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## Editorial

Dear Smart Cities Marketplace Community,

As autumn ushers in a season of transformation, the *Smart Cities Marketplace* is preparing for its key role in the *Smart City Expo World Congress (SCEWC)*, taking place from 5-7 November 2024 in Barcelona. Coordinating the European Commission's joint presence, we'll be showcasing innovative projects and partners dedicated to advancing sustainable urban solutions. Our focus will be on scaling up strategies that contribute to the EU Green Deal and a Just Transition involving all stakeholders.

Our presence at SCEWC will include congress sessions, interactive booth activities, and networking opportunities, where cities can learn more about Positive Energy Districts, urban mobility, digital solutions for sustainability, and aspects of socially just and inclusive implementation of the latter. Key partners such as *NetZeroCities* and *Driving Urban Transitions Partnership* will share how European cities are advancing their sustainability goals.

In addition to the Expo, check out the latest episode of our *Urban Reverb* podcast series. Episode 7, *Empowering Cities – Net-Zero Energy Solutions in Action*, features insights from experts on how cities are tackling the transition to net-zero energy emissions.

We look forward to meeting you at SCEWC 2024 and working together to drive sustainable change.

The Smart Cities Marketplace Team

## Smart Cities Marketplace News

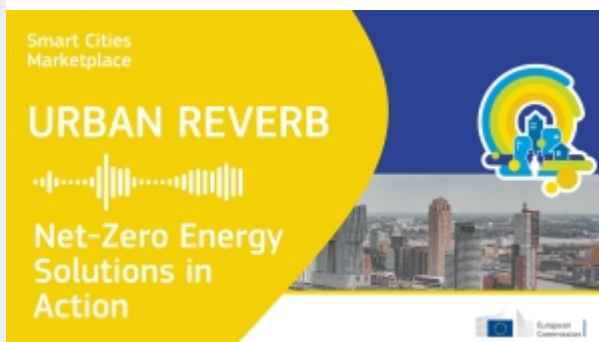
### Explore: Smart Cities Marketplace and Partners at Smart City Expo World Congress 2024



The Smart Cities Marketplace team is again participating in this year's Smart City Expo World Congress (SCEWC), the premier global event for cities and urban innovation, taking place from 5-7 November 2024 in Barcelona, Spain.

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### Explore: Urban Reverb: Empowering Cities – Net-Zero Energy Solutions in Action



In Episode 7, titled Empowering Cities – Net-Zero Energy Solutions in Action, we delve into the dynamic journey of municipalities striving for net-zero energy emissions. Join us as we unravel the complexities of transitioning to sustainable energy systems, tackling the hurdles and barriers faced along the way.

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## Explore & Shape: Call for Topics and Participants for the Smart Cities Marketplace Focus and Discussion Groups



The Smart Cities Marketplace has launched its second call for Discussion and Focus groups. These Discussion and Focus groups aim to guide peer exchange and support cities in their smart development.

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## Explore: Upcoming Smart Cities Marketplace Events - A Look Ahead at Innovation and Collaboration



The Smart Cities Marketplace is preparing to host a series of events aimed at driving innovation and fostering collaboration in urban development across Europe. These upcoming events are set to play a crucial role in shaping the future of smart cities through strategic partnerships, financial insights, and networking opportunities.

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## Explore: Call for Participants & Survey – Smart Cities Marketplace E-Scooter and Bike-Share Urban Usage Focus Group



A new Smart Cities Marketplace Focus group aims to study e-scooter usage patterns, user needs, and existing policies across Europe. The group will publish academic papers, reports, and host webinars to share findings.

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# News from the Community of the Smart Cities Marketplace

## Shape: Covenant of Mayors - Revitalising cities' health: 3 reasons to detox your city's heat

How we heat our cities has a great impact on both community health and the stability of our economy and society, influencing long-term resilience. For a healthier and stronger future, let's detoxify our cities' heat together!

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## Explore: European Smart Cities Business Models

Scalable Cities would like to present its most recent publication the "European Smart Cities Business Models. Avoid the trap: From piloting projects to upscaling". This report aims to pinpoint, comprehend, and highlight viable business cases and financing models, with a special focus on Positive Energy Districts (PEDs).

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## Shape: Join the EU Cities Mission Twinning Learning Programme and twin to win on climate neutrality!

Looking for valuable support for your city to ramp up its climate action? As part of the EU Cities Mission, the Twinning Learning Programme is open again for applications, offering ambitious cities a unique opportunity to join an expert-supported 18-month city-to-city learning programme.

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## Explore: Scalable Cities – Call for Experts is now open!

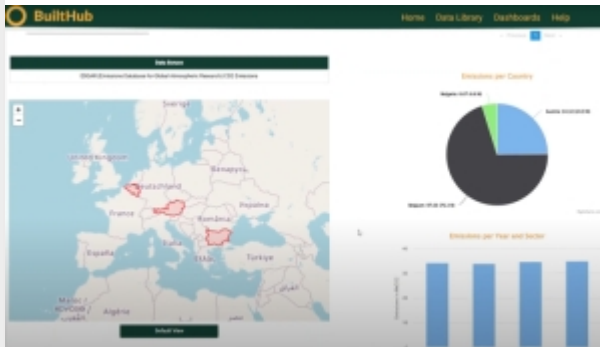
Scalable Cities Secretariat has launched a new call seeking experts. The Scalable Cities Expert Group is a networking and co-working community of experienced and motivated smart city experts ready to provide technical advice and support to the Scalable Cities and the European Commission.

