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Editorial

Dear Smart Cities Marketplace Community,

It is a busy time. We've been diligently engaged in planning a Financing Masterclass, releasing two new solution booklets, and initiating a call for topics for our Discussion and Focus groups. Additionally, we're coordinating a programme and stand for the upcoming Smart City World Expo Congress in Barcelona and Smart Cities Marketplace Forum. In summary, we're in full swing this autumn.

Yet, in the midst of our efforts, we pause to reflect on the communities in Libya, Greece, and Morocco that have borne the brunt of devastating climate catastrophes. These events, not confined to Europe alone, underscore the relevance of our collective efforts, including yours as our esteemed reader.

If not now, then when?

Your Smart Cities Marketplace team

Smart Cities Marketplace News

Explore: Solution Booklet for Public Procurement in Smart Cities



The Smart Cities Marketplace team is excited to introduce a new solution booklet dedicated to public procurement. It is available in English, French, and German, ensuring a wider reach and accessibility for stakeholders and decision-makers.

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Explore: Unlocking Resilience - A Guide to Financing Solutions for Small-to-Middle Sized Cities



In addition to the solution booklet on public procurement, the Smart Cities Marketplace team published a Solution Booklet on financing solutions for small-to-middle sized cities.

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



From 7 to 9 November, the Smart Cities Marketplace team will take part in the Smart City Expo World Congress. Come visit the stand of more than 30 EU initiatives and projects and use the opportunity to take part in this year's Smart Cities Marketplace forum.

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Explore & Shape: Smart Cities Marketplace Discussion and Focus groups - First Call for Topics



The Smart Cities Marketplace invites everyone to join an open call for topics related to sustainable and smart cities. The SCM will facilitate voluntary Discussion and Focus groups around the selected topics. Join us!

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Explore: Webinar - Empowering Cities - Decarbonising Mobility through Strategies, Success Stories, and Innovation



Together with the Smart Cities Marketplace, embark on the journey to sustainable urban mobility, hear about city success stories, master project financing, and discover innovative solutions on 24 October, 10-12 CEST.

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Explore: Webinar - Introduction to Navigating Hydrogen Integration in Smart Cities



Join the Smart Cities Marketplace webinar on Hydrogen on 26 October, 10:00 - 12:00 CEST. In the face of the challenges posed by urban decarbonisation and the selection of sustainable energy solutions to effectively combat it, recognising the significance of hydrogen.

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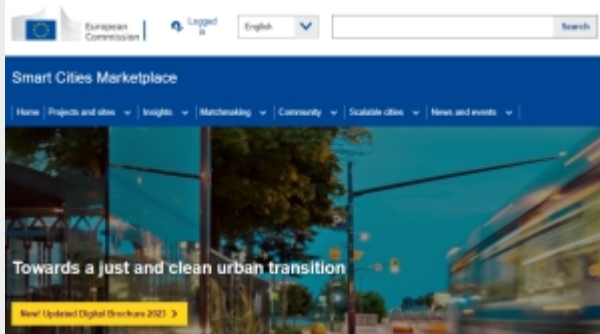
Explore: Transforming Urban Mobility - City of El Escorial and Don Cicleteo Secure Technical Support from the Smart Cities Marketplace



In a groundbreaking meeting held on September 18, 2023, Don Cicleteo, a pioneering mobility scale-up in Spain, joined forces with the city of El Escorial and the Smart Cities Marketplace to transform urban commuting patterns.

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Shape: Share Your Insights - Help Shape the Smart Cities Marketplace Website



The Smart Cities Marketplace team values your input in making our website even better! We invite you to provide your valuable feedback and suggestions to enhance your experience.

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Explore: Matchmaking Info Session - Recording available



The Smart Cities Marketplace hosted an informative session about their Matchmaking services on 7 September 2023. The Matchmaking services provide technical, financial, legal and governance-related support at no cost to cities and other stakeholders - so what are you waiting for?!

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News from the Community of the Smart Cities Marketplace

Explore: Propagating City Renewal at District Level - which Methods to Use?

A Scalable Cities Session at the Energy Cities Forum in Modena: Are you wondering how district approaches can help cities make a leap in energy transition, with whom to build the strategy, and where to start?

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Explore: Small Giants Momentum Continues to Build

Small Giants Focus Group launched: The Small Giants initiative has been confirmed as the latest Focus Group as part of the Smart Cities Marketplace's community.

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Beyond the Smart Cities Marketplace

Shape: From “Global Boiling” to another Winter of Energy Crisis - Sustaining the Cities Energy Saving Sprint



As we emerge from one of the hottest summers on record, we must start preparing for another winter strained by Russia’s war in Ukraine and the consequent energy crisis. The growing hazards of climate change experienced this summer are exerting mounting pressure on local governments across Europe.

