



AIVP PRIZE
Antoine Rufenacht

2026 EDITION

Application form

Requirements

Before submitting their projects, applicants are invited to read the AIVP Prize Antoine Rufenacht's technical documentation to ensure they meet all the requirements to apply.

The call for applications is open from the 2nd of March 2026 to the 21st of August 2026.

To be valid, the application must be

- Submitted in English.
- Fully completed (all the questions are required).
- Signed by the official representative of the entity who applied.
- Transmitted before the 21st of August 2026 at midnight.

Submission process

Applications should be submitted in English by the organization(s), port and/or local or regional authorities, who is/are entitled to represent the project.

Submission files should be sent by email to submission@aivp-rufenacht-prize.org.

Applicants should indicate in the subject line of the e-mail: *AIVP Prize – submission – name of the entity that applied.*

An acknowledgment of receipt will be sent to applicants. If you don't receive it, contact Lucile Audièvre at contact@aivp-rufenacht-prize.org and indicate in the subject line of the e-mail: *AIVP Prize – problem submission – name of the entity that applied.*

Applicants will be informed of the eligibility of their project for the AIVP Prize Antoine Rufenacht, no later than one week after their submission.

For any additional questions related to your submission, please contact Lucile Audièvre at contact@aivp-rufenacht-prize.org.

- I read the technical documentation of the AIVP Prize Antoine Rufenacht, and I confirm that I understand all the prize's requirements
- I confirm that I am an authorized representative of the entity eligible to submit this application
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Basic information

This part of the application aims to evaluate if the applicant's project meets all the main criteria to apply and if it can enter the official selection.

This information could also be used by the AIVP Prize Antoine Rufenacht team for communication purposes.

1. Application title:

2. You apply in the name of (checkboxes) :

A local or a regional authority

Port Authority

Both a port and a local or regional authority

3. Name of the entity:

4. Provide a short, appealing description of the entity you represent **(100 max words)**

5. Where is your project implemented?

City:	Region:	Country:
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6. When did your project start?

7. When was your project finished?

8. What was the global cost of your project?

9. How was the project financed? (indicate the main funders and the distribution between them)

10. If you worked with one or several architects, a landscape architect, or an urbanist to design your project, indicate their names:

11. Provide a short description of your project *(100 max words)*.

12. Indicate how your project is part of the development strategy of the port-city (200 max words)



Contact information

This part of the application will allow the AIVP Prize Antoine Rufenacht team to identify the key contact of the applicant entity.

1. Official representative (person who will receive the Prize in case of winning)

First Name:	Last Name:
Position:	
Phone:	E-mail:
Address:	
County:	State:
Region:	Country:

In the case you apply in the name of both a port and a local or regional authority, indicate the contact information of the second official representative.

2. Official representative *(person who will receive the Prize in case of winning)*

First Name:	Last Name:
Position:	
Phone:	E-mail:
Address:	
County:	State:
Region:	Country:

3. Technical contact *(person who will be the applicant's key contact for the AIVP Prize Antoine Rufenacht team)*

First Name:	Last Name:
Position:	
Phone:	E-mail:
Address:	
County:	State:
Region:	Country:



Project description

This part of the application form will be the basis for the Experts panel and the Grand jury to assess your project; therefore, it is in your best interest to provide a clear and comprehensive description of the project under the following headings and in accordance with the evaluation criteria contained in the Prize's technical document.

1. Describe the context of your project by highlighting why it was needed, and the main challenges addressed: **(300 max words)**

2. Describe the final results of your project by highlighting its key features. Explain how it concretely contributes to improving the port-city relationship. Specify whether these contributions are spatial, institutional, social, or economic **(300 max words)**

3. Explain the development process and governance structure of your project, including planning, decision-making, implementation, and the involvement of local communities. *(400 max words)*

4. Describe qualitative and, where available, quantitative impacts of your project as well as the lessons learned *(400 max words)*

5. Explain the originality of your project and its innovative characteristics, reflecting on individual goals of the Agenda 2030 by AIVP. Provide a short description for each of the goals **only if a clear relation with your project can be established** (150 words max per selected goal)

Goal 1: Climate Change Adaptation

Preparing port cities for the consequences of climate change

Goal 2: Energy Transition & Circular Economy

Developing innovative, sustainable energy and industry for port city territories

Goal 3: Sustainable mobility

Finding new mobility connecting the city and the port

Goal 4: Renew governance

Using innovative governance for sustainable port cities

Goal 5: Investing in human capital

Preparing port cities for the consequences of climate change

Goal 6: Port Culture & Identity

Local port identity as a key asset for sustainable relationship

Goal 7: Quality food for all

Port cities are crucial for sustainable food distribution

Goal 8: Port City Interface

Port city interface is a resource to mix different programs

Goal 9: Health & Life quality

Having good living conditions is a priority for the port city

Goal 10: Protecting biodiversity

Port city biodiversity must be preserved and protected

Supporting documents

To be valid, *your application must include the required documents.*

1. Please ensure that you provide, in addition to this application form, the following documents:

A map that indicates the location and the perimeter of the project (*attached document*)

A masterplan and visualization of the project (*attached document*)

5 to 6 key pictures of the realized project (*attached document*)

A timeline or a process chart indicating the main steps of your project from its design to its implementation

Minimum 2 and maximum 6 pictures of the site before the project

Optional: applicants are also invited to provide any additional documents they consider relevant to present their project, such as letters of support from the port authority, the local authority, or other institutions, press articles, etc. Their number should remain limited to the most relevant.

2. Please indicate below the list of additional documents you would like to submit:

 Validation

I confirm the information contained in this application is true and accurate

I agree with the Prize regulations and I am aware that if my project is selected as a finalist I'll have to attend, at my own cost, the Grand jury meeting in Dunkirk (France) the 2nd and 3rd of November 2026 and the AIVP World Conference in Dunkirk (France) from the 3rd to the 6th of November 2026 for the official Prize ceremony.

I agree that documents submitted may be used by the AIVP Prize Antoine Rufenacht team for promotional purposes: website, exhibition, etc.

I undertake to provide the AIVP Prize Antoine Rufenacht's team with all additional documents needed to evaluate and promote my project

Done in:

The:

[Name of the official representative]

[Position of the official representative]

Signature