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Livin' in the Future

Welcome 2019 – 365 days are lying in front of us. Threehundredsixtyfive mornings and evenings, working days, weekends with the family, birthdays and holidays. We are looking ahead to an exciting year wondering what might change and what might stay the same. While one part of the Union is struggling to find the right tune for their good bye (is it "Should I Stay or Should I Go" (The Clash) or "I will Survive" (Gloria Gaynor)?), others are looking for more involvement.

While we bow our heads to the results and the learnings from Smart City projects like OptEEmAL and CITyFiED which are wrapping up already, we welcome new members like MAKING-CITY and +CityXChange to the community. Also, the SCIS team has not rested between the years: we have developed a new brochure, published two videos and one interview and launched a new competition. 365 days are ahead of us where we can make a difference to people living in cities and towns, telling their stories, sharing their experience, days where we can work even closer together with all of you and where we will come and visit you!

Your SCIS team

The Road We Travel - SCIS Comes to (Your) Town

Apply now to win an SCIS Smart Cities Roadshow & a corresponding poster campaign! Give your Smart City a push for 2019! Nominate a city from your EU funded Smart City project and send us your application.

Together with the "winners", we will organise a one-day roadshow where we will offer you a platform to engage with your local stakeholders & residents about your goals and activities, while at the same time introduce the Smart City Information System (SCIS).

To top it all up, we will fund and organise a promotional poster campaign in your city. So try your luck and send us your short proposal, outlining why we should come and visit you with the SCIS Smart Cities Roadshow! Find out how to register here – but hurry, **deadline is mid February.**

Tell Me a Story - New SCIS Interview: SMART-FI Project

SCIS is interested in hearing your stories! We think (or hope) this has become clear by now. This month, we would therefore like to communicate yet another interesting story to you, but this time in the format of an interview. It is featuring the SMART-FI project and its story of how to get around Málaga in a smart way: It was not that long ago that a GPS tracking device installed in your car was a wonderful new technology, now it has integrated into our lives and become the norm rather than something exotic and strange. A car is also a carbon-intensive way of getting around, especially in a city with readily available public transport. As part of the SMART-FI project, a mobile application, CityGO, has been designed which assists the citizen or a visitor to navigate their way around Malaga as a pedestrian, a cyclist, by taking a bus or by resorting to a car if that is really the best option. Before we go into more detail about CityGO and its municipal counterpart, CityDash, first some background on the SMART-FI project.
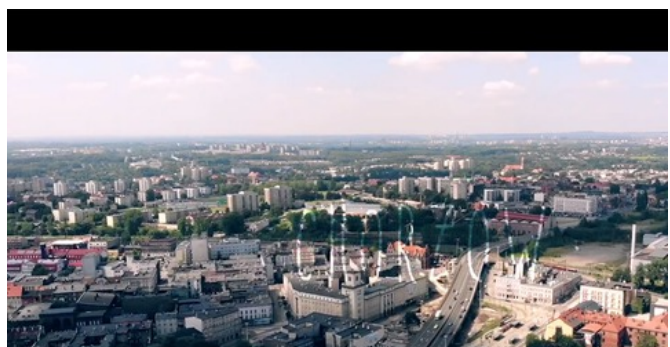
Read full interview here

On the Road Again - Travel, Share & Learn

That was our goal and the goal of our storyteller Arthur Lankester when he travelled across Europe to visit different types of Smart Cities, from Danish Sonderborg (SmartEnCity) to Greek Trikala (InSMART).

This month, SCIS proudly released the second video of our "Travel, Share &

Learn" collection. This time, it is featuring [Heat4Cool](#) project and its demo site Chorzow in Poland.

[Watch now](#)!

What's up next month? If you are interested in what has been going on in the Smart Cities of Weiz, Austria or Cluj-Napoca, Romania, keep an eye on the [SCIS twitter feed](#) - our video featuring DESENT (Weiz, Austria) will be published at the beginning of February and the one about Dr. Bob (Cluj-Napoca, Romania) in mid February!

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🟨 I Got the Key - SCIS Self Reporting Tool Instruction Webinars

Since a couple of months, the SCIS self-reporting tool (SRT) is available again for data input. For those that are not familiar with this tool: It facilitates the provision of so-called design and monitoring data for projects funded by the EU in the field of Smart Cities and Communities as well as Energy Efficiency projects in the built environment. Extensive maintenance was required to update data forms and to include forms that facilitate data supply for mobility and transport related as well as ICT oriented project activities. Based on the updated tool, the Self Reporting Guide has been updated and expanded. It now follows closely the various forms in its explanation of the data entry and supporting calculations.

To help the involved SCC and EeB projects in getting familiar with the tool and the guide, a series of monthly webinars will be organized. They will last an hour. The first one in December 2018 focused on the general setup of data forms and design data. The second in early January 2019 also included the provision of monitoring data.
Our target audience of the upcoming webinars are active (currently running) projects, with a focus on 1) projects that approach closure and 2) projects that recently started (approximately in their first year, started in 2018).

