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May 2019

Elections for Future

It was Election Day on 26 May and all across Europe, hundreds of millions of citizens went to the polls. Next to the elections in India – this is the biggest democratic exercise in the world. Some of us have been looking forward to the results with apprehension, as national movements across Europe seem to strengthen. However, when you read this, the results and its impact on the EU as well as national policies and politics will be clearer.

In our Smart City community, the understanding and willingness to move closer together is great, no matter what the results of this international election will be. We aim to learn from each other's successes and failures and push forward actual change in cities and towns. And we are not alone: over the last months, a strong movement has established itself where we have seen hundreds of thousands of students, parents, grandparents and scientists demonstrating in 1600 towns and 125 countries, demanding change in local, regional, national, European and global environmental politics. We understand that a truly smart city includes smart citizens that make the right choices for themselves, their families, their environment and their town!

The SCIS team salutes a perfect storm for change!

— Two Sides of a Coin II - Please confirm subscription!



As we already mentioned in our April newsletter – the rumours you are hearing about SCIS and EIP-SCC joining forces to offer you the ultimate one-stop-shop for all your Smart City related questions and needs are true!

First things first, we will merge our two newsletters and give you one instead of two – a better and more comprehensive newsletter with the best of both worlds! After this newsletter, you will receive one more SCIS issue at the end of June and at the end of July, our first SCIS & EIP-SCC joint newsletter will then be published.

Still, there is something to remember: As you have signed up for the SCIS newsletter, we sure hope that you agree with the merger of the two newsletters (remember, there will be one email less in your post inbox!). However, due to new **General Data Protection Regulations**, we have to get your active "okay" if we want to keep sending you our joint newsletter in the future. Therefore, **if you do agree** to receive the new and improved SCIS&EIP-SCC *Explore, Shape and Deal Newsletter* from now on, **please click [here](#)**.

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— Talk the Talk



The SCIS team has published two new interviews this month, conducted by Anthony Colclough from EURO CITIES: one from the MOEEBIUS demo site Mafra and one from the ME2 demo sites Lisbon and Amsterdam.

"Working together with the people who use the (retrofitted) buildings in their day to day lives is an issue that can be catastrophic, but which often receives too little attention until it's too late." This is just one of the learnings you will be able to read about. In Mafra in Portugal, Anthony spoke to Filipe Neves da Silva of Instituto de Soldadura e Qualidade. You can read the interview [here](#).

At the ME2 demo sites, Anthony learned that "'Gnōthi seauton', 'know thyself', is one of the most enduring pieces of ancient Greek wisdom. Knowledge is power, and knowledge of yourself is power over your actions. This ancient adage actually lays at the heart of the hypotheses of the ME2 project: if people can understand their energy use, they will be able and willing to improve it. Read the entire interview [here](#).

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— Come and See Us - EUSEW 2019!



The Policy Conference of the **European Union's Sustainable Energy Week (EUSEW) 2019** will take place in Brussels from **18 to 20 June 2019**.

Tuesday 18 June is the day of all days where the SCIS team will organise two workshops - we are looking forward to

seeing you there!

The first workshop titled "[Policies and models for the energy transition: from barriers to breakthroughs](#)" takes place from 14.00 - 15.30, with the speakers Miguel Á. García-Fuentes (CARTIF), Christoph Gollner (FFG), Carsten Rothballer (ICLEI) and, of course, the SCIS team. This session takes as a starting point the replication analysis "[Recommendations on EU R&I and regulatory policies: Why may replication \(not\) be happening?](#)" performed by SCIS.

The second workshop takes place right after the first one (from 16:00 to 17:30) and is titled "[Empowering and financing sustainable energy projects](#)". It will foster insights in replication and upscaling of economically feasible energy solutions for building retrofit and renewable energy production without the need of public subsidies, however making use of other types of public facilitation where appropriate. Speakers are Katharina Faradsch (Prospex bvba), Krista Jaatinen (Helen Ltd.), Laure Pedot (Lille Metropole), Martin Watson (Prospex bvba) and the SCIS team.

