UrbanA Arena application information sheet

UrbanA Arena participants

We invite people from all types of backgrounds to apply as participants: activists, policy-makers, academics, entrepreneurs, researchers, intellectuals, members of local or translocal activists platforms, etc. As the events and communications within UrbanA are held primarily in English, you should have a good knowledge of English.

Since the second UrbanA Arena will be held entirely online (due to the current ongoing pandemic), you should also ensure a good internet connection during those 2 days of online conversations.

As an UrbanA Arena participant you commit to participating in the UrbanA online Arena in Barcelona.

Other participants in the Barcelona Arena will consist of members of the UrbanA project team; 25 UrbanA fellows who were part of our first UrbanA Arena, in Rotterdam, and are committed to attending all 4 Arena events (for more information, see https://urban-arena.eu/people/); and 12-15 additional invitees.

Application process

The application deadline is April 30th, 2020. Your application will be reviewed based on our selection criteria and you will be notified/-contacted via email regarding your acceptance before the end of April. If you are accepted, you will need to respond with a confirmation.

Selection criteria

We strive to create a highly diverse group of UrbanA Fellows and UrbanA Arena participants. We aim to maximise the diversity of participants and place extra effort into engaging groups that are usually under-represented in processes of
urban planning and urban governance in order to avoid reproducing existing patterns of exclusion and marginalization.

Therefore, the UrbanA Consortium will select applicants considering the following diversity criteria:

- Diverse type of institution and organisation
- Diverse area of work and professional background
- Gender balance
- Geographical diversity
- Knowledge & experience
- Age

Additionally, in the registration form we ask questions about individual characteristics (e.g. level of contribution and of interest, commitment, expertise etc.) which will be used to assess and select applicants.

You can find more in-depth information in the UrbanA Arena design guidelines (chapter 3). If you have any additional questions about the registration process or about UrbanA in general, you can reach us through the contact form on our website.