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## Editorial

Dear Smart Cities Marketplace Community,

Welcome to the Smart Cities Marketplace newsletter! The Smart Cities Marketplace aims to give many climate-neutral and smart city initiatives a voice and a platform. In that spirit, we have agreed to offer like-minded EC initiatives the opportunity to contribute directly to our newsletter by drafting a guest editorial. This contribution is from the Living-in.EU team.

[Living-in.EU](#) is a movement supporting cities and communities in their digital transformation, the 'European way'. It emphasizes citizen-centric, city-led solutions aligned with EU values, bringing real societal benefits. Launched in 2019, it has 150 signatories and 145 supporters. The movement aims to scale up data technology and procure digital solutions for urban challenges. Local digital twins enable real-time city management and citizen engagement. Working groups focus on key aspects of digitalisation. If you want to find out more about us, please see our news article [here](#). Living-in.EU collaborates with the Smart Cities Marketplace for broader impact. Together, we create smarter, more sustainable, and inclusive communities across Europe.

Mariana Furtado, Living-in.EU

## Smart Cities Marketplace News

### Explore: The annual Smart Cities Marketplace Forum - part of something big!



This year's edition of the Smart Cities Marketplace Forum will be a part of the joint EC representation at the Smart City Expo World Congress in Barcelona on 07-09 November 2023.

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### Explore: Smart Cities Marketplace and Partners at Smart City Expo World Congress, Barcelona



The Smart Cities Marketplace team is happy to announce that we are again part of the Smart City Expo World Congress, the world's biggest and most influential event for cities and urban innovation, which will take place from 7-9 November 2023 in Barcelona, Spain.

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### Shape & Deal: SCWEC Smart Cities Challenges - Apply now!



Key partner of the Smart City Expo World Congress, Catalonia Trade and Investment, together with GOOSE project, the EEN and the Smart Cities Marketplace, organises its main Brokerage Event - Smart Cities' Challenges.

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## Deal: City of Bydgoszcz Secures Technical Support for Ambitious Renewable Energy Project from Smart Cities Marketplace



The City of Bydgoszcz, located in northern Poland, has made significant progress towards its sustainable development goals. Recently, the city's project application for technical assistance and consultancy services from the Smart Cities Marketplace was approved.

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## Explore: Key take aways - Citizen Engagement: Accelerate the Clean Energy Transition



With a particular emphasis on citizen engagement, affordable housing, energy efficiency, and digitalisation, this webinar as part of the EUSEW sustainable energy days served as a platform for exchanging ideas and forging partnerships to shape the future of urban environments.

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## Explore: Smart Cities Marketplace featured at the Urban Futures Conference



The Smart Cities Marketplace was present at this year's Urban Futures Conference, held in Stuttgart, Germany from 21 - 23 June 2023.

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## Explore: Discover our Digital Brochure 2023



The Smart Cities Marketplace as an initiative of the European Commission is constantly evolving and so is our digital brochure. Discover the most fascinating and important information about the Marketplace all in one location.

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## Explore: Looking back at Polis Mobility, Cologne



Smart Cities Marketplace (SCM) actively participated in the polisMOBILITY conference held in Cologne, Germany from 24th to 26th May 2023, in collaboration with its consortium partner, EIT Urban Mobility. The main focus of the event was on the four pillars: Engage, Explore, Shape, and Deal.

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## News from the Community of the Smart Cities Marketplace

### Shape: Scalable Cities Action Grant first round of projects are under way!

The Scalable Cities Action Grant financially supports cities and ad-hoc partnerships that wish to replicate measures that were successfully implemented through SCC projects to facilitate the transition towards climate neutrality.



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## Shape: Accelerating Digital Transformation the European Way - Living-in.EU Movement

In today's rapidly evolving digital landscape, the Living-in.EU movement has emerged as a powerful force, supporting cities and communities across Europe in their journey towards digital transformation.

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The European way of digital transformation in cities and communities

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## Explore & Shape: Citizen-led renovation - Four pilot energy communities selected and homepage launched

The support service for citizen-led renovation is proud to announce the four winners of the open call for support to set up renovation services.



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## Explore: Systemic Changes in Governance Infographics

As part of the Smart Cities and Communities initiative, designed and supported by the European Commission and funded by Horizon 2020, European cities have become laboratories of change to develop innovative climate solutions and pilot new ways of living and working.



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## Explore: Positive Developments for Small Giants Group Discussed at City Workshop

In a recent workshop held on June 22nd, city representatives and numerous small and medium-sized enterprise (SME) guests convened to review and discuss the significant achievements of the Small Giants group during the first half of 2023.