The people with SRT access credentials will be invited personally and then, they can invite other people if deemed relevant.

Date and time of webinars 3 and 4:

Thursday February 21, 2019, 9:30-10:30
Thursday March 28, 2019, 9:30-10:30

🟨 Freeze Frame - YOUR Pictures are Needed!

We are revamping some of the SCIS pages and would like to include real photos from your projects. So if you have any visuals that cover the following subjects, please send them through to us (…and please do not forget to name the photo credits):

Last Mile Delivery (Urban Delivery Systems), Urban Data Platforms, Urban Data Governance, Smart Lighting Systems and Lampposts, Low Energy Retrofitting , Innovative Procurement of Smart City Solutions, E-buses & Charging Infrastructure, Citizen Engagement , Bike Sharing Systems, Activating Local Innovation Ecosystem (How to support start-ups), Integrated Infrastructure, Low Energy Districts, Renewable Energy and Energy Storage, Sustainable Energy Management Systems and Urban Mobility

▬ Take a Look at Us Now - New SCIS Brochure

We have drafted a new SCIS brochure outlining the aims and benefits of SCIS, how we collaborate with other initiatives and networks, what we can offer to you and your city and also giving a voice to Ingrid, Eric, Barbara and Andrei, so that they can tell their "stories worth replicating". All of them are involved in Smart City projects and shared with us some thoughts about their approaches and challenges. (And if you are interested in learning more about their specific stories, stay tuned and watch out for our bi-weekly "Travel, Share & Learn" video releases. Mayor of Sonderborg, Eric Lauritzen has already told his story in our first video: watch it here.)

Find the brochure here

▃ Latest Project News

REPLICATE Launches City-to-City 2019 Learning Programme

The City to City Learning Programme 2019 will organize 6 webinars among stakeholders in order to work on adaptability, scalability and singularity strategies. Each Lighthouse- and Follower City will host a session related to different topics such as energy, mobility, ICT or economic development. The webinars will be divided into three slots, guided by one or more experts from different project partners. The aim of the programme is to share the knowledge and experience of the collaborators involved in Replicate project.
The first event will be presented on the 5 February by the San Sebastian pilot partners Leycolan, Eurohelp and Ikusi and will deal with the excellence of service provision based on data monitoring and smart management.

Read more

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How to Become a Smart City: Learning from SmartEnCity Project

Are you interested in becoming a Smart City as well? Then have a look at the SmartEnCity

OptEEmAL Final Conference

The OptEEmAL project is coming to an end. Within OptEEmAL, an Optimised Energy Efficient Design Platform for refurbishment at district level was developed, able to design energy-efficient retrofitting projects that are based on different energy conservation measures to improve the behaviour of a district. Learn more about the benefits that the OptEEmAL Platform can bring to the design of retrofitting projects at district level at the project's final conference in Valladolid, Spain!
On 20 February 2019, OptEEmAL will present the great technological achievements of the project, the challenges they overcame and the outlook of what can further be done to revolutionise the energy retrofitting sector. Moreover, there will be two Keynote speaker on the following topics:
• The next steps towards decarbonising the building stock: a view by the Green Building Council
• An approach to nearly zero energy retrofitted buildings: the Energiesprong model
More information on the agenda will be available soon on the website. Registration is open until Thursday, 14 February 2019 please register here.

OptEEmAL Final Conference:

as well." Then have a look at the SmartEnCity Press Release on "How to Become a Smart City". SmartEnCity shows you which steps you will have to fulfil and what the journey of becoming a smart city actually looks like!

Having been launched in 2016, SmartEnCity is approaching the end of its third year and is thus halfway through the project phase. Many of the planned technologies have been implemented in the three Lighthouse Cities Vitoria-Gasteiz, Tartu and Sonderborg, leading already to first replicable solutions. The task of the Follower Cities Lecce and Asenovgrad is to test the replication potential of the Lighthouse Cities' implementations to provide first-hand experiences to other cities interested in becoming a smart city and in improving their CO2 levels as well.

Once a city has become part of a EU-funded smart city project, the journey towards becoming a Smart City, however, is not over yet: on the contrary, it has just begun. The Lighthouse Cities of SmartEnCity have to successfully complete certain steps throughout the course of the project which need to be documented in project deliverables (partly confidential and partly publicly available). The press release thus provides an overview of the most important steps of a Lighthouse City (as an example for any city interested in this journey) on its way to becoming an actually Smart City.

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Museo de la Ciencia de Valladolid,
Av. de Salamanca, 59, 47014

Moreover, the first OptEEmAL Training is taking place today and tomorrow in Lund, Sweden. See what it is all about and sign up for further trainings in San Sebastián and Trento!

