



# Scalable Cities

## Scalable Cities Café

**The Scalable Cities Action Grant**

**10.01.24**

*With **Sofia Corsi**, Energy Cities*

*Moderated by **Silvia Cesa-Bianchi**, Twenty Communications*



# Today's Café

- This meeting will be recorded. Feel free to turn off your camera if you do not wish to appear in the recording.
- After the presentation there will be a **Q&A session**, where you will be able to share all of your questions. In order to do so, please raise your hand or drop them in the chat!
- A pdf version of the **presentation** and the **recording** will be uploaded on the event's page after the Café.
- As part of the presentation there will be a couple of interactive slides using **Slido**, so keep your phone handy!








# What is Scalable Cities?

*“A joint city-led **initiative of the European Commission** and smart city experts with a goal to support the Smart Cities and Communities projects to create a sustainable, innovative and citizen-led community of smart cities in Europe and beyond, by networking and connecting all stakeholders and guiding them towards Europe-wide replication, improvement of their overall performance, and contribution to the creation of a **joint smart cities community in Europe**”.*



# The Mission

The role of Scalable Cities is to **identify and promote solutions and business models** that can be scaled up and replicated across Europe, and lead to measurable outcomes such as new jobs and energy savings.

-  An initiative of the European Commission to deploy and test innovative and smart solutions.
-  Lighthouse cities are the first to implement solutions and practices.
-  Fellow cities replicate and scale up those solutions.
-  Projects include coordinators, researchers, industrial partners, associations and consultants.
-  Solutions include innovations in mobility, smart buildings, smart infrastructure, citizen engagement, data platforms, new business models, city governance.