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## Beyond the Smart Cities Marketplace

### Shape: EIT Urban Mobility and Bosch collaborate to shape the future of mobility



Smart Cities Marketplace consortium member, EIT Urban Mobility is pleased to announce the support of Bosch's challenge-based open innovation programme "digital.auto". This strategic collaboration aims to support Bosch and its partners in identifying innovative solutions and engaging the brightest developers to drive the future of mobility.

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## Explore & Shape: 5G Connectivity to improve digital services



5G connectivity has the potential to improve all kinds of digital services. Opting for the right type of connectivity is becoming increasingly crucial and at the same time challenging for local decision-makers.

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## Explore: European Project kicks-off to build a universal method for battery discharge for a wide range of Electrical Vehicles



More than 170 000 tons of batteries will have reached their end of life in 2030 in Europe alone. Extending their lifespan and feeding valuable materials back into the economy at their end is crucial to reducing their environmental impact.

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## Explore: LIFE CALL 2023 NOW OPEN



New funding opportunities for actors on local and regional levels across Europe. The Clean Energy Transition sub-programme of LIFE is dedicated to facilitating the transition towards an energy-efficient, renewable energy-based, climate-neutral and resilient economy.

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## Explore: Every1 Project Consortium meets at first 2023 General Assembly



On June 9, 2023, the Every1 Project Consortium held an online meeting to update all stakeholders on their recent accomplishments and upcoming plans. Partners from across Europe took part in discussions regarding project developments, including updates on each Work Package.

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## Explore: Winning the Race to Net-Zero - Insights from the ManagEnergy Talk



For this edition, ManagEnergy has invited Jens Burchardt, Boston Consulting Group's Managing Director and global expert on climate impact. He shared why it makes sense for private companies to accelerate their own energy transition.

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## Explore: Harnessing Talent Platform - A new boost for EU Regions



The Harnessing Talent Platform (HTP) is a newly formed knowledge-building and experience-exchange platform, which seeks to support regions in addressing the consequences of the demographic change and in mitigating the challenges associated with the decline of tertiary educated populations across the EU.

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## Events

### Explore: Join the Smart Cities Marketplace Matchmaking Info Session

The Smart Cities Marketplace invites all stakeholders to take part in a matchmaking info session on 07 September from 15:00-16:00 CEST.



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### Explore: International Forum on Urban Digital Twins

ASCEND would like to invite you to the International Forum On Urban Digital Twins taking place in Munich. The event is organised by the Landeshauptstadt München and the Technical University of Munich and will focus on the current status of the digital twins in cities.



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12/09/2023

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### Explore: REAL CORP 2023

28th International Conference on Urban Planning and Regional Development in the Information Society.



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18/09/2023

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## Explore: NEUTRALPATH - Citizen and Stakeholder Engagement for PCEDs and climate neutrality workshop

NEUTRALPATH's first thematic workshop will be hosted in Zaragoza and will be dedicated to Citizen and Stakeholder Engagement for PCEDs and climate neutrality.



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18/09/2023

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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.



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19/09/2023

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## Explore: +CityxChange Final event with Scalable Cities

This is an extraordinary opportunity for visitor cities to acquire invaluable insights into the cutting-edge solutions offered by the +CityxChange project.



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03/10/2023 - 05/10/2023

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## Explore: European Week of Regions and Cities

The European Week of Regions and Cities (#EURegionsWeek) is the biggest annual Brussels-based event dedicated to cohesion policy.



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09/10/2023 - 12/10/2023

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## Explore: RE-energising Europe

Discussions, high-level panels, poster session and field visit organised by 7 EU-funded projects taking place in Brussels (Atelier 29) on 24-25 October, the event is bringing together speakers from EU institutions, project representatives and key players of the energy market.



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24/10/2023 - 25/10/2023

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## Explore: Covenant of Mayors Investment Forum 2023

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## Explore: Smart City Expo World Congress & Smart Cities Marketplace Forum

Held in Barcelona since 2011, Smart City Expo World Congress is the world's biggest and most influential event for cities and urban innovation. Every year, leaders gather from the most innovative companies, governments and organisations to move cities towards a better future.



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07/11/2023 - 09/11/2023

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## Explore: Save the Date - 15th Citizens' Energy Forum

The Citizens' Energy Forum meets on an annual basis and aims to explore consumers' perspective and role in a competitive, 'smart', energy-efficient and fair energy retail market.



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