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Editorial

Dear Smart Cities Marketplace Community,

As Europe navigates the challenges of climate change and urbanisation, the Smart Cities Marketplace continues to provide [technical assistance](#) and guidance to European cities.

As one of 21 featured initiatives, the Smart Cities Marketplace participated in the Cities Mission Conference in Vilnius with a stand and offered workshops, expert advice, and matchmaking services.

The Smart Cities Marketplace will also participate in this year's EUSEW, co-organising a session on 10 June on "[Affordable Housing in a Green Transition: Financing Solutions for Inclusive and Sustainable Living](#)." Additionally, the Smart Cities Marketplace is organising a [webinar](#) on the project self reporting and what is needed by participating projects on 3 July.

In May, the Smart Cities Marketplace released an updated edition of its brochure, "[Investing in a Sustainable and Green Urban Future](#)", introducing new content and tools to accelerate the just and green transition of Europe's towns and cities.

With heatwaves intensifying social inequalities, the Smart Cities Marketplace joined the Covenant of Mayors for their #CitiesRefresh Campaign. This campaign emphasises the role of local governments in refreshing urban spaces and protecting vulnerable communities from climate extremes.

Yours sincerely,
Your Smart Cities Marketplace Team

Smart Cities Marketplace News

Explore: Join the European Commission Stand at Smart City Expo World Congress 2025



The Smart Cities Marketplace invites you to participate in the European Commission's joint stand at the Smart City Expo World Congress 2025. This is a unique opportunity for EU-funded projects and initiatives to showcase their work, engage with key urban innovation stakeholders, and gain European and global visibility.

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Deal: Cities of Guimarães, Vila Real, Torres Novas and Almada Embark on Energy Community Initiatives with Smart Cities Marketplace Support



Four municipalities in Portugal—Guimarães, Vila Real, Torres Novas, and Almada—are set to boost their sustainability efforts by establishing energy communities with support from the Smart Cities Marketplace. The four cities explored various models for creating and managing energy communities.

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Explore: Smart Cities Marketplace Launches Updated Brochure to Support Europe's Green Urban Transition



The Smart Cities Marketplace has released an updated edition of its brochure, "Investing in a Sustainable and Green Urban Future", introducing new content and tools to accelerate the just and green transition of Europe's towns and cities.

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Shape: Post-Webinar Wrap-Up: Future-Proof District Energy



On 3 April 2025, the Smart Cities Marketplace and its Focus Group on Renewable Heating & Cooling hosted a webinar on "Future-Proof District Energy: Digital, Efficient & Renewable DHC Networks," moderated by Julen Imana.

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News from the Community of the Smart Cities Marketplace

Explore: Unlocking Investment for Urban Climate Action: Smart Cities Marketplace at Scalable Cities Matchmaking Event

On 27 March 2025, the Smart Cities Marketplace joined a high-level matchmaking event in Barcelona hosted by Scalable Cities. The event focused on deploying innovative legal and financial strategies to unlock private investment in climate transition projects. The Smart Cities Marketplace participated in promoting its Technical Assistance services and fostering collaboration with fellow EC-funded projects.

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Beyond the Smart Cities Marketplace

Shape: As Extreme Heat Threatens European Cities, a New Campaign Mobilises Local Action



Climate risks are a critical threat to Europeans' well-being and quality of life. Extreme heat stands out as one of the most pressing dangers we face today. Is your city taking action against extreme heat? Join the campaign! By sharing your initiatives on our interactive map, you can inspire others and showcase how cities tackle climate risks head-on.

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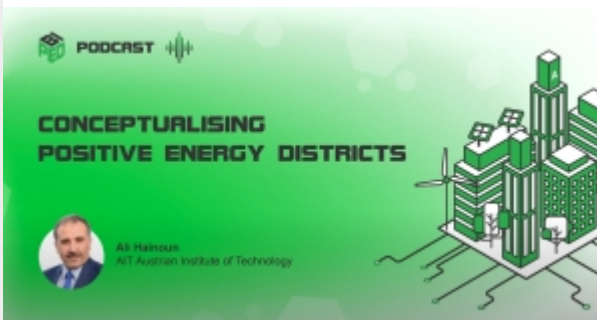
Explore: World Smart City Awards 2025



The World Smart City Awards 2025 are now open for submissions and are looking for innovative city strategies, projects, and ideas that improve urban life to create more livable cities. The awards are part of the Smart City Expo World Congress, the world's largest event focused on smart city topics.

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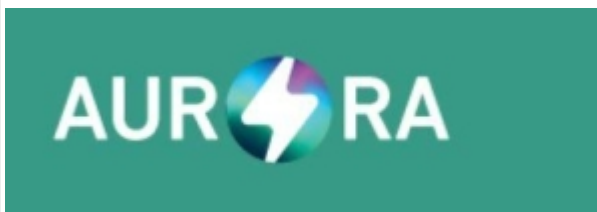
Explore: BIPED Podcast: Conceptualising Positive Energy Districts



In this episode, BIPED explores ways to improve the robustness of the PED paradigm by addressing its conceptual and methodological limitations. Our guest is Ali Hainoun, a senior scientist at the Austrian Institute of Technology.

