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Editorial

Dear Smart Cities Marketplace Community,

Autumn has been a busy time for the Smart Cities Marketplace. In November, we participated in the Smart City Expo World Congress 2024, where we teamed up with 21 EU-supported initiatives and projects, highlighting urban sustainability and innovative financing at a shared stand.

In October, we released a new [policy paper](#) providing insights on energy communities and strategies for zero-emission buildings. There is also great [news](#) from three municipalities in Portugal, Guimarães, Vila Real, and Torres Novas, which are set to boost their sustainability efforts by establishing energy communities with support from the Smart Cities Marketplace and our technical assistance programme.

The Smart Cities Marketplace website has recently received a new section: [Solution providers](#). Solution providers can join our website to showcase their services and create a place for cities to find suitable solutions to implement their projects.

As the year comes to a close, we'd like to extend our warmest greetings to all our partners and supporters and wish you a peaceful end of 2024.

Happy Holidays!

Your Smart Cities Marketplace Team

Explore: Smart Cities Marketplace Opens for Businesses – Calling all Solution Providers to Join the New Platform!



The Smart Cities Marketplace is pleased to announce the launch of its brand-new Solution Provider Page. This dedicated page showcases businesses offering innovative solutions that contribute to creating smarter, more sustainable cities.

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Shape & Deal: Cities of Guimarães, Vila Real, and Torres Novas Embark on Energy Community Initiatives with European Support



Three municipalities in Portugal—Guimarães, Vila Real, and Torres Novas—are set to boost their sustainability efforts by establishing energy communities with support from the Smart Cities Marketplace and its technical assistance programme.

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Explore: New Policy Paper by Smart Cities Marketplace - Insights into Energy Communities from a Local Authority Perspective



The Smart Cities Marketplace has published a new policy paper titled “Looking at Energy Communities through a Local Authority Lens: Perceptions, Experiences, and Needs.” This comprehensive study is based on interviews with 44 local authorities across Europe, providing a deep dive into their views on energy communities.

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Explore: Smart Cities Marketplace at the Smart City Expo World Congress 2024



The Marketplace was pivotal in coordinating a European Commission booth featuring 21 EU-supported projects and initiatives spanning DG ENER, DG CNECT, DG REGIO, and other Directorates-General. The booth hosted 16 sessions with 45 speakers and welcomed 20 international delegations, including those from Japan, Korea, and Brazil.

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Explore: Smart Cities Marketplace Hosts Webinar on Unlocking Private Sector Finance for Urban Innovation



The Smart Cities Marketplace hosted a webinar on "Unlocking Private Sector Finance for Smart Cities" to address the growing need for sustainable urban development. The event focused on financing instruments, best practices, and the role of the private sector in decarbonisation efforts, attracting a diverse range of stakeholders.

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Explore: Smart Cities Marketplace at the Conference on Sustainable Cities & Towns in Aalborg



In early October, the Smart Cities Marketplace took part in one of Europe's most relevant events for urban sustainability, the 10th European Conference on Sustainable Cities & Towns, hosted in Aalborg, Denmark and co-organised by ICLEI.

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



Throughout the two days, the Smart Cities Marketplace held seven targeted meetings with entrepreneurs, universities, and city representatives, exchanging ideas and exploring new collaborations to support the green transition and enhance the impact of the City Mission.

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Explore: Webinar - Unlocking Private Sector Finance for Smart Cities



The Smart Cities Marketplace hosted a webinar on “Unlocking Private Sector Finance for Smart Cities” focusing on sustainable urban development. Key insights were shared on evaluating project bankability and leveraging private capital for urban projects, emphasising public-private collaboration for sustainable cities.

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News from the Community of the Smart Cities Marketplace

Shape: Geospatial Tools for Cities Focus Group at SCEWC 2024

The Focus group provides a platform for city officials, decision-makers, industries, investors, researchers, and other smart cities stakeholders to collaborate, prioritize needs, and leverage geospatial data to create accessible and innovative solutions for sustainable urban development.

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Explore: How are cities decarbonising their heat? The Covenant of Mayors has a new map!

Taking carbon and gas out of our heating systems is necessary for healthier and more resilient communities, stronger economies, and a climate-neutral future. Find out what cities are doing to detox their heat from the Covenant of Mayor's new map and join the Cities Heat Detox Campaign!

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Explore: Smart Cities Marketplace Focus Group on Renewable Heating and Cooling Webinar - Financing the Acceleration of Clean Heat Solutions in Cities

This session explored various financing tools and business models available for cities to accelerate the deployment of clean heat solutions. The session is co-organised by Euroheat and Power and ICLEI Europe in the context of the EU Smart Cities Marketplace's Focus Group on Renewable Heating and Cooling.



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Shape: Call for Cities and Solutions Providers - Survey on Conformance and Certification of Interoperable Smart City Solutions

Are you a city representative or a technology provider invested in the future of smart city interoperability? Your feedback could help shape the future of certification standards across Europe. This survey seeks feedback from city representatives and technology providers on current needs and practices related to interoperability mechanisms, testing, and certification.



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Beyond the Smart Cities Marketplace

Shape: Building the Energy System of the Future - Insights from the First Energy Communities Master Class



The ManagEnergy Master Class on Energy Communities covered everything from the European policy framework to the practicalities of setting up, financing, and operating energy communities. Contributions from representatives of the European Commission and CINEA provided valuable insights into regulatory barriers and potential funding opportunities.

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Smart City Projects News

Explore: SMC Net Zero Project Nears Completion: A Recap of Achievements and Highlights

As the SMC NetZero project nears its conclusion, it's an opportunity to celebrate the impact made by the partner organisations. The project has equipped cities with essential tools, knowledge, and hands-on training sessions to support small and medium-sized cities (SMCs) in advancing towards net-zero emissions.

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Events

Explore: Financing deep retrofit of social housing with a holistic neighbourhood approach

The oPEN Lab project is hosting the last workshop of the roundtable series with the financial sector. Their partner BPIE will be organising this online workshop addressing social housing institutions' challenges when financing deep renovations and retrofits.



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Explore: 16th Citizens' Energy Forum

The 16th Citizens Energy Forum will be co-organised by the European Commission and the Hungarian Energy and Public Utility Regulatory Authority. It will engage a wide range of local stakeholders, including NGOs, cities, communities, youth and businesses, as well as Energy Regulators and national policy-makers.



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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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Explore: World Sustainable Energy Days 2025

The 2025 World Sustainable Energy Days will demonstrate how to realise high policy ambitions and strengthen clean energy markets.



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05/03/2025 - 07/03/2025

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European Sustainable Energy Week

The European Sustainable Energy Week (EUSEW) Policy Conference is the biggest conference dedicated to renewables and efficient energy use in Europe.



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10/06/2025 - 12/06/2025

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