



FORM BEST PRACTICES CONTEST 2025

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Name project

FOÇA AKADEMİ (FOCA ACADEMY)

Category Certification Criteria: mark the category of your project

- ☐ Energy and environmental policies (politiche energetiche e ambientali);
- ☐ Infrastructure policies (politiche infrastrutturali);
- ☐ Quality of urban life policies (politiche per la qualità urbana);
- ☒ **Agricultural, touristic and artisan policies (politiche agricole, turistiche, artigianali);**
- ☒ **Policies for hospitality, awareness and training (politiche per l'ospitalità, la consapevolezza e la formazione);**
- ☒ **Social cohesion (coesione sociale).**

Summary project

Foça Academy is an initiative designed to bring together artists and scientists living in Foça, enriched by experience-based and knowledge-oriented contributions. Its main objective is to preserve and transfer Foça's historical, cultural, and intellectual heritage to present and future generations. The academy develops community-focused, collaborative, and interdisciplinary projects in culture, art, and science.

Goal project

To evaluate and develop Foça's cultural, artistic, and scientific potential;
To promote knowledge sharing and create a multidisciplinary, inclusive environment that strengthens Foça's identity as a vibrant hub for culture, science, and art.
Also, to increase participation of local people and youth in cultural production and provide sustainable contributions in tourism and local development.

Result project

Establishment of thematic working groups and executive board
Development of projects in areas such as culture, science, environment, tourism, and entrepreneurship
Organization of public events (conferences, exhibitions, festivals) in cooperation with local stakeholders
Increased community engagement in cultural and scientific activities
Strategic planning to support Foça's intellectual and cultural growth



Finance (costs and benefits)

The project is coordinated by Foça Municipality and supported by local NGOs and volunteers. The benefits include cultural development, improved social cohesion, and strengthened local tourism and economy.

Staff (staff involved and use of time)

Foça Academy works with academics, artists, writers, engineers, environmentalists, tourism professionals, and local volunteers.

The academy operates through thematic working groups:

- Culture / Art
- Science / Technology
- Environment / Urban Development
- Tourism
- Local Economy / Entrepreneurship

The executive board evaluates and schedules projects through regular meetings.

Additional information (if necessarily)

The Academy is founded on principles of merit, collaboration, transparency, and accessibility. It functions as an open platform for research, consulting, event coordination, and information sharing.

Project outputs and progress are documented and communicated transparently to the public.

Link website
(if available)

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