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Explore: Energy Cities Annual Forum in Modena, Italy



The Energy Cities Annual Forum gathers many cities from across Europe and offers a rich agenda. This will be a unique session co-organised with projects ASCEND, Cities4PEDs and the Affordable Housing Initiative.

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Explore: Every1 - Overview of Ecosystems



The Every1 Project recently published a Structured Overview of Ecosystems affected by the digitalisation of the Energy Transition. The report investigates how stakeholders are interconnected in ecosystems and the analysis results in a structured overview of the stakeholder networks' goals, members, activities, and outreach channels.

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Shape: EP Think Thank publishes **Guide to EU Funding 2023 Edition**



The European Union extends financial support to regional and local authorities, NGOs, businesses, professionals, and citizens through an extensive array of funds. The European Parliamentary Research Service has compiled a comprehensive 'Guide to EU funding,'.

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Explore: Curious about how Member States Have Developed legal Frameworks for Energy



The Energy Communities Repository has collected data from the European Union Member States on their existing policies and regulations for energy communities in the context of the Clean Energy Package.

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Explore: Joint closing conference of the Energy Communities Repository and Rural Energy Community Advisory Hub



The closing conference of the Energy Communities Repository and Rural Energy Community Advisory Hub will display inspirational examples from energy communities that have received technical assistance under the RECAH or ECR projects.

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Events

Explore: +CityxChange Final event with Scalable Cities - 2nd Call for Visitor Cities is now open!

This is an extraordinary opportunity for visitor cities to acquire invaluable insights into the cutting-edge solutions offered by the +CityxChange project. Immerse yourself in the firsthand experience of witnessing how these innovative solutions have been implemented in the demo sites, making significant contributions to the development of Positive Energy Districts.



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03/10/2023 - 05/10/2023

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Explore: The Smart Cities Marketplace at the European Week of Regions and Cities

Come and see us at the Smart Cities Marketplace stand and visit both of our sessions "EDIHs and Smart Cities Marketplace as catalysts of digitalization" on 10/10/2023, 09:30-10:30 CEST and "Access to finance for the local energy transition: how to move away from subsidies?" on 12/10/2023, 11:30 - 13:00 CEST.



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09/10/2023 - 12/10/2023

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Explore: Interested in 5G for Smart Communities? Join the Commission's Conference on 11 October!

The conference will offer informative presentations by the European Commission on the 5G for Smart Communities action and the upcoming third CEF call for proposals, which is expected to open in October 2023.



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Explore: Smart Cities Marketplace @ European Urban Resilience Forum

The Smart Cities Marketplace will host a session as part of the EURESFO Resilience Investment and Financing Forum on 19/10/2023, 12:00 - 13:15 CEST, titled 'Financing smart and climate-resilient solutions' which will delve into the crucial nexus of smart cities and resilience.



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18/10/2023 - 20/10/2023

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Explore: Webinar - Empowering Cities - Decarbonising Mobility through Strategies, Success Stories, and Innovation

The multi-disciplinary approach to the decarbonisation of mobility, facilitated by the Smart Cities Marketplace team, will enable you to learn from thought leaders, cities, and innovators, providing you with the right tools to shape cities and the way we move.



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24/10/2023

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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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Explore: Covenant of Mayors Investment Forum 2023

Join the 2023 edition of the Covenant of Mayors Investment Forum - Energy Efficiency Finance Market Place that will take place in Brussels. The Smart Cities Marketplace will participate with a session "The role of Positive Energy Districts in the ongoing energy transition in urban areas" on 25/10/2023, 13:30 - 14:30 CEST. Discover the pivotal role of Positive Energy Districts in urban energy transition.



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25/10/2023

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Explore: Webinar - Introduction to Navigating Hydrogen Integration in Smart Cities

Find out how hydrogen can be part of a city's energy system, the lessons learned from hydrogen projects and its financing options.



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26/10/2023

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

Held in Barcelona since 2011, the Smart City Expo World Congress (SCEWC) is the world's biggest and most influential event for cities and urban innovation. Please note that the annual Smart Cities Marketplace Forum will also take place at the Smart City Expo World Congress this year.



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07/11/2023 - 09/11/2023

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The closing conference of the Energy Communities Repository and Rural Energy Community Advisory Hub will display inspirational examples from energy communities that have received technical assistance under the RECAH or ECR projects.



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Explore: Smart Cities Marketplace Financing Master Class

The master class will be organised following the Smart City Expo World Congress in Barcelona on 07-09 November 2023. In the context of the Smart Cities Marketplace matchmaking services, representatives of city administrations and smart city project developers are invited to submit their project ideas.



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16/11/2023

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