



The Cultural and Creative Cities Monitor

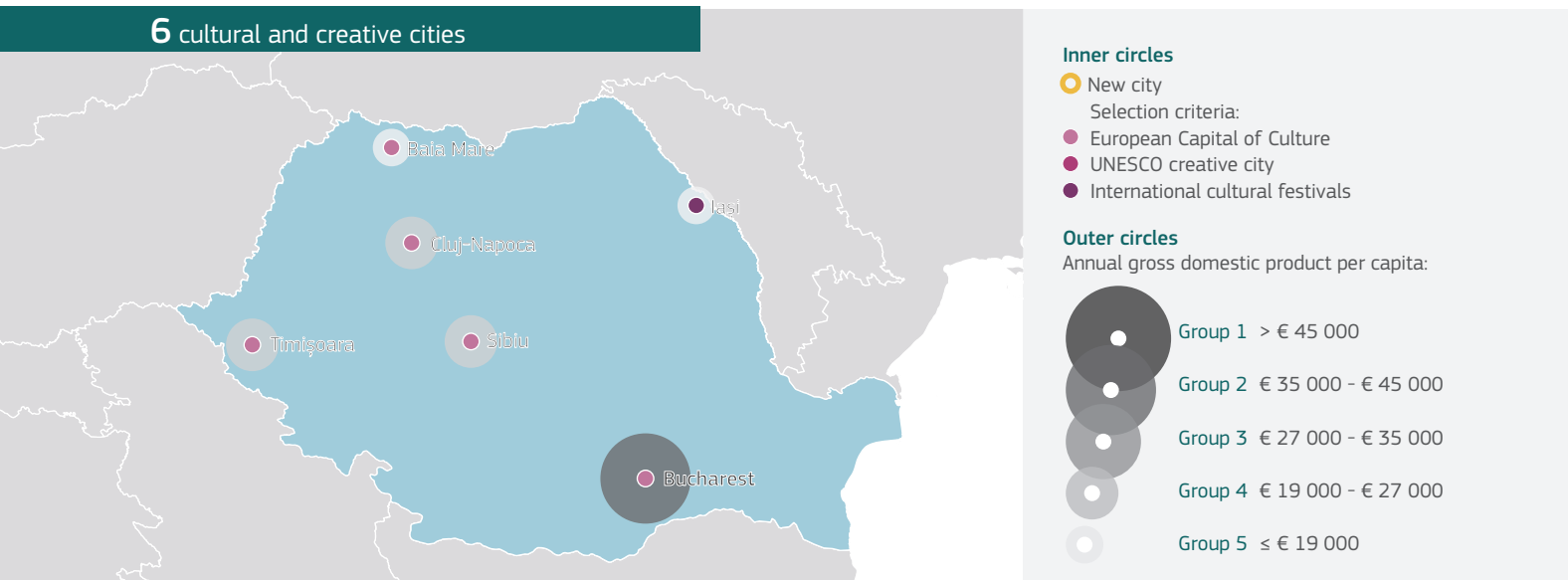
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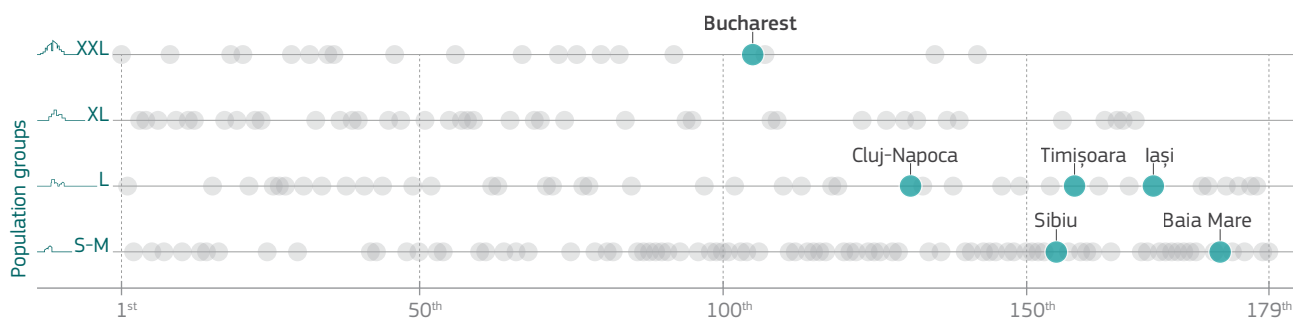
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The Cultural and Creative Cities Monitor 2019 shows how well 190 European cities in 30 countries perform across 9 cultural policy dimensions, compared to their peers. Cities have been selected based on their demonstrable engagement in promoting culture and creativity, from about 1 000 cities in Eurostat's Urban Audit. Therefore, the cities featured in the Monitor are already top performers.

6 cultural and creative cities



How does your city rank on the Cultural and Creative Cities Index?



Romanian cities obtain relatively similar scores on the Cultural and Creative Cities Index, with **Cluj-Napoca** achieving the best position in the country in relation to similar European cities: it ranks 25th in the group of 40 classified European cities with 250 000 to 500 000 inhabitants.