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🟨 Upcoming Events

Roadmaps are Ready: Now What? Exploring the Realities of the Heat Transition

Date: Wednesday, 13 February 2019
Location: Brussels, Belgium

This one-day event jointly organised by Heat Roadmap Europe together with ReUseHeat will focus on the presentation of the Heat Roadmap final low-carbon heating and cooling strategies, their contribution to the EU 2050 long-term strategy and their implementation at the different political levels. The event will furthermore discuss the

mapping of urban excess heat sources, business models and bankability of such projects.

Find more details and registration (open until 6 February) [here](#).

Covenant of Mayors Investment Forum

Date: Tuesday, 19 February – Wednesday, 20 February 2019 09:30 -18:30
Location: Brussels, Belgium

From 19-20 February 2019, the Covenant of Mayors Investment Forum will take place in Brussels, presenting 30 successful projects in six thematic parallel strands of dedicated interactive workshops featuring:
- Sustainable energy planning
- Financing clean urban transport
- Financing energy efficiency in the public sector
- Home renovation schemes in cities and regions
- Financing climate adaptation
- Innovative financing schemes facilitating the market for climate and sustainable energy finance

Practitioners will provide their concrete experiences in the planning and development of bankable sustainable energy investment and climate adaptation projects with the aim to stimulate and enable replication by other interested project promoters.

[Read more](#)

Sustainable Urban Mobility Congress

Date: Wednesday, 20 February – Thursday, 21 February 2019 09:30 -18:00
Location: Bilbao, Spain

On 20 and 21 February, 2019, the Euskalduna Conference Centre will be holding the Sustainable Urban Mobility Congress - SUM Bilbao 19, the first edition of an international event, led by the City Council of Bilbao in collaboration with Petronor and with the support of UCLG (United Cities and Local Governments). The event aims to provide a meeting space for public and private stakeholders to debate on the challenges and opportunities offered by sustainable urban mobility.

[Read more](#)

South-East European (SEE) Exhibition & Conference "Smart Cities"

Date: Tuesday, 16 April – Thursday, 18 April 2019
Location: Sofia, Bulgaria

The 7th SEE Conference & Exhibition 2019 on Smart Cities is coming up.
Laying the ground for face-to-face meetings between international providers and new local business partners, the event welcomes advanced technologies and good practices at the SE European market. The SEE Region follows the global trends and makes real steps towards integrating smart solutions & technologies in the cities' infrastructure &

buildings.

[Read more](#)

Triangulum: Impact Monitoring and Assessment Exchange (SCC Workshop)

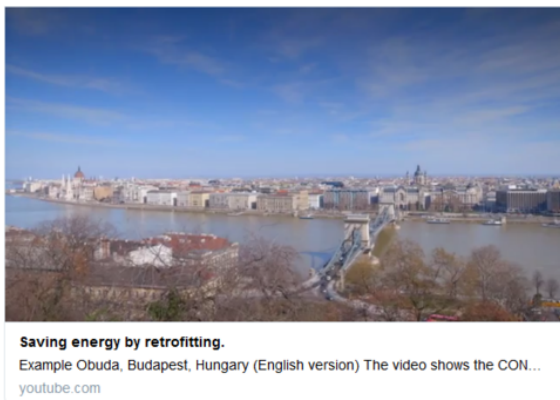**Date:** Thursday, 7 March 2019 10:00 - 16:00
Location: Manchester, UK

This workshop provides an opportunity to exchange approaches to monitoring and assessing impacts of the currently 14 SCC Lighthouse projects, and discuss challenges and opportunities. It is aimed at colleagues responsible for monitoring and assessing impacts in the SCC Lighthouse projects, as well other key stakeholders and interested parties. The goals are to share best practice among the SCC Lighthouse projects and develop a shared agenda. The workshop will be small and interactive to facilitate sharing ideas and expertise. Key topics will be discussed in advance with attendees to focus the exchanges.

Places are limited.

Please sign up [here.](#)

🟨 Social Media

Saving energy by retrofitting.
Example Obuda, Budapest, Hungary (English version) The video shows the CON...
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It's **#ThrowbackThursday** again (one day late though...). Have a look at this video about how to save energy through retrofitting - a topic that is interesting to every city, as we think
http://youtu.be/dz5n85d5oR4
#retrofitting **#smartcities**
via Twitter >

@mySMARTLife_eu tweeted:
Hoping you had a great start into 2019! Looking back at 2018, our **@mySMARTLife_eu** partners were a lot on the move. Read more about the events we attended last autumn: click here
via Twitter >

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Social media activities
SCIS has the ambition to bring everyone together in the field of smart cities and communities and energy-efficient buildings. Therfore, SCIS is going to be acive in Social Media Channels. Follow us on Faceook, Twitter and YouTube and we will keep you updated.

The SCIS Newsletter is published once a month, informing about the platform, the project community and its news. You are welcome to send in any topics you are interested in or have questions about.

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