

Dear Smart Cities Marketplace Community,

The Smart Cities Marketplace is kicking off 2025 with a <u>webinar</u> on how cities can use innovation from companies and universities to achieve a sustainable and just transition.

In 2025, the Smart Cities Marketplace will continue to support cities through technical assistance, Matchmaking services, and new publications. Stay tuned for new solution booklets, the last episode of Urban Reverb's season two, and exciting webinars and events organised for you.

We hope that 2025 will be a year of change for cities, encouraging more cities to transition towards becoming more sustainable and liveable spaces.

Your Smart Cities Marketplace Team

Smart Cities Marketplace News

Explore: How can innovation from companies and universities be an asset for your smart city transition?



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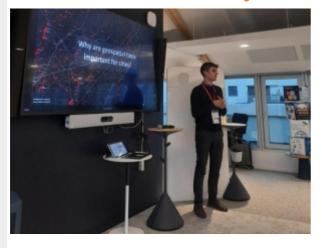
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The participants learned how to begin engaging private partners, supported by Smart Cities Marketplace's tailored services, which include advisory support, matchmaking opportunities, and access to knowledge repositories.

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Explore: Smart Cities Marketplace Focus Group Geospatial Tools for Cities at Eurisy Members' Day in Paris



Seizing the opportunity of having gathered the community for Eurisy Members' Day, Eurisy and ICLEI organised the launch of the newly established Smart Cities Marketplace Geospatial Tools for Cities Focus Group.



Explore: Exploring the Future of Shared Micro-Mobility - E-Scooter & Bike Share Focus Group Kick-Off



The Smart Cities Marketplace's E-Scooter & Bike Share Urban Usage Focus Group recently held its kickoff event. This dynamic session explored the transformative potential of shared micro-mobility solutions for urban transportation.



News from the Community of the Smart Cities Marketplace

Explore: New Horizon Europe Project Becomes Part of the Smart Cities Marketplace: TIPS4PED

Central to TIPS4PED's approach is developing an Integrated Assessment Platform (IAP), which will support decision-making at the municipal level. The project will also test a digital twin-based platform to improve planning and operational efficiency in urban environments.





Explore: EIT Urban Mobility Releases First Marketplace Solutions Catalogue

EIT Urban Mobility has released the first issue of its Marketplace Solutions Catalogue, showcasing over thirty innovative solutions designed to address urban mobility challenges across Europe. The Mobility Innovation Marketplace highlights real-life implementations that deliver significant environmental, social, and economic benefits.



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Shape: TIPS4PED Local 'Focus Groups' Kickstart Stakeholder Dialogues on Positive-Energy Districts

The workshops brought together a diverse range of stakeholders from various sectors to address shared challenges and opportunities. Participants provided valuable insights into their communities' expectations, such as the functionalities most desired for the Integrated Assessment Platform.





Shape: A Stakeholder Engagement Guide for a Technology-Driven PED Development

BIPED developed a Stakeholder Engagement Guide to guide municipalities and communities through the process of working with PED stakeholder mapping and engagement in building intelligent positive energy districts.



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Explore: Scalable Cities Cafés 2024 - Your Gateway to Urban Innovation Insights

Cities across Europe are at the forefront of addressing some of the most pressing urban challenges of our time, and the Scalable Cities Cafés provided a dynamic platform for knowledge-sharing and collaboration.



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Shape: New Year, New Heat - Time to Plan for a Successful Heat Detox in 2025!

Amidst New Year resolutions, there's no better time than now to commit to healthy heating. And, like any new commitment, it's important to start with a plan. However, a good heating plan requires more than just goodwill from cities.

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Beyond the Smart Cities Marketplace

Shape: European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency (CINEA) Cluster meeting – Positive Energy Neighbourhoods and Districts



The event gathered for the first time city practitioners working on PEN/PED, stakeholder organisations such as NetZeroCities and the Driving Urban Transitions Partnership, and the European Commission DG ENER and DG RTD to explore the PED challenges and solutions.

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Explore: FEDARENE Launches the 2025 Roger Léron Award

2025 EDITION

Let's celebrate the changemakers shaping Europe's energy and climate future! From local energy agencies to public authorities and non-profits, countless initiatives strive to make energy cleaner and more efficient. The Roger Léron Award celebrates their strategic vision, leadership, and impact, highlighting achievements that help shape a more sustainable future for all.

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Explore: Twelve Ukrainian Cities Join the SUN4Ukraine Initiative of the EU Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities Mission



Twelve municipalities from across Ukraine are beginning a transformative journey to climateneutral rebuilding. They have been announced as SUN4Ukraine's Flagship Municipalities and will be associated with the EU Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities Mission.

Explore: Scalable Cities Peer-to-Peer Roadshow in Dublin

The Roadshow in Dublin offers a unique opportunity for cities to explore citizen engagement strategies and innovative financing models that can support energy transition projects. Participants will gain valuable insights on designing and implementing energy transition projects that actively engage citizens and explore new financial avenues for scaling up sustainable initiatives.



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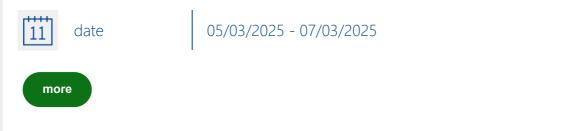
Explore: CircularPSP Follower Event: From Concept to Prototype: AI-powered Platform advancing Circularity

CircularPSP organises a third Follower Event in cooperation with the Association of Cities and Regions for Sustainable Resource Management (ACR+). ACR+ will present their work in aiding cities to act on CE.



Explore: World Sustainable Energy Days 2025

In 4 days, this conference on energy transition and climate neutrality offers participants 6 dedicated conferences, including the European Energy Efficiency Policy Conference, the European Pellet Conference, the Industrial Energy Efficiency Conference and the Smart E-Mobility Conference.



Explore: Energy Cities Annual Forum 2025

The event will provide a platform for municipalities to exchange experiences, forge new connections, and advance the transition toward climate neutrality through collaboration, networking, and shared best practices.



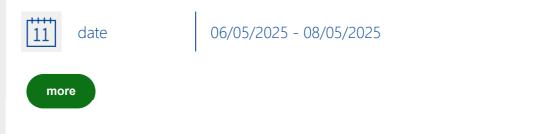
Explore: ChangeNOW Conference 2025

The conference aims to foster meaningful connections and actionable ideas, uniting policymakers, business leaders, activists and other stakeholders to shape a sustainable future.



Explore: Cities Mission Conference 2025

Organised by the European Commission and the Mission Platform, the conference will bring together political representatives and practitioners from the 112 Mission Cities to celebrate the Mission's considerable progress after three years.



Explore: EM-Power Europe 2025

The exhibition focuses on modernising and digitalising power grids, transforming them into flexible smart grids that integrate prosumers, emobility, and power-to-heat solutions into a comprehensive renewable energy system.

