



## NEWSLETTER January 2018

### Time Flies

Whoever said that time flies when you are having fun was right! We can hardly believe that we are already into our second newsletter and Christmas Greetings from all of us do not seem to be far in the past. Onwards and upwards – we have drafted our communications strategy for SCIS and have identified events that we want to attend (to meet you and tell you more about this great project - more in the next newsletter). Moreover, we are working on stakeholder mapping and, last but not least, all the various teams are now complete: about 24 people from 10 nations are now working on SCIS – showing you that Smart Cities are truly inspiring.

### Mind the Gap

Twelve EU funded Lighthouse projects with 36 lighthouse cities and 36 follower cities showcasing demonstration and urban planning projects from sustainable energy solutions to greenfield development – a wealth of information, knowledge and know-how. How do we successfully share this information, spread the word and make sure that replication and transfer of knowledge is effectively delivered? In other words, how do we close the gap?

The focus of SCIS is on replication. Linked to the various user groups that will be mapped during the project, we recognize that it is important to have a tailor made approach for each. Decision makers in the policy field, academics from universities or residents, they all are interested in smart cities but require different levels of information and the use of different communication tools. In our consortium, we have various partners with specific competences who are all successfully working on the communication and replication element of SCIS. The diverse knowledge of this partnership, combined with various communication formats and tools such as workshops, webinars, video, social media and also more traditional tools like flyers and poster campaigns ensures that each user group can be effectively targeted.

Successful projects are about stories and stories are about people. SCIS will therefore present you the people and their smart cities in a one stop shop for best practices!

### About Lego, Lettuce and Lights

The Triangulum project demonstrates how a system's innovation approach based around the European Commission's Smart Cities and Communities (SCC) Strategic Implementation Plan (SIP) can

drive dynamic smart city development. Focused on the three lighthouse cities Manchester (United Kingdom), Eindhoven (the Netherlands) and Stavanger (Norway), Triangulum's goal is to reduce the energy consumption of buildings, increase the use of renewable energies, increase the utilisation of electric vehicles, deploy intelligent energy management technologies and create an adaptive and dynamic ICT data hub. The design and implementation of innovative business models and the activation of citizens as co-creators are core cross-cutting elements of the project.

### **Need to Move it – Move it!**



Pictures: [Triangulum Website](#)

Here are some of the clever things that have been delivered as part of Triangulum: The Manchester City Council has bought four electric assist cargo bikes to be used by businesses in and around the city. These e-cargo bikes have been hard at work helping businesses get moving, working with the cargo bike specialists [Manchester Bike Hire](#). No matter if it is a young start up that organizes parties for kids and thus has to transport a lot of **Lego** or whether it is [Vida Health Kitchen](#), transporting **lettuce**, both have started a long term partnership with Manchester Bike Hire. A great result for healthy eating and also for Triangulum!

### **Bright Lights of Manchester**



From Manchester, UK over to Eindhoven, the Netherlands where around two-hundred residents of the neighbourhood Eckart-Vaartbroek were present at the official opening of the innovative lighting route in October 2017.

A footpath around a pond has been illuminated with smart lighting poles to make the area more accessible and safer to walk. But that's not all: A smart interactive trail of lights is set out to guide walkers or runners on their way. They can determine their own pace by setting the lights which turn on and off in a certain time-span.

Picture: [Triangulum Website](#)

To find out more about these innovative solutions, please check out the [Triangulum website!](#)

## Interested in Home Renovation?

Join the European Commission who is organising a webinar on Home Renovation in Europe from the Users Perspective, in partnership with the UN Environment Finance Initiative on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> of February 2018, from 11.00 to 13.00 Central European Time.

The discussion will open with an introduction by Christophe Milin from the European Commission, (Executive Agency for Small and Medium Enterprises), who will give an overview of upcoming [Horizon 2020 funding calls](#) relating to home renovation. This webinar will then include three presentations: [Alice Morcrette](#) from the Picardie Pass Rénovation will speak about how their scheme links financial and technical offers to stimulate uptake of renovation. A presentation from [The Buildings Performance Institute of Europe](#) will follow about the role of building renovation passports in driving deep renovation. [Davide Cannarozzi](#) from PACENation Europe will present the PACE financing system and how this is being brought from the USA to Europe. The webinar will be conducted in English and will be moderated by Christophe Milin.

Please register by 23 February 2018, clicking [here](#).

## News

### A Political Agreement Reached

In December 2017, the Commission reached a provisional political agreement on new rules for improving the energy performance of buildings between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission. Want to find out [more?](#)

### URBANFLUXES

After a three-year period of intensive work, URBANFLUXES, a H2020 project is now concluded. URBANFLUXES introduced new ideas on how the different components of the Urban Energy Budget (UEB) can be observed from space, thereby generating new Earth Observation (EO) opportunities of benefit to climate change mitigation/adaptation and civil protection. Interested in learning more on the H2020 project URBANFLUXES, about using Earth Observation satellite data to derive the Urban Energy Budget? Check out their latest [newsletter!](#)

## Events

 <p><b>EU Covenant of Mayors Investment Forum and Ceremony</b></p>	<p><b>21/22 February 2018</b></p>	<p><b>Brussels, Belgium</b></p>
<p>As the Covenant of Mayors will celebrate its <b>10th anniversary</b> next year, and with the 2020 milestone coming closer, you are invited to the <a href="#">Investment Forum</a> and the <a href="#">Covenant Ceremony</a> to be held in Brussels. <b>#eumayors2018</b>          We would like to welcome you to this side event in the afternoon of February 22<sup>nd</sup>, <b>Session 3 – where smart cities make it happen!</b></p>		
	<p><b>28 February 2018</b></p>	<p><b>Vienna, Austria</b></p>
<p>Are you a city changer? Don't miss out on Europe's largest event on sustainability in cities where more than 3,000 <b>#CityChangers</b>, including 100 mayors, will meet in Vienna to share their personal experience on how to make cities more sustainable. EURO CITIES and the Covenant of Mayors are offering inspiring workshops that will give you the tools to shape the urban future! More on <a href="http://www.urban-future.org">www.urban-future.org</a>; Info Covenant of Mayors session: <a href="http://bit.ly/2BFA2c1">http://bit.ly/2BFA2c1</a></p>		
	<p><b>5 - 7 June 2018</b></p>	<p><b>Brussels, Belgium</b></p>
<p><b>SAVE THE DATE</b>          The Policy Conference is the most important European conference dedicated to sustainable energy policy issues. Sessions organised by the European Commission and energy stakeholders debate new policy developments, best practices and sustainable energy ideas, while networking events forge alliances. Awards for outstanding projects begin the week. More on <a href="http://eusew.eu/">eusew.eu/</a>  <b>#EUSEW2018</b></p>		

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### Social media activities

SCIS has the ambition to bring everyone together in the field of smart cities and communities and energy-efficient buildings. Therefore, SCIS is going to be active in social media channels. Follow us on Twitter or Facebook and we will keep you updated!

The SCIS newsletter is published once a month, informing about the platform, the project community and its news. You are welcome to send in any topics you are interested in or have questions about!

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