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European Commission releases new Creative and Cultural cities platform

The European Commission has this week released a new tool comparing over 160 cities across and beyond the EU28 on their cultural and creative capacities. The tool compares how well cities fare on a number of selected measures, including the 'creative economy' and 'enabling environment' of cities. Indicators include infrastructural components such as available funding, tax incentives, creative incubators, and so-called 'fab-labs' equipped with technological equipment to encourage digital experimentation. The development of this tool, and the smartphone application that will be released next year, places digital infrastructure and creativity at the heart of the urban economy, thereby encouraging cities to embrace and cultivate the digital skills of its residents, as well as marking out cities of high potential for digital entrepreneurs. For more information, see the [official Commission press release](#)