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Editorial

Dear Smart Cities Marketplace Community,

While COVID-19 seems to come to a halt in Europe our countries, cities and citizens are now being shaken by the impact of the war in Ukraine – high energy prices at times of shortage of public budgets, having dramatic consequences for the most vulnerable households, companies, and consumers. While the EU's RePowerEU strategy aims to fight these effects with a vast catalogue of measures, there are possibly many ways to implement the identified measures, ideally acknowledging that European towns and cities are indispensable allies and prime partners.

Yet, towns and cities need practical support and help with the present challenges. The Smart Cities Marketplace is best positioned to complement the EU efforts with a comprehensive catalogue of offers to come in 2023: calls for free technical assistance, calls for urban projects, one-to-one-consultancy services for city-led consortia close to the financing stage, financing masterclasses and fine-tuned matchmaking for the financing of urban projects with the help of the steadily growing investor network of the Marketplace, an interactive wiki, an all-new community featuring Focus and Discussion groups, many of which continue the excellent work of the well-known Action Clusters, intensified partnerships with other EU initiatives, such as the Covenant of Mayors, Scalable Cities, CIVITAS, Living-in.eu, to name but a few ... all this to say: stay tuned for the great offers to come from the Smart Cities Marketplace!

Georg Houben, Policy Offer, DG Energy, European Commission

Smart Cities Marketplace News

Explore: Smart Cities Marketplace publishes Solution Booklets

Technologies and markets are ever changing, particularly in times like this. Thus, the Smart Cities Marketplace team has reviewed its solution booklets "Solution Booklet E-Bus", "Solution Booklet Building Envelope Retrofit", "Solution Booklet Urban Freight Logistics".
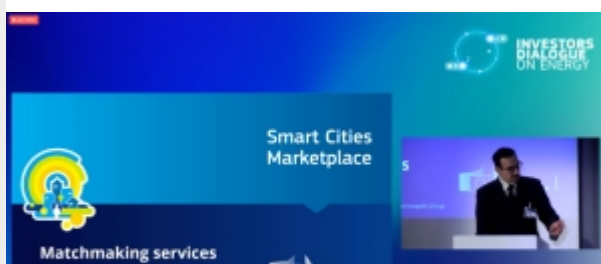
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Explore & Shape: Open the curtain for Discussion and Focus groups

The Smart Cities Marketplace would like to introduce the concept of Discussion and Focus groups to guide peer exchange and support cities in their smart development.

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Deal: Smart Cities Marketplace takes part in Investors Dialogue on Energy

The First Plenary Meeting of the Investors Dialogue on Energy aimed to update stakeholders on the platform's work, particularly at developments and initiatives related to the implementation of the

REPowerEU plan.
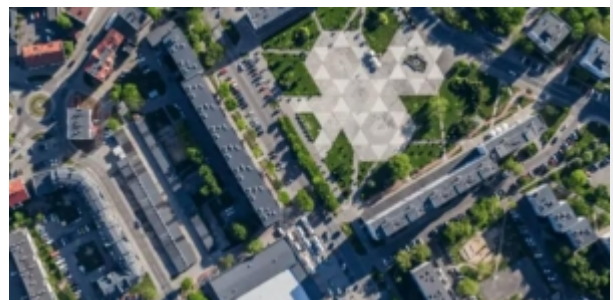
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Explore: Let's recap

The incredible undertaking of the joint presence of European Smart Cities and Communities projects at the Smart City Expo World Congress 2022. 28 different European projects and initiatives joined forces with representatives from the European Commission to present cross-cutting innovative solutions, policies, and best practices with the overall aim to achieve climate neutrality.

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Explore: Implementing inclusive ±15-Minute City Concepts

Researchers from Munich shed new light on the accessibility and inclusion debate in urban mobility. Taking Carlos Moreno's 15-Minute City concept as a starting point, nurtured by the latest insights from recent experiments.

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Explore: A peek at the Energy Communities of the Future

During the Covid 19-induced

lockdown in 2020, many of us were busy trying to bake sourdough bread and ordering yoga mats. Marco Bailo, the mayor of Magliano Alpi, a commune of 2200 inhabitants in Italy's Piedmont region, had a different idea.

