



# Smart City Expo World Congress 2022

## European Commission at the SCEWC 2022: Key facts & figures

### About the SCEWC 2022

The Smart City Expo World Congress (SCEWC) is the largest combined expo and conference of its kind in the world, gathering the whole urban ecosystem: cities, industries, academia, policy and decision-makers. The event provided a unique opportunity to showcase the activities and efforts of the European Commission and allowed great visibility for the outcomes of the collaborative approaches across European smart city initiatives and platforms.

### Cross-cutting themes

#### State of the European Smart Cities

There is no "one-size-fits-all" European model of a smart city. Smartness is about innovative technologies, services and ways of doing things. However, these should always be centered around citizens.

#### Innovative financial schemes

"City Specific Purpose Vehicles" are innovative financial schemes, combining public-private partnerships with an in-house capacity to accelerate the pace of implementation. Trust between cities and investors is a challenge.

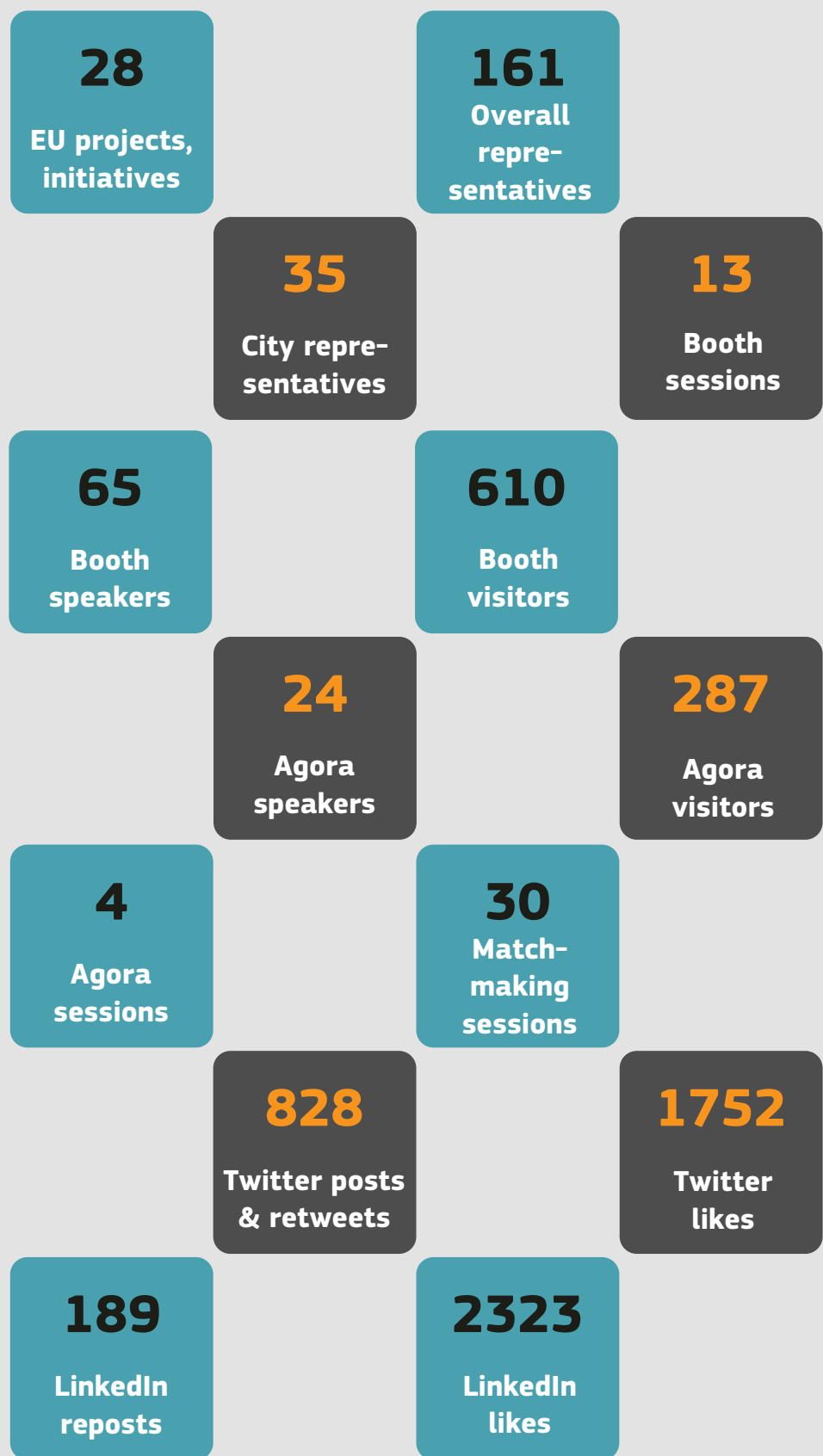
#### Digital Twins for Local Decision Makers

Digital twins can change the way cities are planned, operated, monitored and managed. A digital twin should offer the following functionalities: connectivity, visualisation, integration, analysis, and security.

#### Cities on the path to climate neutrality

Citizens are concerned about the increased cost of housing and that digital solutions will lead to a digital divide in the city. Solutions must combine social innovations and digitalisation with inclusiveness to ensure no one is left behind.

### Key metrics



### European Smart Cities and Communities

The European Commission (steered by the Directorate General for Energy) hosted a joint presence of 28 European projects, initiatives and 7 European Commission services that shared a joint booth in the expo area. They represented European Smart Cities and Communities that lead the way in piloting cutting-edge innovative solutions with the aim to replicate them in other European Cities to achieve climate neutrality.



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