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## Explore, Shape & Deal

### Joint SCIS & EIP-SCC Newsletter

March 2020

What fools we were – in the last newsletter we welcomed the Roaring Twenties as the decade of the Smart City and looked full of optimism into our future. Now, hopefully only for a period, it feels more like the silent, lonely and isolated Twenties. Not only across our continent but also across the world, we must learn how to come together by staying apart.

From one moment to the next, our cities have fallen silent through shutdowns and emergency laws. Social life must find different forms of being close virtually. Physical borders have come up where there were none. Yet smart solutions and online technologies can – as with Smart Cities – help us to stay strong.

We had a long discussion about finding the right tone for this newsletter. We noticed that we all find comfort in routine – so here is your March edition of the Explore, Shape and Deal newsletter.

Stay safe and healthy!

Your EIP-SCC & SCIS teams

### [Explore, Shape & Deal: Missed us in Brussels? Catch up](#)

The EIP-SCC matchmaking event offered a unique opportunity for persons in charge of policymaking, representing cities/regions while providing advice to cities to learn from best practices, present their projects and find investors. Georg Houben, EIP-SCC Policy Officer at European Commission, stated: *"We offer a forum for discussions, assist in the development of innovative urban ideas and bring together urban innovators, developers as well as investors and private equity."*

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### [Explore & Shape: Missed us in Porto? Catch up No.2](#)

Organised by the European Commission, Directorate-

General for Regional and Urban Policy, and the City of Porto, the CITIES Forum 2020 – "Together we shape a sustainable urban future" was a two-day major event bringing together more than 700 key stakeholders from European, national and local levels (30-31 January 2020). The EIP-SCC Marketplace engaged with many of the present stakeholders to disseminate the EIP-SCC goals.

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### [Explore & Shape: New SCIS Policy Paper: Upscaling urban residential retrofit for the EU's low carbon future: Challenges and opportunities](#)

Take a moment to read the SCIS policy paper on urban residential retrofit! Many EU funded projects have a focus on (residential) building retrofit and experiment with new techniques and operational procedures, financing schemes, end user engagement strategies and governance process setups. The present policy paper summarises main learnings and formulates recommendations stemming from the analysis of retrofit demonstration projects in the scope of SCIS, as well as from a broader set of related information sources.

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### [Explore & Shape: New SCIS Solution Booklet - District Heating and Cooling](#)

With hands on advice and information, this solution booklet focuses on the role that district heating and cooling plays with its ability to deliver secure, clean and cost-effective municipal heating supply. District cooling has a huge potential to reduce the increasing electricity costs.

You can download the solution booklet "District Heating and Cooling" at our website.

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### [Explore & Shape: New SCIS Solution Booklet: From Idea to Implementation](#)

What are the general lessons learned when it comes to overcoming major barriers to the implementation and replication of a Smart City project? You can download the solution booklet "From Idea to Implementation" at our website.

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### Shape & Deal: Smart City projects strengthen connections among European initiatives

Strong partnerships and effective collaboration are two key elements for the success of the European Smart City Lighthouse programme. With 17 European Lighthouse projects – many of which are multi-million Euro projects – comprising more than a hundred cities, as well as a wide range of industrial and research institute partners, European Smart City expertise is growing by the day.

At the same time, numerous European initiatives, including the Marketplace of the European Innovation Partnership on Smart Cities and Communities (EIP-SCC), work to ensure that this expertise is being put to good use, by securing paths either to investment or to knowledge sharing.

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### Shape & Deal: EIP-SCC Investor Network

Did you know that we are in the process of setting up an investors network? The **EIP-SCC Marketplace Investors Network** is a growing group of investors and financial service providers who are actively looking for Smart City projects. The members of the network facilitate and/or provide financing to Smart City projects supporting the transition towards a low carbon, resource efficient and competitive economy. If you would like to know more about the EIP-SCC Matchmaking process or if you would like to be introduced to Investors Network members, please do not hesitate to [contact us](#). Stay tuned!

**Stay tuned!**

### Explore & Shape: More Support for EU Smart Cities!

INEA has launched its first ever Horizon2020 Energy call for tender for the Smart Cities & Communities Lighthouse projects. This tender is all about support and coordination of smarter, more sustainable cities.

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### Explore: Cooperation for a greener future -

## [The Twinning Programme from the European Covenant of Mayors](#)

The European Covenant of Mayors' Twinning Programme, which started in 2017, creates long-term partnerships between two cities of the movement, in a view to share experience on mitigation and adaptation to climate change. After the visit, the cities are to develop a roadmap to reflect on what they have learned and how they can make use of it. This learning progress generates lots of ideas and leads to improvement.

