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## Editorial

Dear Smart Cities Marketplace Community,

As 2025 unfolds, the Smart Cities Marketplace continues to support cities in their journey towards climate neutrality and sustainability. We help urban areas develop smart, resilient, and inclusive solutions by fostering collaboration and innovation.

This May, the Cities Mission Conference 2025 in Vilnius, with the participation of the Smart Cities Marketplace, will bring together representatives from the 112 Mission Cities to celebrate progress and share insights. Later, in November, the *Smart City Expo World Congress* in Barcelona will showcase cutting-edge urban solutions and foster partnerships that drive sustainable transformation, and the Smart Cities Marketplace is organising the EC stand.

### Recent Highlights

The Smart Cities Marketplace played a key role in the *European Energy Communities Facility Strategic Dialogue*, supporting community-led energy projects. Meanwhile, Turin was named *European Capital of Innovation 2024-25*, recognising its leadership in smart and sustainable urban development.

### Looking Ahead

The Smart Cities Marketplace remains committed to empowering cities through knowledge exchange, funding access, and expert support. Together, we can accelerate the shift towards greener, smarter, and more liveable urban environments.

Your Smart Cities Marketplace Team

## Smart Cities Marketplace News

### Shape: From Idea to Action - Tailored Support to Bring Your City's Vision to Life



**From idea to action:  
Tailored support to bring  
your city's vision to life**  
Gain free expert guidance!

The Smart Cities Marketplace and the Covenant of Mayors – Europe are offering an exciting opportunity for cities with defined project ideas but facing implementation challenges. This initiative provides 20 days of free, personalised guidance to help turn your plans into action.

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### Explore: Cities Harnessing Innovation for Smart City Transitions: Key Takeaways from the Webinar



On 13 February, the Smart Cities Marketplace hosted a webinar titled, How can innovation from companies and universities be an asset for your smart city transition? The session brought together experts from across Europe to explore how cities can effectively leverage innovation from research institutions and businesses to advance their smart city goals.

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## Explore: Smart Cities Marketplace Takes Part in European Energy Communities Facility Strategic Dialogue



The European Energy Communities Facility aims to empower and support the development of emerging energy communities across Europe. Small lump sum grants will assist at least 140 energy communities.

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## Explore: BUILDSPACE Joins the Smart Cities Marketplace to Advance Urban Sustainability



The Horizon Europe BUILDSPACE project has been welcomed to the Smart Cities Marketplace, reinforcing its mission to drive data-driven sustainability in urban environments.

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## News from the Community of the Smart Cities Marketplace

### Explore: Report Highlights Stakeholder Perspectives on EU Urban Data Governance

This comprehensive report gathers insights from a diverse range of stakeholders, including local authorities, businesses, researchers, and civil society representatives. The report underscores the importance of effective data governance in achieving the EU's ambitious climate goals.

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## Explore: Mechelen, Lappeenranta and Domokos Win 2025 EU Covenant of Mayors Award for Heat Decarbonisation Success

The three winners stood out for their exceptional heat decarbonisation strategies, serving as inspiration for other cities and towns across Europe. This year's Covenant Award was related to its Cities Heat Detox campaign, spotlighting cities' efforts to cleanse their heating systems across Europe.

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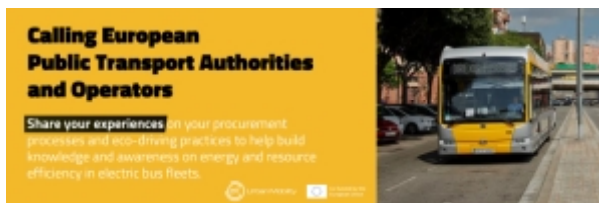
## Explore: Exploring the Future of Microhubs in Last-Mile Logistics

The EIT UM Marketplace published a new article on the importance of urban logistics, efficient supply chains, and urban mobility. As cities grow, innovative solutions like sustainable logistics are essential.

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## Shape: Improving Energy and Resource Efficiency for Electric Bus Fleets

The Interreg Euro-Med E-MED project gathers insights to support cities in these areas and invites public transport authorities and operators to share their experiences through a survey.



**Calling European Public Transport Authorities and Operators**

Share your experiences on your procurement processes and use-driving practices to help build knowledge and awareness on energy and resource efficiency in electric bus fleets.

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## Explore: Geospatial Tools for Cities Focus Group Opening Event

On 13 March, the Geospatial Tools for Cities Focus Group officially started its activities with an online opening event. All the participants met for the first time, engaging in dynamic and fruitful discussions about the group's future and planned activities for the coming months.

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## Beyond the Smart Cities Marketplace

### Explore: Making Europe Climate-Neutral - Together Is Better



A new article from the NEUTRALPATH project explores how initiatives like NEUTRALPATH and NetZeroCities are driving impact by enabling cities to share expertise, scale solutions, and tackle common challenges.

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## Explore: Citizen-led renovation Webinar on Energy Communities and EU Policy Updates



The webinar underscored the critical role of energy communities in achieving the EU's energy efficiency and sustainability targets. It explored synergies between Citizen-Led Renovation and Energy Service Companies.

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## Shape: Help Shape the Future EU Budget!



Join the online debate on the Citizens' Engagement Platform to ensure your insights inform the panel's work and inspire the proposal for the next Multiannual Financial Framework, which the Commission will present in July 2025.

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## Explore: REHOUSE Project - Optimising Social Housing Renovation with IoT and Monitoring



As the world moves towards sustainable and energy-efficient building solutions, many existing systems still rely on outdated, fossil-fuel-based technologies.

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## Explore: Dual recognition for Turin – TIPS4PED lighthouse city named the European Capital of Innovation AND Smart Tourism



Turin has been awarded two prestigious European titles, positioning itself as a leader in innovation and sustainable urban development.

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### Events

#### 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.



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08/04/2025 - 10/04/2025

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#### Explore: Swappable Battery Systems - A Clean Revolution for European Urban Mobility?

The Stan4SWAP Project, in cooperation with CEN-CENELEC and the Swappable Batteries Motorcycle Consortium, invites all interested stakeholders to an afternoon discussion of clean urban mobility in Europe and how swappable battery systems can help decarbonise urban transport.



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09/04/2025

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## Explore: What Europe Offers - Support for Small and Medium Cities in Transition

This interactive event will feature a curated selection of European initiatives, with representatives presenting targeted opportunities relevant to small cities. Participants will also be asked to engage in discussions to provide feedback on how the EU can deliver the enablers needed, especially for the Small Giants.



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10/04/2025

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## Explore: Scalable Cities Roadshow webinar on Financial Tools and Private Funding Sources for Public Sector-led Energy Transition Projects

This webinar will explore the importance of a financial strategy as a key tool for implementing climate neutrality projects within public administrations. The discussion will cover the long-term benefits of such a strategy, as well as the urgent need to actively seek and effectively manage financial resources in collaboration with private sector stakeholders.



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16/04/2025

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## 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.



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24/04/2025 - 26/04/2025

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## 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.



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06/05/2025 - 08/05/2025

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## Explore: EM-Power Europe 2025

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



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07/05/2025 - 09/05/2025

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## Explore: Clean energy for EU islands forum 2025

Island communities, experts, and stakeholders will meet to explore how to achieve a 100% renewable energy future while balancing environmental, economic, and social priorities.



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14/05/2025 - 15/05/2025

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## Explore: 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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## Explore: Smart City Expo World Congress 2025

As the leading event for cities, SCEWC provides a high-visibility platform to showcase cutting-edge solutions, innovations, and expertise to a global audience of industry leaders, potential partners, and investors.



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04/11/2025 - 06/11/2025

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