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UNESCO Creative Cities Network announces a call for applications from cities which wish to be considered for the Creative Cities designation in 2014. Creative Cities Network is an international network of creative cities, working together towards a common mission for cultural diversity and sustainable urban development.

There are currently 41 member cities around the world in seven creative industry fields.

- Literature: Edinburgh, Melbourne, Iowa City, Dublin, Reykjavik, Norwich and Krakow
- Film: Bradford and Sydney
- Music: Seville, Bologna, Glasgow, Ghent, Bogota and Brazzaville
- Crafts and Folk Art: Santa Fe, Aswan, Kanazawa, Icheon, Hangzhou, Fabriano and Paducah
- Design: Buenos Aires, Berlin, Montréal, Nagoya, Kobe, Shenzhen, Shanghai, Seoul, Saint-Étienne, Graz and Beijing
- Media Arts: Lyon, Fashion Inc. Paris and Sapporo
Member cities are recognised as:

- "Creative hubs" that promote socio-economic and cultural development in both the developed and the developing world through creative industries
- "Socio-cultural clusters" connecting socio-culturally diverse communities to create a healthy urban environment.

The Network aims at developing international cooperation among cities and encouraging them to drive joint development partnerships in line with UNESCO’s global priorities of “culture and development” and “sustainable development”.

Once a city is appointed to the Network, it can share experiences and create new opportunities with other cities on a global platform, notably for activities based on the notions of creative economy and creative tourism (PDF).

Before submitting an application, please consult the Nomination Procedures and the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page. An Applicant’s Handbook is also available to further assist with your application.

The deadline for the receipt of applications by UNESCO Secretariat is fixed and closes at noon (CET), 20 March 2014. Applications received after this date will not be considered.
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