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Editorial

Manic March!

A matchmaking event on 27 April, the first Smart Cities Marketplace Forum planned for June, oversubscribed masterclasses, strategic Action Cluster meetings and our video call The Pitch – The Smart City community is keeping busy!

And more news: a new set of solution booklets on PEDs, Building-Integrated PVs and Energy Communities are completed and online – a special thanks to all the H2020 projects that have contributed. Are you interested in the impact of the EU's changing electricity market? Please see our article below.

As we said in our November 2020 & January 2021 newsletter, we keep our fingers crossed for a 2021 where we'll be able to meet you all and have one to one discussions in person.

Your still hopeful Smart Cities Marketplace team

Smart Cities Marketplace News

Explore, Shape & Deal: Smart Cities Marketplace – Matchmaking, 27 April 2021

Kick-start your smart city idea with our experts by taking part in this year's first matchmaking event. This conference with plenary sessions, workshop sessions as well as matchmaking & networking opportunities is for you.

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Explore, Shape & Deal: Smart Cities Marketplace Forum - A Partner Event of the EU Green Week, 9-10 June 2021

This Forum will show how Smart Cities act as frontrunners for the EU Action Plan toward a Zero Pollution Ambition as a key action of the European Green Deal.

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Explore: The impact of the EU's changing electricity market

What do the recasts of the Renewable Energy Directive, the Directive on common rules for the internal market for electricity and the new Regulation on the internal market for electricity imply for smart and sustainable city development? Find out more in our respective report.

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Explore & Shape: Find your solution

In 12 solution booklets the Smart Cities Marketplace has covered technologies such as PEDs, Heat Pump Driven District Heating Systems (to name a few) or a concept such as Building Envelop Retrofit or Energy communities in around 30 pages.

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Explore, Shape & Deal: The Pitch – the Smart Cities Marketplace launches a video competition

With a call for videos, the Smart Cities Marketplace is asking members of its Community, the Action Clusters and Initiatives as well as other EU funded Smart City projects to share videos of their smart solutions, services and ideas.

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Explore: Help us help you

The Smart Cities Marketplace team would love to get your feedback on our website. Therefore, we have created a VERY short survey to take in your views – these will guide the further development of the platform.

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News from the Action Clusters of the Smart Cities Marketplace

Explore & Shape: New initiative the “Humble Lamppost” prepares white paper

The Smart Cities Marketplace Humble Lamppost initiative recently commissioned research on the role of this city-wide array of assets to support response and recovery to COVID-19. The white paper will be published by the end of March 2021.

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Explore & Shape: Leading coalition of Dutch cities support launch of Marketplace initiative

On 21 October the Smart Cities Marketplace launched a new initiative to create an adequate set of framework conditions in the field of regulations and laws to fulfil cities climate and energy ambitions. The Dutch Leading Coalition of cities ‘Smart, Resilient & Sustainable’ presented their research.

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Explore & Shape: Stand for the Smaller Cities and be heard!

Have you ever felt that the smaller cities don’t get a fair share of attention? That they are often perceived as too small to bother about; that there are too many of them; that they are not worth the effort to deal with their ‘small’ problems? Well think again and find out more.

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Beyond the Smart Cities Marketplace

Explore & Shape: Commission launches new phase for "Big Buyers for Climate and Environment"

The "Big Buyers for Climate and Environment" initiative aims to promote collaboration between big public buyers in implementing strategic public procurement for sustainable solutions. The initiative, supported by ICLEI and Eurocities, is currently establishing working Groups.

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Explore, Shape & Deal: EIT Urban Mobility launches new calls for proposals

On March 19th, 2021, EIT Urban Mobility launched a call for the Innovation Programme 2022 focused on our City Challenge Areas. This year the focus is set on the areas Active Mobility, Sustainable Logistics, Energy and Mobility and Future Mobility.

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Explore & Shape: Ready – Set – Go: Phase 2 of the Clean Energy for EU Islands Secretariat

In the beginning of February 2021, the European Commission launched a new phase of the Clean Energy for EU Islands Secretariat. In this second phase, the Secretariat will build on the results of Phase I to continue its support to energy transition of islands in the EU.

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Explore & Shape: Cities apply for European Green Leaf & European Green Capital Award

The new cycle of European green city awards has seen 30 cities from across Europe competing to become Europe's next European Green Capital and European Green Leaf Award winners.

