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## Editorial

Dear Smart Cities Marketplace Community,

In summer, some cities are buzzing with life getting busier while other cities become quiet. During this time, the Smart Cities Marketplace would like to provide you with reading material. We have published two new Solution Booklets in July on [ICT Infrastructure Management](#) and [Socio-Technical Tipping Points](#) and another one in June on [District Heating and Cooling](#).

Additionally, we published a new episode of the Smart Cities Marketplace podcast "[Urban Reverb](#)" in June. This episode is exploring the similarities of the decarbonisation of mid-sized cities and European islands with guests from the [Clean energy for EU islands secretariat](#) and the [EU Covenant of Mayors](#).

In order to engage with you in the last half of 2024, we are preparing a series of events including a stand at the SCEWC in Barcelona, Financing Masterclasses and a Brokerage Event! Take a look at our events list for more information on upcoming opportunities.

We wish you and your loved ones an enjoyable summer!

The Smart Cities Marketplace Team

## Explore: Solution Booklet ICT Infrastructure Management



As cities aspire to become more digitised, automated, and smart, local governments must consider the readiness of their telecom infrastructure and network architecture to meet these future challenges. This booklet explores critical topics related to building a consistent, sustainable, and reliable smart city infrastructure.

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## Explore: Solution Booklet Socio-Technical Tipping Points



This booklet explores the concept of "Social Tipping Points" (STPs), moments of significant societal change that can trigger major shifts like political upheavals, social revolutions, and changes in mentality.

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## Explore: Solution Booklet District Heating and Cooling



District heating and cooling networks constitute a proven solution for large scale thermal energy distribution that has been deployed in a growing number of cities worldwide, using a diversity of technologies that can enable synergies between the production and distribution of heat, cold, domestic hot water and electricity.

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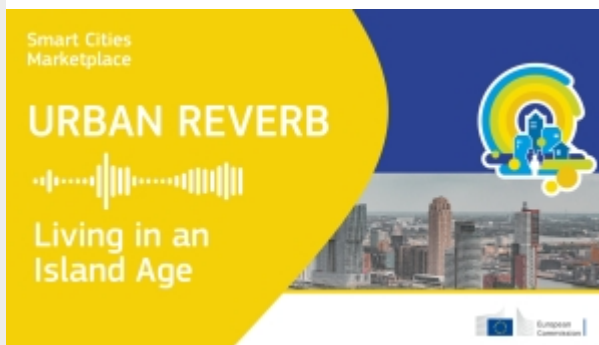
## Explore: Smart Cities Marketplace Hosts Informative Webinar with Spanish Cities



The Smart Cities Marketplace organised a successful webinar titled "Smart Cities Marketplace: sesión informativa con ciudades españolas," to engage with representatives from over 20 Spanish cities.

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## Explore: Urban Reverb - Living in an Island Age



In this episode, we introduce the EU islands secretariat and discuss the similarities between the decarbonisation efforts of small and mid-sized cities and those of islands. We explore whether islands can serve as models for the decarbonisation of towns.

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## Explore: Smart Cities Marketplace Engages in ePlanet Webinar to Discuss Next Steps for Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plans



The Smart Cities Marketplace actively participated in the ePlanet webinar titled "Actividad de ampliación de Girona. Plan de Acción para el Clima y la Energía Sostenible (PACES), ¿qué viene después? Implementación y monitoreo." jointly organised with the Covenant of Mayors.

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## Explore: Smart Cities Marketplace EUSEW Session Showcases Innovative Solutions for Sustainable Urban Futures



At this year's EU Sustainable Energy Week, the Smart Cities Marketplace organised a dynamic pitch session that captivated a diverse audience of public institutions and stakeholders. The session highlighted five innovative and replicable solutions from across Europe.

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## News from the Community of the Smart Cities Marketplace

### Explore & Shape: ENCLUDE - A Changemaker's Guide to the Energy Transition

This playbook is developed based on both adapting a design thinking approach to systems change and the learnings we had in the ENCLUDE project while running a leadership development program for changemakers known as the ENCLUDE Academy.

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## Explore: Discover how Citizen Engagement Is Fostering Cities' Climate Neutrality Journeys

As cities address climate change, engaging citizens in urban decision-making is crucial for developing effective, equitable, and community-aligned climate strategies. Explore NetZeroCities' latest article series to discover how cities like Mannheim, Turku, and Nantes are prioritising citizen engagement in their climate neutrality efforts.



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## Explore: EU Covenant of Mayors Unveils Heating and Cooling Detox Initiative

To combat climate change, the EU Covenant of Mayors has launched a groundbreaking Heating and Cooling Detox campaign, stressing the urgent need for cities to cleanse their heating and cooling systems.



