



		In the pursuit of these objectives, the Municipality concentrates on enhancing the professional, social, and artistic qualifications of its community members while expanding its influence geographically.
<b>B.1</b>	<b><i>Call for which you are applying</i></b>	Town Twinning (CERV-2025-CITIZENS-TOWN-TT)
<b>B.2</b>	<b><i>Name of the project</i></b>	
<b>B.3</b>	<b><i>Project's objectives</i></b>	<p>Artena Municipality could contribute with its wealth of expertise under these specific priorities: <i>solidarity between its citizens across generation; improving citizens' democratic participation through cultural activities.</i></p> <p>Artena is committed to promoting intercultural dialogue by bringing people of different backgrounds together and giving them the opportunity to participate in common activities. In this context, participation in a Town Twinning project will raise awareness of the social and cultural richness of Artena's cultural environment and promote exchange with other European cities, contributing to a respectful, dynamic and multifaceted European community.</p> <p>Project objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Exchange good NEB practices: To share experiences and methodologies for the implementation of the principles of sustainability, inclusion and beauty in public spaces and in the daily life of local communities</li> <li>● Enhancement of active participation of young people: to promote participatory spaces dedicated to the youngest, through the co-design of initiatives for the regeneration and enhancement of public spaces in their communities.</li> <li>● Fostering a European sense of ownership through the development of NEB-inspired joint project ideas applicable to local contexts and capable of generating concrete positive impact and rethinking urban spaces</li> </ul>
<b>B.4</b>	<b><i>Main activities to be implemented</i></b>	<p>For the realization of the above-mentioned purposes, the Municipality aims to implement the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Startup meeting in Artena: an inaugural meeting with citizens, delegation from partner cities, representatives of civil society and institutions.</li> <li>○ Participatory workshops to identify local challenges and opportunities related to the key themes of the New European Bauhaus:</li> <li>● Meeting in the Partner City: "Co-creating Sustainable Cities" to establish concrete transnational synergies inspired by the principles of the New European Bauhaus (sustainability, inclusion and beauty).</li> <li>○ Exchange of experiences and visits to NEB-inspired or similar projects in the partner city that have developed similar initiatives or accredited NEB experiences. The visits</li> </ul>



		<p>will allow for analysis of implemented projects and discussion of the solutions adopted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>workshops for young people to promote intercultural dialogue and knowledge of each other's traditions. it is intended to stimulate the creativity of young people for the enhancement of public spaces in their communities</li> <li>Final dissemination event involving the following activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation of the results of the co-creation workshops.</li> <li>Discussion on the future of the collaboration and possible implementation of the ideas generated.</li> <li>Creation of a NEB Twinning Manifesto or good practice guide.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>B.5</b>	<b><i>Place of activities' implementation</i></b>	Italy; EU countries; countries associated with the programme
<b>C.1</b>	<b><i>Consortium partners</i></b>	Artena Municipality- Applicant
<b>C.2</b>	<b><i>Required partner profile [type, country of origin, any other information required]</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>non-profit organisations representing local authorities.</li> <li>Local public bodies</li> <li>Public authorities</li> </ul>
<b>C.3</b>	<b><i>Project activities required of the potential partner</i></b>	
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