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Editorial

Phasing out or phasing down?

COP 26 is over and what have we learned and achieved? We have followed the top-level negotiations with the EU pushing for ambitious agreements. We heard that for Tuvalu and the Maldives the difference between 1.5 or 2 degrees Celsius is the difference between life and death. We have seen that for many developing nations their perceived reliance and importance on fossil fuels seems of utmost importance. We saw that when national interests are placed in comparison over international necessity, diplomatic efforts become ever more important to meet the scale of the climate crisis.

We feel hopeful when young people and NGOs join both the sessions at COP as well as on the streets – giving support to a growing movement. It has not all been just talks and the Smart Cities Marketplace was proud to be one of the numerous initiatives supporting down-to-earth sessions on how to provide the practical means for achieving a sustainable transition.

Cheers! Your Smart Cities Marketplace team

Smart Cities Marketplace News

Explore & Shape: Action Cluster Meet & Greet - Virtual closing of the November 2021 Action Cluster meeting round



We want to extend a warm invitation to all of you to take part in the Action Cluster Meet & Greet on 2 December (16:30-18:00 CET). The Smart Cities Marketplace officially closes its round of Action Cluster Meetings with this get-together.

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Explore, Shape & Deal: Make the Match - Striking a Deal between Cities and Finance



The third episode in a series of four our podcast about Smart Cities has been published. Learn all about deal-meetings and matchmaking from Eelco Kruizinga & Jorge Rodrigues de Almeida (Matchmakers for the Smart Cities Marketplace), Jessica Stromback (CEO of Joule Assets) and Malvine Socaci (Deputy Mayor of Vulcan, Romania)

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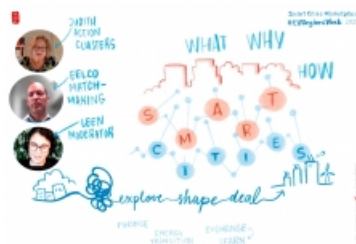
Explore, Shape & Deal: Smart Cities Marketplace Goes CIVITAS 2021



The Smart Cities Marketplace team made the most out of this year's CIVITAS Forum Conference 2021 – Discover smart routes towards climate-neutral cities that took place in a hybrid format: on-site in Aachen and online via an event platform.

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Explore, Shape & Deal: At EU Regions Week, the Smart Cities Marketplace presented Itself



What is the Smart Cities Marketplace and how do our Action Clusters, the Investor Network, and the Smart Cities and Communities Cluster of Horizon projects all work together in one market-changing undertaking bringing cities, industries, SMEs, investors, researchers and other smart city actors together?

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Explore, Shape & Deal: Financing of Smart City Solutions – Share your Best Case



The Smart Cities Marketplace is searching for cases to showcase the possibilities of private financing to deploy smart city solutions. Share your successful case to highlight different forms of private finance.

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Explore & Shape: Why Circular Cities?



The Smart Cities Marketplace Circular Cities booklet provides an overview of what circularity can mean for cities and other urban stakeholders. With circular solution examples from different sectors, lessons learned and links to important resources, it aims to provide the tools that will facilitate the transition of cities to a circular economy.

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News from the Action Clusters of the Smart Cities Marketplace

Explore & Shape: ESCO-in-a-box; Cooperation with City Wisdom

Cities and regions are increasingly adopting local targets for reaching net zero, some committing to a deadline as early as 2030. Local governments are well-placed to develop policies and initiatives that are locally relevant and that create value for citizens, but they also have a major barrier.



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Beyond the Smart Cities Marketplace

Explore & Shape: oPEN Lab – Leading the Transition to Positive Energy Neighbourhoods



oPEN Lab is a project funded under the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme. 33 partners from 7 countries are collaborating to revitalise urban areas across Europe to lead the transition to Positive Energy Neighbourhoods.

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Explore & Shape: Welcome to NetZeroCities



NetZeroCities (NZC) is part of the Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation Programme in support of European Union's Green Deal. It will support Europe in its ambition to achieve climate neutrality before 2050.

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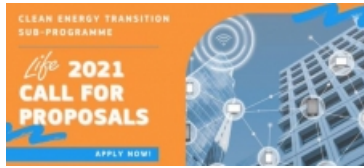
Explore & Shape: EC launches its Mission on 100 Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities by 2030



The European Commission launched five new EU missions, including its mission on 100 Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities by 2030. They aim to tackle big challenges in health, climate and the environment, and to achieve ambitious and inspiring goals in these areas.

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Explore, Shape & Deal: LIFE Clean Energy Transition Sub-Programme



We would like to draw your attention to the funding opportunities under LIFE Clean Energy Transition to support projects accelerating investments in energy efficiency and renewables. EUR 95 million are available in the next call for proposals, closing on 12 January 2022.

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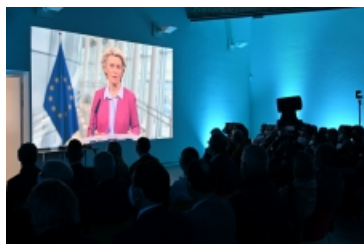
Explore, Shape & Deal: European City Facility: Third Call Opened (15 Oct 2021)



The European City Facility (EUCF) assists municipalities with fast and simplified financial support of EUR 60,000 for developing investment concepts delivering local sustainable energy projects. More than EUR 12 million of funding are available through a series of regional calls to support over 200 municipalities over the next two years.

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Explore & Shape: International European Energy Award Gold Event in Ravensburg



On 5 November 2021, 48 European municipalities, cities and districts received the European Energy Award Gold in Ravensburg - the award for local authorities particularly ambitious, active and successful in their local climate and energy policy.

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Explore: MatchUP – Monitoring the Health of a City by its Soundscape

Traffic, sirens, horns, building work: this is the daily soundtrack of our cities. We have got used to it, but such noise may point to severe pollution. Have you ever noticed how many sounds make up an urban environment? Have a look at the recent publication of MatchUP to learn more.



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Explore: ATELIER Newsletter #4

The fourth ATELIER newsletter has been published on 27 October, informing you about why dialogue is the key to success in the transformation process and about how our Lighthouse and Fellow Cities are proceeding: for example, Riga has agreed on an ambitious “Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan 2022-2030”.



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Explore: SPARCS Evaluation Framework and Replication Considerations Webinar

The SPARCS webinar under the title "Evaluation Framework and Replication Considerations" consisted of two parts. The first part was dedicated to the Impact Assessment Framework developed for the needs of the SPARCS project .



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Events

Explore: Citizen's Energy Forum

The European Commission is organising the 2021 edition of the Citizen's energy forum as a "hybrid" event, both on-site and virtual, considering the uncertainty of travel due to COVID and to open up for a larger participation.



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Info Day on the Smart and Sustainable Cities and Communities Topics in the Digital Europe Programme

The European Commission, DG CONNECT, is organising an info day where the next funding opportunities for Smart and Sustainable Cities and Communities will be presented. The focus will be on areas such as Data Spaces for Smart Communities, Digital Solutions for the New European Bauhaus, and Living-in.eu governance.



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