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## Explore: Key Takeaways from the Cities Mission Conference

Two years into the Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities Mission, cities have made significant progress in their plans to achieve climate neutrality. Over 30 cities have received the EU Mission Label for their Climate City Contracts, with more to follow.



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## Shape: Discover the Climate Capital Hub

The Climate City Capital Hub, part of the NetZeroCities' offering as the Cities Mission Platform, was launched at the Cities Mission Conference in June. It aims to facilitate both public and private financing for Mission Cities that have received the EU Mission Label.

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## Explore: Financing and Business Models for the PCEDs in Dresden

ASCEND & NEUTRALPATH projects organised a webinar focused on the financing and business models aspects that are central to their effort in developing and implementing the Positive Clean Energy Districts in Europe.

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## Shape: NetZeroCities' Enabling City Transformation Call for MissionCities

The Enabling City Transformation Call invites Mission Cities to propose innovative actions to overcome systemic challenges faced when implementing climate action. This eighteen-month programme aims to foster large-scale, city-wide transformation, building upon and progressing beyond the Pilot Cities programme.

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## Shape: EIT Urban Mobility's CITY RAPTOR currently Receiving Expressions of Interest

CITY Rapid Applications for Transport (RAPTOR) is a city-driven, challenge-based, and agile innovation competition designed to quickly develop and test solutions for specific urban mobility challenges in cities across Europe.

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## Beyond the Smart Cities Marketplace

### Explore: CINEA Report - An Inclusive Energy Transition



Achieving a citizen-centred and inclusive energy transition requires harnessing affordable and clean energy solutions while facilitating the active participation of consumers in line with the aims of the European Green Deal. This CORDIS Results Pack highlights 15 EU-funded projects that are making this happen.

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### Explore: EuComMeet Final Event



The EuComMeet project's final event, "Just Transition & Participatory Democracy: Lessons Learned from H2020 EuComMeet Project," was held at the European Committee of the Regions. This marked the end of four years of research on new forms of deliberative democracy involving citizens in decision-making.

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## Explore: SPARCS Final Conference - Sparking Transformation Towards Sustainable Cities

SPARCS project is organising its final event from in Espoo, Finland that will offer meetings, public presentations, and networking opportunities. The Lighthouse cities Espoo and Leipzig will look back at the milestones achieved in positive energy districts, mobility, energy and ICT systems.



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11/09/2024 - 12/09/2024

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## Explore: Circular PSP - AI & Digital Platform Enabling the Circular Economy Transition

The aim of the online event is to present the outcomes of the CircularPSP Tender and the current work. This event is organised for the members of the CircularPSP's Follower Network, but any other interested stakeholder in the field of circularity is more than welcome!



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12/09/2024

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## Explore: Smart Cities Marketplace Financing Masterclass on Climate Neutrality

This session will offer insights into effective practices from European smart cities that have successfully implemented climate-neutral strategies. Attendees will also learn about the critical requirements that banks and investors consider when financing climate-focused projects.



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## Explore: CIVITAS Political Exchange Forum

The next meeting of the CIVITAS Politicians Exchange Forum (PEF) during the upcoming CIVITAS Forum Conference in Parma, Italy. The PEF brings together decision-makers, politicians, and stakeholders to engage in an open and collaborative dialogue on key sustainable mobility topics.



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01/10/2024

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## Explore: EU RegionsWeek 2024 - Empowering communities

The European Week of Regions and Cities is an annual four-day event during which cities and regions showcase their capacity to create growth and jobs, implement European Union Cohesion Policy, and prove the importance of the local and regional level for good European governance.



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07/10/2024 - 10/10/2024

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## Explore: Smart Country Convention

The Smart Country Convention is Germany's largest congress for the digitisation in the public sector. It is all about the successful digitisation of federal, state and local authorities.



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15/10/2024 - 17/10/2024

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## Explore: Enlit Europe

Enlit is a high-level energy forum connecting industries, inspiring actions and helping Europe evolve into one decarbonised and digitalised energy system for the energy transition. The forum addresses every aspect of the energy agenda, from decarbonisation of industry and transportation, to power generation and energy storage!



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22/10/2024 - 24/10/2024

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## Explore: Smart Cities Marketplace - Smart City Expo World Congress

The Smart City Expo World Congress is the world's biggest and most influential event for cities and urban innovation. Stay tuned for the Smart Cities Marketplace's involvement in the Smart City Expo World Congress.



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## Explore: Smart Cities Marketplace Financing Masterclass on the Energy Transition Process

This session will offer insights into effective practices from European smart cities that have successfully implemented energy transition strategies. Attendees will also learn about the critical requirements that banks and investors consider when financing energy transition projects.



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