# Key data

**53%**

Energy savings

**88%**

CO2 reduction

**17500**

Smart meters

**5270**

E-vehicles introduced

**1 000 000**

m2 of floor space refurbished

**260000**

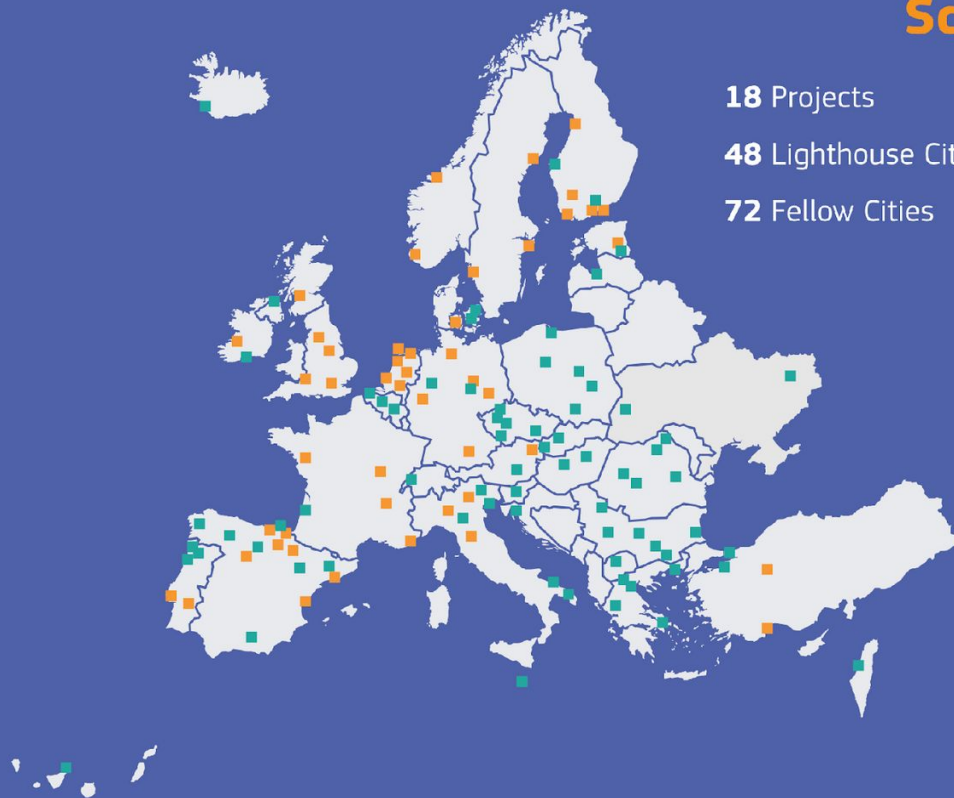
Citizens engaged

# Scope

**18** Projects

**48** Lighthouse Cities

**72** Fellow Cities

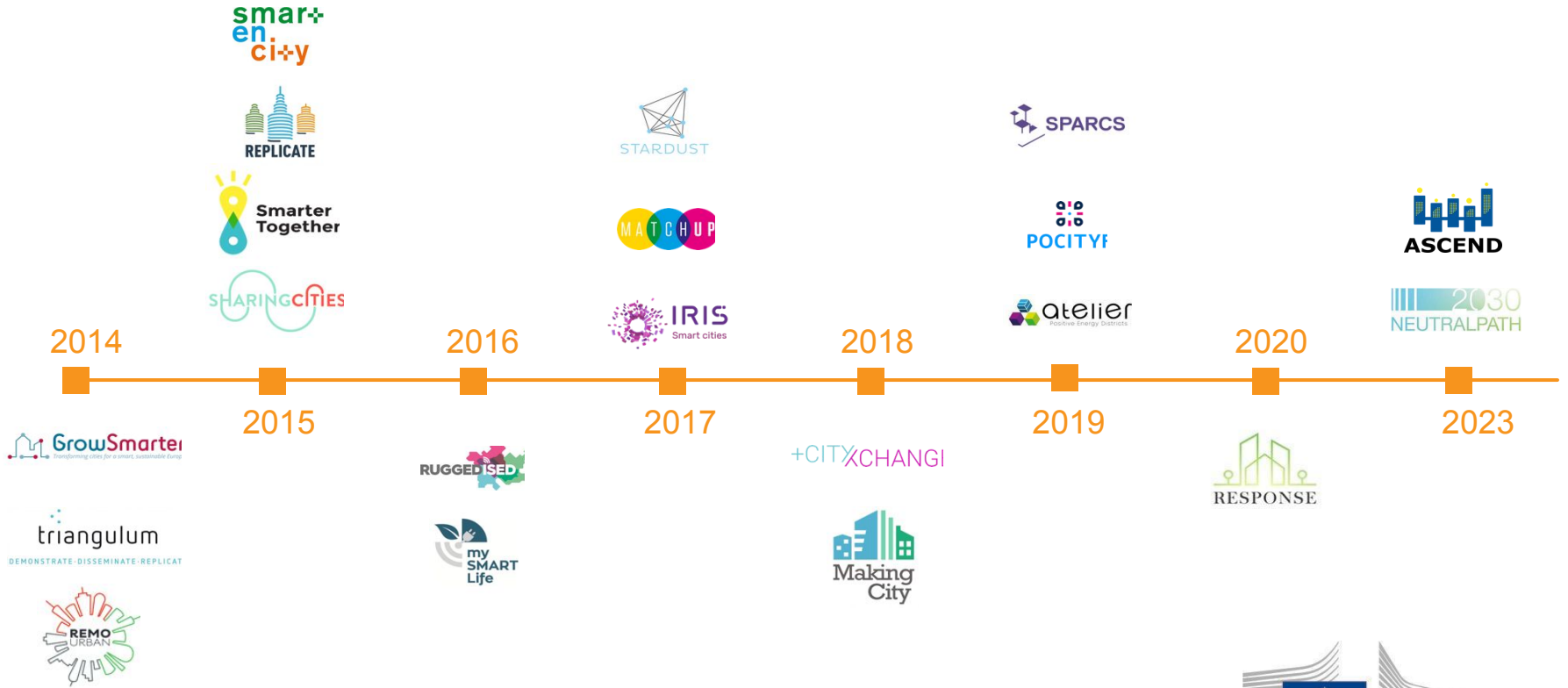


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# Smart Cities and Communities Projects





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## Which city are you joining from today?







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## Scalable Cities' Action Grant

Elina Sergejeva, Sofia Corsi

January 10th 2024



# Today's Speaker: Action Grant Coordinator



*Sofia Corsi, Energy Cities*



## Have you ever applied for a Scalable City Action Grant?

I still haven't



100%

I did!



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# Scalable Cities Action Grant

## General information

- A financial tool to apply and **replicate** success stories, workshops, measures, best practices and ideas from Scalable Cities projects.
- Provides **financial support** to cities and ad-hoc partnerships to ensure the continuity, knowledge-transfer and replication of Scalable Cities projects' solutions to be implemented in Europe.
- Implemented in collaboration with the European Commission and CINEA.

### BUDGET PER PROJECT

min 15.000 - max 50.000 EUR

### 4 CALLS FOR PROPOSALS

1<sup>ST</sup> call: closed in 2022

2<sup>ND</sup> call: closed in 2023

3<sup>RD</sup> call: open, deadline 31st  
January 2024

4th Call opens at the end of Feb



# Action Grant

## Eligibility Criteria

- **Political commitment** of the local authorities benefitting from the action.
- **Type of eligible applicants:** Local authorities or municipalities *as well as other legal entities who can support local authorities with the implementation of the actions* (i.e. civil society organisations, municipal owned companies, municipal agencies, private companies, universities and other non-profit organisations).
- **Country of eligible applicants:** Located in the European Union or in a country eligible for the Horizon 2020 SCC projects.
- **Energy and climate plans:** the local authority or the city represented by the applicant must be a signatory of the Covenant of Mayors, with a current SECAP or SEAP accepted by the European Commission's Joint Research Centre.