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— Explore, Shape & Deal - The 2019 EIP-SCC General Assembly

Missed your chance to Explore, Shape and Deal, i.e. the General Assembly of the EIP-SCC in Brussels this month?

Here is your chance to catch up with all relevant discussions, as the 2019 General Assembly was designed to provide EIP-SCC stakeholders with a more intimate opportunity to network by providing an increased mix of smaller working sessions.



The event followed the familiar “EXPLORE, SHAPE, DEAL” format that seeks to inform and stimulate innovation; network and develop action plans; and discuss investment in specific project opportunities.

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— Find the Way! The Smart City Guidance Package



During the European Committee of the Regions meeting in Brussels (8 May 2019), the Smart City Guidance Package was launched.

What are the key elements of the sustainable city of the future?

You can find the answers in this report: energy efficiency and strategic collaboration with local partners, supported by ICT tools to improve the quality of life of European citizens, having a long-term perspective on the built environment in mind, and much more.

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— Different Cities, Same Goals: Bologna and Turku



Bologna and Turku are twinning to advance decarbonisation!

Making plans for reaching carbon neutrality in 10 years from now, striking deals with automotive industry giants for offsetting carbon emissions, halving emissions from road transport. These objectives might look

impossible to achieve, but the Covenant Cities of [Turku](#) (Finland) and [Bologna](#) (Italy), are making them a reality.

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— Feel Like an Expert?



Are you an expert with an interest to become a member of the mission board for the Horizon Europe Cities Mission? Then click [here](#), enter “cities” in the search field and register yourself! Deadline is 11 June. If you are interested, make sure to send a complete application since you will otherwise not be registered!

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— Latest Project News



Remourban: EU Project Boosts Use of E-Vehicles in Valladolid

Municipal staff members of Valladolid in Spain are now able to drive around the city without polluting the air, thanks to the municipality's own fleet of 12 electric vehicles. Some nineteen charging points, including one fast and four semi-fast stations, strategically placed around Valladolid offer both staff and private e-vehicle owners the opportunity to recharge their vehicles. They are thus leading by example in adopting an ecological behaviour thanks to the EU-funded project Remourban.

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GrowSmarter: Smart Refurbishment For a Better Quality of Life

Efficient insulation and smart refurbishment can reduce households' energy consumption –and costs, improve people's thermal comfort and foster sustainability. This is what the GrowSmarter project has worked on achieving together with the Barcelona City Council, the Housing Agency of Catalonia, the energy services company Naturgy, and 50 families of Barcelona's Canyelles neighbourhood.

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RUGGEDISED: In Rotterdam, Things Are Speeding Up

On 18 April, RUGGEDISED had their first study visit in Rotterdam. They had a small City Interest Group (three Lighthouse Cities join forces) and other cities were invited too. They ended up with about 20 participants. What really helped was looking at the scale model of the area. In this way one gets a good impression what needs to be done and what is happening already.

On 9 May, the new conference building reached its highest point, which is traditionally celebrated with 'pannenbier'. Translated to English, it means something like 'roof-beer'.

This new congress centre is part of Rotterdam Ahoy (the big event complex) which is not an official contract partner, but recognizes the importance of the project. In addition, their enthusiasm is contagious. 'Sustainable' is no longer a difficult word, but a source of inspiration. An example for this is that Rotterdam Ahoy is building 'the largest sunroof in Rotterdam'.

In the same area, the first spades for the smart thermal grid went into the ground.

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SmarterTogether: Smarter Cities Mean Better Quality of Life

Across the globe, urban areas are expanding rapidly – by 2035, the world will house nearly 50 megacities with a population of more than 10 million inhabitants. While only two of these – Paris and London – are in Europe, many of the continent's urban zones are growing. As they do, so too do concerns for quality of life and the environment. With the goal of addressing some of the biggest quality-of-life issues in urban

City-Zen: City-Zen Days Amsterdam - Inspiration, Lessons Learned & Networking

From 1-3 April 2019, the City-zen Days took place in Amsterdam. This three-day event provided heaps of inspiration and learning to over 100 participants. A wonderful mixture of City-zen consortium partners, sustainable entrepreneurs, civil servants and the public spent three days on multiple locations throughout the city, taking in theoretical information as well as practical lessons learned through field visits.