Highlights

On 'Cultural Vibrancy', **Cluj-Napoca** is 27th in the group of 40 ranked European cities with 250 000 to 500 000 inhabitants, mainly due to its 22nd position on *Cultural Participation & Attractiveness*. **Timișoara** is 35th in the same group, coming 30th on *Cultural Participation & Attractiveness*.

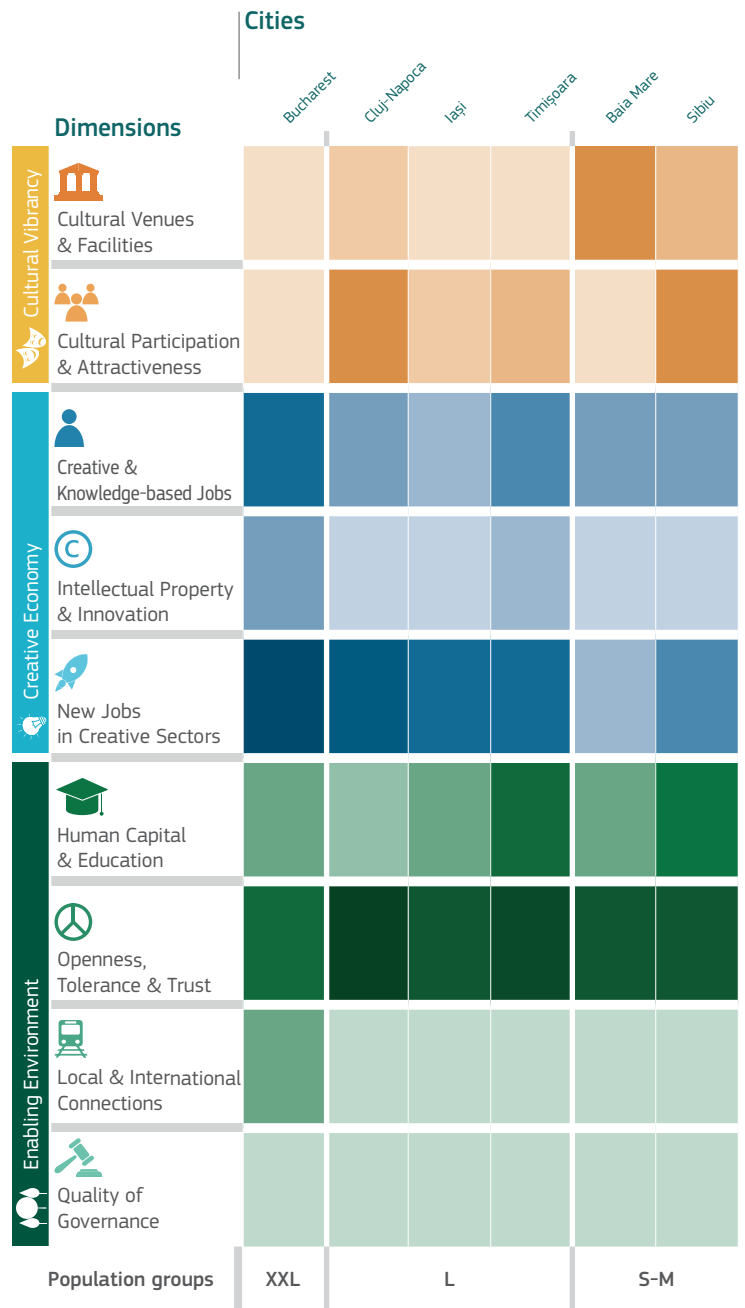
Timișoara will be a European Capital of Culture in 2021. Its programme focuses on increasing civic energy by reducing social exclusion and distrust in public spaces.

On 'Creative Economy', **Bucharest** ranks 10th in its group of 20 ranked European cities with more than 1 million inhabitants, thanks to its 4th position on *New Jobs in Creative Sectors*. **Cluj-Napoca** is 9th on the same dimension in its population group.

Launched during Romanian Design Week 2017, the Bucharest Creative Quarter brings together creative businesses, artists and cultural institutions to develop a creative business-friendly environment and harness the urban development potential of the creative industries.

Timișoara ranks 17th on 'Enabling Environment' in its group, thanks to its 8th position on *Openness, Tolerance & Trust*. **Cluj-Napoca** is 20th on 'Enabling Environment' in the same group, but hits the 3rd spot on *Openness, Tolerance & Trust*.

Electric Castle, Jazz in the Park, Transilvania International Film Festival, Comedy Cluj, Cluj Shorts and The Untold Festival are just some of the bigger festivals in Cluj-Napoca. The city is becoming increasingly well known for its rich programme of events and good vibes. In 2015, it was named European Youth Capital.



Cities are ordered alphabetically within each population group



Population groups:

- XXL group > 1 million inhabitants (20 cities)
- XL group 500 000 – 1 million inhabitants (40 cities)
- L group 250 000 – 500 000 inhabitants (40 cities)
- S-M group 50 000 – 250 000 inhabitants (79 cities)



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