



## CITIZEN FOCUS

### ***Citizen engagement reconnecting the dots across multiple policy and research agendas for an inclusive and sustainable future***

*10th of June 2021*

*2-4 pm online event*

As we slowly try to recover from a long pandemic period and the economic crisis it has triggered, it becomes increasingly urgent to work for a more sustainable future addressing both socio-economic and environmental challenges. Indeed multiple EU level policies, initiatives, funding programmes, along with the national Recovery plans are geared towards a combination of these objectives at different levels: across [Climate Neutral Cities Mission](#), the [Green Deal](#), the [New European Bauhaus](#) and [Smart Cities](#) and [Living in EU](#) Policies, there are increasing signals of a more and more concrete integration of citizen engagement, citizen participation and deliberation as key pillars, both as goals and leverages. For such processes to scale up in Europe, small and medium as well as large cities are the natural playground, as they count for 75% of the EU population, and citizen engagement can function as a connecting-dots element that supports integrating these efforts and prevents working in silos. The concept of urban intelligence in smart cities integrates engagement and empowerment of citizens and technologies and can offer platforms and tools to sustain and enable such processes. The Citizen Focus Action Cluster Meeting of the Smart Cities Market Place that will take place on 10th June will explore and discuss these issues through a dynamic roundtable with officials, experts/solution providers, city representatives and activists connected and active in the different above mentioned policies arenas. The online event will also give the opportunity to be updated on and engaged with the forthcoming action plans of the Cluster and its Initiative (check the [Citizen Focus section of the Marketplace website](#)) .



## Meeting Details

<b>Date &amp; time</b>	10th June 2021 14.00 – 16.00 pm
<b>Location</b>	Videoconference
<b>Organizer</b>	Steinbeis 2i

## Agenda

- 14:00 – 14:05            Getting everybody connected
- 14:05 – 14:15    Welcome and introduction to the topics and panellists  
*Maria Sangiuliano, Smart Venice -EIP SCC AC CF Chair & Judith Borsboom, Locality, AC CF Manager*
- 14.15 – 15.10        Interactive round table.  
Georg Houben (EC, DG ENER), Serge Novaretti (EC, DG CNECT), Marian Cramers (Democratic Society), Ivan Neirotti (European Youth Forum) and one city from the Network of European Youth Capitals (tbc), Alexander Wiese (Bankers without Boundaries)
- 15:10 – 15:20            Q&A
- 15:20 – 15:45        Update on the Cluster’s Initiatives and how to get engaged  
*(Eda Odzek/John Zib, Jorge Saraiva, Shaun Thopam, Maria Sangiuliano)*
- 15.45 - 15:55        Q&A
- 15:55 – 16:00    Wrap-up and next steps  
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