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Beyond the Smart Cities Marketplace

## Explore: End of Four-Year Project Provides Extensive Building Stock Data



After four years of collaboration and innovation, the BuiltHub project has reached its successful conclusion. Through the development of a robust web-based platform, BuiltHub has supported data collection, extraction, and transformation into valuable knowledge for policymakers and stakeholders across the EU.

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## Explore: Call for Proposals – Zero-Pollution Cities



The European Commission has just launched a dedicated funding call under Horizon Europe to support innovative solutions that tackle pollution in urban areas (HORIZON-MISS-2024-CIT-01-02). This opportunity is specifically designed for cities like yours, seeking to create a better quality of life for citizens while protecting the environment.

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## Smart City Projects News

### Shape: Athens Welcomes Arrival of 140 New Electric Buses

The metaCCAZE city, Athens, is accelerating its efforts toward a zero-emission mobility with the recent addition of 140 new electric buses. Approximately 60 of these buses are already in daily operation, providing a cleaner and more efficient mode of transport for residents and visitors.



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## Explore: MOBILITIES FOR EU Joins Forces at Cities Mission Conference in Valencia

The vibrant city of Valencia has become the hub of urban mobility innovation as it hosts the NetZeroCitiesEU Mission

Conference, titled 'Empowering Cities – the Climate Neutral and Smart Cities Mission in Action.'

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## Shape: Pioneering Solar Integration in European Infrastructure – Meet the Increase Project

The Increase project is at the forefront of a transformative initiative to advance the integration of photovoltaic (PV) technology within buildings and infrastructure across Europe.



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## Explore: SPARCS Final Conference – Accelerating Sustainable Urban Transformation

The SPARCS Final Conference, held on September 11-12 in Espoo, Finland, marked the culmination of a five-year journey towards sustainable urban innovation and climate neutrality.

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## Explore: Smart Cities Marketplace Workshop @10th European Conference on Sustainable Cities & Towns

Join the Smart Cities Marketplace in the workshop of the Adaption mission on Financing and investment solution for climate resilience. This session will bring together experts in climate adaption finance, regional transformation, and shared governance to identify concrete actions that can support cities and regions.



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## Explore: Call to join the CIVITAS Political Exchange Forum at the CIVITAS Forum 2024

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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## Explore: Roadshow webinar – How to Build a Viable Energy Community: Business Models & Financial Schemes through Crowdfunding Philosophy

The webinar will explore how an increased IRR may impact the crowdfunding philosophy and the importance of having conscious and committed participants in the energy transition.



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## Explore: Empowering Urban Decarbonisation through CCUS

This workshop will spotlight the pioneering cities of Trondheim, Gothenburg, Rotterdam, and Zurich, as they share their journeys and strategies in implementing Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Storage (CCUS) technologies.



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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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## Explore: Smart Cities Marketplace – Innovation Procurement and Horizon Europe City Mission and CL5 Brokerage Event

On 11 October the Smart Cities Marketplace will moderate Mission City Ecosystem and Matchmaking panel from 9:45 to 11:00 CET. The aim of this panel is to connect the keynote on the City Mission ecosystem with the City Mission Horizon Europe calls matchmaking session



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10/10/2024 - 11/10/2024

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## Explore: Smart Cities Marketplace Webinar on Private Sector Finance for Smart Cities

The Smart Cities Marketplace is pleased to announce an upcoming webinar titled "Unlocking Private Sector Finance for Smart Cities – Financing Instruments and Best Practices." This 90-minute session will feature experts from BwB and Technopolis discussing green finance instruments and different financing types relevant to smart city projects.



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## Explore: EPAH International Annual Conference in Barcelona

This year, at its fourth edition, the event is focused on the theme "Turning the Tide: Paving the Way for Energy Poverty Alleviation." This annual meeting promises to be a crucial gathering of local governments, policymakers, experts, and stakeholders dedicated to addressing energy poverty and fostering sustainable solutions at the local level.



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## Explore: ASCEND Workshop in Stockholm

The workshop will involve the three on-site Expert Training sessions as part of ASCEND's Capacity Building Programme. The Expert Training sessions are focused on the evaluation of PCED solutions.



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## Explore: Smart Country Convention

The Smart Country Convention (in short: SCCON) is Germany's largest congress for the digitisation in the public sector. As a driving force for the future of a modern public administration and smart cities, SCCON is a must for all key players who want to drive the digital change.



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## Explore: Atelier Webinar E-mobility in the transformation towards energy neutral cities

ATELIER is organising a webinar on the topic of e-mobility and its role in the transition towards energy neutral cities. In this webinar they will present the challenge of e-mobility (EV) integration in a local energy system.



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## Explore: Matchmaking Info Session

Register for the info session and learn all about the matchmaking opportunities of the Marketplace as well as the ongoing call for applications. The online session is a valuable opportunity to ask specific questions to our experts about the Smart Cities Marketplace and how to engage in the call directly.



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## Explore: P2P Roadshow in Kladno, Czech Republic

Scalable Cities would like to present an upcoming in-person peer-to-peer Roadshow that will take place in the Czech city of Kladno, focusing on Energy Communities projects. This event will bring together nine cities from across Europe that are either developing or interested in develop energy community projects.



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

Every year, the expo brings together leaders from global companies, governments and organizations to move cities towards a better future. The goal is to collectivise urban innovation across the globe and empower cities to tackle the critical challenges facing them today.



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## Explore: GovTech Connect Assembly

Join European leaders and the GovTech community to push the boundaries of public innovation and facilitate impactful progress across Europe.



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

Attend our Smart Cities Marketplace Financing Masterclass to explore essential tools provided by SCM to enhance city project financing, specifically tailored for the energy transition process. This session will offer insights into effective practices from European smart cities that have successfully implemented energy transition strategies.



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