



## Rules for the selection/award as

### “Model municipality at the European Green Belt”

#### Selection procedure:

A maximum of ONE municipality per year and EGB region (Fennoscandia, Baltic, Central and Balkan) can be awarded as “Model municipality at the EGB”. If several municipalities (e.g. bilateral or trilateral along the Green Belt) will be awarded for joint transboundary activities, this will be handled as one awarding. The respective Regional Coordinator (RC) itself may suggest municipalities or local authorities or may accept proposals. The RC examines the proposal according to the undermentioned criteria and informs the board of the EGB Association of the intention to grant the award. The board approves the giving of the award and the RC implements the awarding.

#### Criteria

The proposed local authority/municipality should fulfil at least

- 1) one of the two nature conservation criteria (“A-criteria”) AND
- 2) two out of further criteria (“B-criteria”)

#### **A NATURE CONSERVATION CRITERIA**

The local authority / municipality

- 1) Fosters the designation and / or effective management of suitable areas of the Green Belt and adjacent areas as protected areas (including Natura 2000 sites)
- 2) Organises and implements measures for the successful preservation of the natural values and/or cultural landscape along the European Green Belt.

#### **B FURTHER CRITERIA**

The local authority / municipality

- 3) Brings forward the transboundary cooperation.
- 4) Fosters the preservation and development of the Green Belt as memorial landscape for the overcoming of the Cold War.
- 5) Actively supports nature-friendly and socially equitable regional development, e.g. in tourism, agriculture, etc.
- 6) Actively supports the idea of the European Green Belt by **continuous** public relation activities like events, permanent exhibitions etc.
- 7) Is member of the European Green Belt Association e.V.

The award as “Model municipality at the European Green Belt” does not imply any financial support.