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Explore & Shape: First Wave of Projects selected for Co-funding 5G Connectivity Infrastructures

Following the first Connecting Europe Facility – Digital (CEF Digital) call for proposals at the beginning of 2022, the Commission selected seven projects that will deploy 5G connectivity and enable innovative use cases for public services and services of general interest.

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Explore: Small Giants go big in Barcelona

The Barcelona Smart City EXPO and World Congress (SCEWC) included an Agora session on 15th November: "Small Giants" – Collaborating to Transform Mobility Habits.

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Beyond the Smart Cities Marketplace

Explore & Shape: Madrid becomes first major European

city with a 100% clean bus fleet!

Congratulations, Madrid! The City Council's efforts, together with EMT, the Municipal Transport Company of Madrid, have made it possible to ensure that 100% of Madrid's bus fleet is green and in compliance with the EU's Clean Vehicles Directive.

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Explore & Shape: How to implement a circular transition in your city?

Cities can be key to drive circular change. That is why the European Investment Bank has set up a specific competency and resource just for cities: the Circular City Centre. Its aim is to to support EU cities in their circular economy transition.

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Explore & Shape: #CE4EUislands Studies on Regulatory Barriers in Seven European Countries

After two years of research, the Clean energy for EU islands secretariat published a series of studies accompanied by booklets on regulatory barriers and recommendations for the clean energy transition on EU islands concerning seven EU member states.

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Explore & Shape: Welcome to CIVINET Iberia and CIVINET Polska

Through an open call, CIVITAS made one-off "kick-start funding" available to support the re-activation of CIVINET secretariats in France, Poland, Spain, Portugal and Ireland, or in one or more language areas covering these countries.

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Explore & Shape: Be part of something BIG – Open Call for Innovators

During the oPEN Lab project, the oPEN Living Labs in Tartu, Pamplona, and Genk are working on Positive Energy Neighbourhoods (PENs). These PENs can serve as a testing ground for new market-ready technologies that can operate in combination with other technologies to tackle the challenges of our time. Join the Open Call.

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Smart City Projects News

Explore & Shape: +CityxChange LHC Limerick's Citizens' Observatory

Citizen engagement is key to successful energy transitions, with citizens playing critical roles in co-developing localized solutions and adapting behaviours.

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Explore: Making-City has been featured in a new Publication!

The MAKING-CITY project has been featured in a new publication "Lessons Learned from Positive Energy District (PED) Projects: Cataloguing and Analysing Technology Solutions in Different Geographical Areas in Europe" as part of the energies special issue Advanced Energy Systems in Zero/Positive Energy Buildings, Communities and Districts.

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Events

Explore: Cities Forum 2023

The Cities Forum is a biennial event of the European Commission's Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy. For this edition, our host is Torino, a city with a vast history in urban transformation due to its transition from factory town to a city of knowledge, culture and innovation.

📅 date | 16/03/2023 - 17/03/2023

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Explore: Standing on the shoulders of giant's journey

A Scalable Cities community event hosted by the two Smart City Projects MatchUP and Making Cities together with the City of Valencia - Standing on the shoulders of giant's journey. From Positive Energy Districts to Climate

Neutral Cities. How to scale up our technologies and solutions

📅 date | 29/03/2023

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Explore: polisMOBILITY

polisMOBILITY is the international event that takes a whole-system approach to the future of mobility and urban life.

📅 date | 24/05/2023 - 26/05/2023

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Explore: European Sustainable Energy Week

EUSEW returns in a hybrid format, in Brussels and online. It comprises a high-level Policy Conference, the EUSEW Awards, and the fourth European Youth Energy Day as well as opportunities to forge connections with the EUSEW community at the Energy Fair.

📅 date | 20/06/2023 - 22/06/2023

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Explore: URBIS SMART CITY FAIR

URBIS SMART CITY FAIR brings a clever combination of the fair with an exclusive conference program, which will introduce the leaders in the field of Smart city.

📅 date | 19/09/2023

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