# Application Process

- Register and submit your application via the Action Grant's portal: <https://grants.scalable-cities.eu/login>
- Evaluation period: approx. 3 months
- More information, full description for the call, draft annexes, etc: <https://smart-cities-marketplace.ec.europa.eu/action-grant>
- 100% funded, 30% pre-financing



# Action grant 3rd call for Proposals

## eligible activities - deadline 31st January 2024

### Strand 1

#### Community Energy

Actions aimed at supporting the promotion and development of energy communities and community energy projects.

### Strand 2

#### Positive Energy Districts

Actions aimed at initiating PED development in the local context or tackling the technical, spatial, regulatory, legal, financial, social, and economic challenges of ongoing PED development projects.

### Strand 3

#### Data and digitalization

Supports actions aimed at replication of the innovations and technologies, tools, and processes tested in SCC projects.

Full description published soon here:

<https://smart-cities-marketplace.ec.europa.eu/action-grant>



# 4<sup>th</sup> Action Grant call – 2024

- Proposed new strands:
- 1 – Mobility solutions
- 2 – PEDs – depending on third call
- 3 – Energy communities?
- 4 – Data and Digitalisation

Transversal priorities:

- Societal aspects: People at the centre of the transition - citizen participation strategies.
- Capacity building

## Timeline

Indicative launch: **end of February**

Indicative deadline: **end of May**

Indicative start of projects -  
**September 2024**

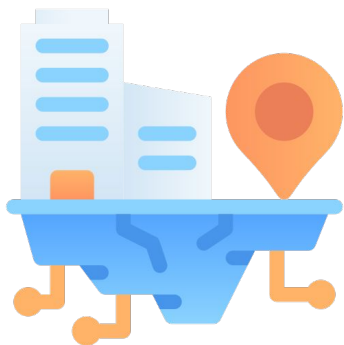
Projects' duration **6-10 months**





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**Inspirational carousel:  
Find ideas for your Action Grant  
project!**



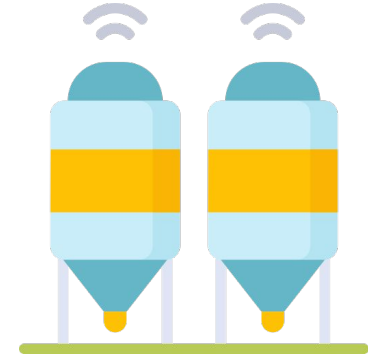
## Advancing an existing Digital Twin prototype

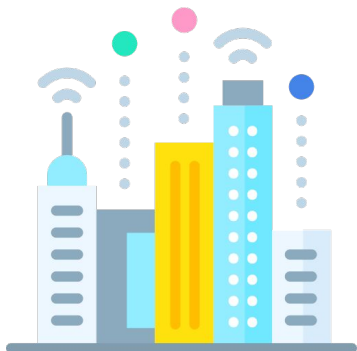
including internal preparations for public tenders,  
organizing workshops with technical and business teams, etc



## Capacity building on data for municipal staff

- to break data silos
- to improve data literacy
- to improve decision making





## Developing a Smart City Roadmap

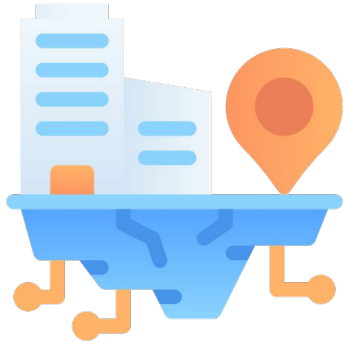
Setting up e-learning platform, delivering workshops and other learning activities for city staff and citizens.  
Implementing small scale pilot cases (e.g. smart sensors).



## Energy efficiency trainings

- for municipality's technical staff
- building managers
- vulnerable citizens (e.g. living in social housing)
- etc.





## Replication of the PED innovation ateliers

incl. creation of an energy transition team in city government involving strategic and operational (e.g., financial) personnel



## Tackling the social dimension of climate change

Reach diverse citizen groups through

- Communication activities
- Collective public events related to climate action
- Workshops with focus groups





## Setting up a city-wide energy and climate data repository or monitoring system

To support the implementation of SECAP, monitor effectiveness, detect municipality's vulnerabilities, e.g.





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## Q & A

**Let's start the conversation!**

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## Thank you!

More information: <https://smart-cities-marketplace.ec.europa.eu/scalable-cities/action-grant>

For any further question on the Action Grant,  
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