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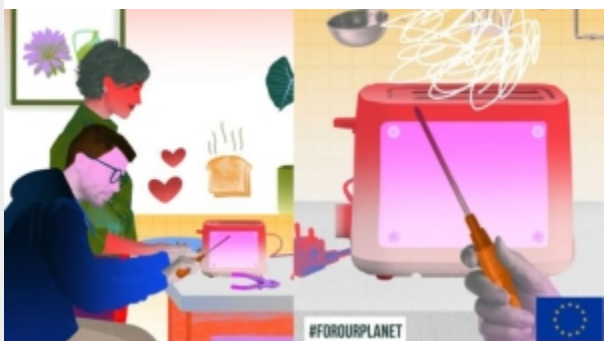
Explore: Empowering Citizens for a Sustainable Future: The AURORA Project's Innovative Approach to Energy Transition



The AURORA Energy Tracker app is central to the project. It is a scientifically designed tool that enables users to monitor their energy consumption, track their carbon footprint, and make informed decisions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

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Shape: Reduce, Reuse and Repair - #ForOurPlanet 2025 Campaign Launches



Under the motto "Big changes often start small", the campaign calls on citizens and organised civil society to take action for nature and for our planet. Together, we want to show that we care for our planet, despite – or rather because of – the challenging context we live in.

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Explore: PEDvolution Open Call for Demonstrators - Co-Creating Europe's Positive Energy Districts!



PEDvolution announced the launch of its Open Call for Positive Energy Districts (PEDs)! This initiative seeks to accommodate the constant evolution of PEDs across Europe by developing interoperable tools that will contribute to evaluating and improving the PED Readiness Level of neighbourhoods and districts.

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Events

Explore: Scalable Cities Café: Replicating E-Mobility Solutions

Join us on 5 June 2025, from 14:00 to 15:00 CEST, for the next Scalable Cities Café, which will focus on how cities can replicate and scale successful e-mobility solutions—from EV charging infrastructure to shared electric fleets and low-emission logistics zones.



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Explore: Stakeholders' Perspectives on Urban Planning through the Lens of Equity

The Stakeholders' perspectives webinar series aims to understand the needs related to climate services and their standardisation from the stakeholders' point of view. Each webinar focuses on a specific stakeholder group, aiming to learn about their experiences and requirements for the integration of climate-related information in their day-to-day activities.



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Explore: Scalable Cities Roadshow: Training Session with the Covenant of Mayors

This participatory session is co-organised with the Covenant of Mayors and is ideal for city leaders, technical experts, and practitioners looking to apply real-world financial models to sustainable heating solutions.



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Explore: Scalable Cities Roadshow: Peer-to-Peer Session in Leipzig

The event aims to bring together 10 to 12 cities and public bodies interested in sharing their experiences implementing Digital Twins to support climate neutrality policies and projects. The primary goal of this event is to foster knowledge exchange and best practices on using Digital Twins as strategic tools for cities to achieve climate neutrality and an effective energy transition.



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10/06/2025 - 11/06/2025

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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. The 19th edition of the Policy Conference will take place in a hybrid format, in Brussels and online.



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10/06/2025 - 12/06/2025

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Explore: Scalable Cities Online Event: Urban Data Platforms

Participants, including representatives of European municipalities, Smart Cities and Communities network experts, and urban data governance scholars will review expert findings and draft guidelines, then engage in a structured discussion to test preliminary conclusions, identify any gaps or misinterpretations, and provide additional contextual insights.



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13/06/2025

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Explore: Battery Xchange

Battery Xchange is an engaging online networking event designed to connect the entire battery reverse logistics ecosystem - from startups and researchers to industry leaders. This is your opportunity to spark new collaborations and explore bright ideas across the battery value chain.



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17/06/2025

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Explore: Scalable Cities Roadshow: Peer-to-Peer Session in Getafe

Participants will explore citizen-led energy initiatives, inclusive financing models, and innovative tools supporting the energy transition. Participants will have the opportunity to exchange knowledge, learn from real-world case studies, and interact with technical and financial experts throughout the sessions.



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25/06/2025 - 26/06/2025

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Explore: Smart Cities Marketplace Webinar: Project Self Reporting on the Smart Cities Marketplace Platform

Last year, the SCM team contacted project coordinators and requested that they submit project information via a structured Excel form. Many projects have already provided their basic project data. This webinar explains the purpose and benefits of contributing data to the SCM database, guides participants through the data submission process, and answers any questions related to the requested KPIs.



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03/07/2025

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Explore: Save the Date: Nature, Mobility, and Urban Sustainability: European cities towards Climate Neutrality

The Scalable Cities Secretariat is organising a new Peer-to-Peer event "Nature, Mobility, and Urban Sustainability: European cities towards Climate Neutrality" in Nea Smyrni, Greece, on 14-15 July 2025, together with the Smart Cities Marketplace. The event is organised together with the host cities Nea Smyrni and Kifissia, Greece.



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14/07/2025 - 16/07/2025

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Explore: Covenant of Mayors Ceremony 2025

This ceremony is an excellent opportunity to come together to showcase the strength of local leadership in Europe's journey towards a climate-neutral and resilient future, discuss with high-level representatives of the European Commission the EU's priorities and local challenges in implementing energy and climate objectives, and network with fellow mayors.



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Explore: Smart City Expo World Congress 2025

The event will feature discussions on digital transformation, urban mobility, energy efficiency, and sustainable development, with a strong focus on climate-neutral cities and smart urban solutions. SCEWC 2025 will foster collaboration and knowledge exchange, driving forward Europe's ambitions for smarter, more sustainable, and climate-resilient cities.



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04/11/2025 - 06/11/2025

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Explore: ReBuild Ukraine: Construction & Energy Exhibition and Conference

The Smart Cities Marketplace is pleased to support the upcoming ReBuild Ukraine: Construction & Energy Exhibition and Conference, which will take place in Warsaw, Poland.



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