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Explore, Shape & Deal: Port cities Thessaloniki and Le Havre on a voyage

The cities Thessaloniki (Greece) and Le Havre (France) are on a voyage towards increased citizen participation and digitisation of public administration.

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Explore, Shape & Deal: JPI Urban Europe launched open call

In the ERA-NET Cofund Urban Transformation Capacities (ENUTC) Call, 16 national research and innovation funding agencies from 14 European countries (namely members of the Joint Programming Initiative Urban Europe) together with the European Commission have earmarked a global budget of about 18.4 M€.

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Smart City Projects News

Explore: INTRODUCING REFLECT - THE MAKING-CITY THINK TANK

The MAKING-CITY project has launched REFLECT, a think-tank whose mission is to foster an advanced dialogue between stakeholders and experts on the topics of Smart Cities and Energy Transition towards a common 2050 City Vision.

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Explore: STARDUST - Another round of smart and sustainable innovation in Pamplona

This year, the Pamplona City Council launched the 2nd edition of the 'Smart Pamplona Lab' programme, an initiative that is part of the EU-funded STARDUST project.

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Explore: mySMARTLife and partners

Join mySMARTLife, MatchUp, Making-City, POCITYF and STARDUST for a joined webinar series – interested in mobility (29 April) or energy (27 May or ICT solutions (24 June)? Block the last Thursday of the month starting in April between 2-3 pm for smart city solutions.

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Explore: ATELIER - AUAS looking for partners to jointly develop MOOC on PEDs

Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences (AUAS), the ATELIER partner responsible for cooperation activities with other PED projects, is currently developing a Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) on PEDs as part of the ATELIER project and is looking for partners to join!

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Explore: POCITYF Peer-to-peer platforms: Shaping a democratic energy model to boost renewables

Prosumers are people who both produce and consume renewable energy. New peer-to-peer platforms allow them to share, sell or donate their power surplus to other citizens.

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Events

Explore & Shape: ICLEI World Congress 2021-2022

Every three years, ICLEI hosts the ICLEI World Congress to showcase how cities, towns and regions across our network are advancing sustainable urban development worldwide. This year's edition will be a year-long experience with multiple opportunities to connect. It will start with the Virtual Launch on 13-15 April with high-level discussions on how local and regional governments can continue to advance on sustainable development together with ICLEI.



Date

13/04/2021 - 15/04/2021



Venue

online

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Explore & Shape & Deal: Smart Cities Marketplace Matchmaking

Join the Marketplace team for this year's first matchmaking event "Smart Cities Marketplace Matchmaking – Kick start your idea with our experts!" on 27 April 2021 that takes place completely online! This matchmaking event – promoted by the European Commission under the Smart Cities Marketplace – brings together city/regional representatives, the Smart Cities Marketplace's Action Clusters and Initiatives, businesses, and investors. It focuses on exploring and shaping opportunities for multiple stakeholders involved in smart city projects.



Date

27/04/2021



Venue

online

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Explore: EU Green Week 2021

The European Green Week 2021 will be dedicated to the 'zero pollution ambition'. It will be an opportunity to engage with all stakeholders and interested citizens on how we can work together to make the ambition for a zero pollution and toxic-free environment a reality.



Date

31/05/2021 - 04/06/2021



Venue

online

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Explore: URBIS SMART CITY FAIR

The URBIS Smart City Fair brings a smart combination of a trade fair and an exclusive conference programme, where leaders in the field of Smart City will be introduced. For two days dozens of representatives of Central European cities and municipalities and leaders in innovations will meet with one goal – to share experience, ideas, and examples of specific solutions on how to correctly develop a Smart City concept in cities.



Date

02/06/2021 - 04/06/2021



Venue

online

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Explore, Shape & Deal: Smart Cities Marketplace Forum

Join the Smart Cities Marketplace biggest annual event, the Forum (former General Assembly). This year's two-day virtual conference will be an official partner event of the EU Green Week. It will be linked to the EU Action Plan toward a Zero Pollution Ambition as a key action of the European Green Deal.

 11	Date	09/06/2021 - 10/06/2021
	Venue	Online

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Explore: Covenant of Mayors Investment Forum

The Covenant of Mayors (CoM) Investment Forum – energy efficiency finance market place will be jointly organised by the European Commissions's DG for Energy, DG for Climate Action and the Executive Agency for small and Medium-sized Enterprises (EASME). It will focus on showcasing successful projects on financing energy efficiency, climate adaptation, clean mobility, and innovative energy planning.

 11	Date	15/06/2021 - 16/06/2021
	Venue	Online

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