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## [Explore: Transition roadmaps for the cities of TOMORROW](#)

A new EU funded project aims at empowering local authorities to lead the transition towards low-carbon, resilient and more liveable cities. In the framework of the project TOMORROW, **the Covenant Cities of [Brasov](#) (Romania), [Brest](#) (France), [Dublin](#) (Ireland), [Mouscron](#) (Belgium), [Nis](#) (Serbia) and [Valencia](#) (Spain) will develop 2050 transition roadmaps together with citizens** and other local stakeholders and serve as pilot for the transition of European territories.

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## [Explore: JPI Urban Europe launches public consultation for "Driving Urban Transition towards a Sustainable and Livable Urban Future"](#)

10 years after the inauguration, JPI Urban Europe can look back at seven joint calls (three in cooperation with the European Commission) and more to come, over 85 funded projects bringing together 450 project partners throughout Europe and the world, an active AGORA community, among other achievements. After 10 years, it is the time for JPI Urban Europe to step up the game and increase efforts and activities to Drive Urban Transitions towards a Sustainable and Liveable Future.

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## [Deal: The Circular City Funding Guide is live!](#)

This comprehensive online guide offers extensive information on (funding) the circular economy in the urban context. PNO Consultants and Innovation

Engineering under the Urban Agenda Partnership have executed the project for Circular Economy. The European Investment Advisory Hub funds it, which is a partnership between the European Investment Bank (EIB) and the European Commission. Its 100+ funds, its circular case studies, and its educational information and library provide many opportunities to enhance your knowledge on this subject.

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### Explore & Shape: Horizon Impact Award 2020

The new Horizon Impact Award opened on 13 February. Applications will remain open until 2 April 2020. [Apply now!](#) This award is the European Commission's initiative to recognise and celebrate outstanding projects that have used their results to provide value for society. FP7 and/or Horizon 2020 funding programmes must have funded these projects and they must be closed by the time of application.

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### Shape: SINFONIA Webinar Series "Smart City Talks"

Webinar n°4: Tools to get urban energy planning right

Event Date: 02 April 2020

Location: online

The "Smart City talks" is a series of six webinars that will share the experiences of the Sinfonia pilot cities, exploring best practices and tools for urban energy planning, strategies for citizen engagement and the policy framework. The fourth webinar "Tools to get urban energy planning right" will take place on Thursday, 2 April 2020 from 11:00 - 12:30 CET and will provide participants and relevant players with tangible assets by presenting effective open tools developed within SINFONIA.

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## SMART CITY NEWS

### **GrowSmarter project ended with recommendations for Smart Cities**

The GrowSmarter project – the first Smart City project funded under the European Commission's Horizon 2020 programme to finish – ended in January of this year.

Based on experience gained through the project, the Cities of Stockholm (Sweden), Barcelona (Spain), and Cologne (Germany), alongside their GrowSmarter project partners, have launched a new publication outlining Smart City recommendations.

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### **Overtourism: Crowd control through ICT solutions with MatchUP**

New technologies have offered a low cost and easy way to travel, but most tourist cities are failing to keep pace with managing the increased visitor flows. However, the same ICT sector is now being called on to deliver smart solutions to deal with overtourism and avoid the congestion of city centres.

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### **Coming soon: Sharing Cities Playbooks**

Sharing Cities is launching a series of playbooks capturing the learnings from its five-year programme across technology-enabled mobility, citizen engagement, energy, and data management solutions.

The first two playbooks, on e-bike sharing schemes, and the Digital Social Market – a citizen engagement tool, will be available to download in the coming days. Follow [@CitiesSharing](#) or join [Sharing Cities](#) on LinkedIn to find out more.



### **Smart City of Umeå shares 11 videos to engage with citizens**

The city of Umeå (Sweden) has produced no less than 11 videos to explain residents and other interested parties about their work in the RUGGEDISED project. The videos cover the city's work on a general level while also detailing every single solution being implemented in the Lighthouse City.

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### **Triangulum Factsheets**

As one of the first SCC1 projects officially having finished its five-year project duration, Triangulum has published a set of 29 factsheets that provide all the necessary information for interested cities, engineers, project planners and others to get started with their own Smart City implementations! You can find the factsheets from Stavanger, Eindhoven and Manchester at the official [Triangulum website](#).



### **SmartEnCity Academy Lesson 2**

The first lesson of the SmartEnCity Academy for Zero Carbon Transition has successfully taken place on 20 February. You can watch the recording [here](#).

In order to get comprehensive answers to your own individual questions, make sure not to miss the second lesson on 14 April 2020, focusing on how to master governance and political barriers. You can still register here: [https://eveeno.com/smartencity\\_academy](https://eveeno.com/smartencity_academy)

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### **SMART CITY EVENTS**



**14-16 April**

[International Forum of Smart Cities and Communities](#)

**Braga, Portugal**

**03-04 June**

[Smart City Fair URBIS 2020](#)

**Brno, Czech Republic**

**22-26 June 2020**

[European Sustainable Energy Week](#)

**Brussels, Belgium**

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