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The 2018 Transformative Action Award is now open. The competition rewards current or concluded actions that use the pathways of the [Basque Declaration](#) related to three categories: socio-cultural transformation, socio-economic transformation and technological transformation.

The Basque Declaration was adopted in Bilbao in April 2016 with the presence of Markku Markkula, former CoR president and now first vice-president.

The Basque Declaration includes 15 pathways to meet current economic, environmental and social challenges through the implementation of sustainable solutions that create value for local populations, be that through clean energy systems, low-emission mobility patterns or projects targeting biodiversity protection.

The competition is open to any local or regional authority and civil society organisation located in an EU Member State, EEA country or EU candidate or accession country that has endorsed the Basque Declaration. The applicant must be behind the implementation of a Transformative Action which must have been in place for at least three months, but no longer than five years, at the time of submission.

With the presence of **President Karl-Heinz Lambertz** and the **chair of the ENVE commission Cor Lamers**, [the CoR hosted the 2017 ceremony of the Transformative Action Award on 22 November.](#)

“The Transformative Action Award celebrates the ambition of cities and municipalities to create sustainable communities. It sends a clear message that local democracy and citizen engagement are the driving force for a sustainable future”, said **President Lambertz**.

Cor Lamers (NL/EPP) is once again part of the jury for this 2018 edition. “The Transformative Action Award gives Europe-wide recognition to cities that are leading the way in terms of sustainability. Actions that reduce our environmental impact are urgently needed and this initiative is an invaluable tool to make those actions happen”, says the Mayor of Sheridan.

The award is organised by ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability, the Basque Country and the City of Aalborg (Denmark) and has the support of the European Committee of the Regions. EU’s assembly of local and regional authorities will host the award ceremony on 22 November 2018.

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TIMELINE

Submission opens: 28 February 2018

Closing date: 30 June 2018

Shortlisted candidates revealed: September 2018

Transformative Action Award ceremony:

November 2018