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SmartEnCity Network Workshop Day at Sustainable Places Conference

Join us for a Workshop Day focussing on Integrated Energy Planning methods, experiences of our Lighthouse Cities and the transfer of SmartEnCity knowledge, so that cities can directly benefit from the project's outcomes and start their own journey towards a low carbon future. The SmartEnCity Network event is collaborating with the **Sustainable Places Conference** which is taking place from 5th to 7th of June (starting right after the SmartEnCity Network Workshop Day). For more information about the conference, please click [here](#).

Interested in more details? Have a look at the [agenda](#).

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areas, including air pollution, transport congestion and noise pollution, the EU-funded project Smarter Together is working on bringing smart solutions to cities, while involving urban residents closely in the decision-making process.

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RUGGEDISED II: Replication Workshop at URBIS Smart City Fair 2019

The city of Brno is inviting Lighthouse Cities' speakers on 5 June to present their advanced smart solution during the SCC1 Replication workshop, organised as a side event of the URBIS Smart City Fair 2019. There will be three rounds of the replication workshop, each consisting of five to six round tables that will each focus on innovative Lighthouse City smart solution, technical or organisational. Participation in the workshop will be available for all visitors of the URBIS fair requiring prior registration.

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— Upcoming Events

Digital Cities Challenge: A Strategy for EU Cities in the 21st Century

Date: Wednesday, 5 June 2019, 10:00-16:00

Location: Brussels, Belgium

The high-level conference will display the effects of technological transformation in European cities and will seek to agree on policy priorities and pave the way for the future

strategy for Intelligent Cities in the 21st century.
It will discuss the following thematic priorities:

- Setting ambitious vision and creating modern, sustainable city-ecosystems for transformation of their territories
- Shaping the cities of the future, by promoting innovation in policy, decisions that are made on sound EU values as well as robust data, by investing in high-tech infrastructure, technology and open data and piloting the next generation of technological solutions
- Upskilling the cities through disruptive education and training, as an essential condition for the industrial modernisation and digital transformation of a territory.

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Designing smart and efficient energy policies with citizens at local level (Workshop at EUSEW)

Date: Friday, 21 June, 13:30-16:00 h

Location: Brussels, Belgium

Are you in Brussels for EUSEW this June? Then make the most of your time. Drop in with our colleagues from Métropole européenne de Lille. They will be discussing how most cities have one or several local programs to help inhabitants and companies reduce their energy consumption. However, these programs often appears technical, red-tape-laden, time consuming with a high degree of uncertainty to reach actual retrofitting and ultimately energy (and money) savings. This session proposes to present diverse local and European projects: AMELIO by Lille Metropole, AREA21 by HafenCity University Hamburg, and STARDUST by Trento City.

You can sign up [here](#).

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SCIS Webinar – Connect to Europe’s best smart city projects

Date: Thursday, 27 June 2019, 11:00 - 12:00 h

Location: Brussels, Belgium

On 27 June, SCIS will host a webinar to present its objectives and how this platform can help you or your members/partners in your initiatives and projects
The webinar will take place from 11:00 to 12:00 CET (Brussels time).

Objective

The aim is to help you make the most of the knowledge gathered on the SCIS platform and explain how you can share your own practices and data.

Agenda

- Introduction on SCIS, *Charles-Henri Bourgois, VITO*
- How can you benefit from the SCIS platform? What does SCIS offer for free to you and your members? *Nikolaos Kontinakis, EUROCIITIES*
- How can you share your own stories and data? *Charles-Henri Bourgois, VITO*
- Q&A

The presentation will be made by SCIS coordinator, Charles-Henri Bourgois from VITO , and Nikolaos Kontinakis, senior projects coordinator at EUROCIITIES.

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— Social Media

We are looking forward to our EUSEW session about replication barriers and bottlenecks on 18 June at 2 PM. Learn more at <http://eusew.eu/policies-and-models-energy-transition-barriers-breakthroughs...> - Have you signed up yet? [#smartcities](#) [#EUSmartCities](#)

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