



## NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 2016

Latest news

### **Hans-Günther Schwarz: The 2nd ICT revolution will enable the use of smart solutions in all aspects of life**



*Hans-Günther Schwarz is Strategic Programme Coordinator for Energy and Urbanisation Research at the Austrian Ministry of Transport, Innovation and Technology. For the Smart Cities Information System, he shared his views on Europe's priorities in urban research, its impact on cities and citizens.*

#### **Tell us a little about ERA-NET Smart Cities and Communities and its objectives.**

The ERA-NET Smart Cities and Communities is a joint activity of the Joint Programming Initiative Urban Europe and the Smart Cities Member States Initiative. Both networks have been around for a number of years, which has enabled them to build considerable experience and trust for collaboration. The main aim of the initiative is to develop new standards in transnational research, technological development, and innovation (RTI) funding, especially where complex societal challenges, like urbanisation, or energy, are concerned. It is based on three actions...

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## DIRECTION Project: Real Results of High Performance through Buildings

The DIRECTION project has created a dynamic framework for constructing new low-energy buildings and its final results will be presented during an academia-industry seminar taking place on 17 February 2016 in Munich, Germany.

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## The Launch of the EIP-SCC Roadmap 2016

The European Innovation Partnership on Smart Cities and Communities (EIP-SCC) Roadmap 2016 "Supporting smarter European cities: better quality of life, growth, jobs and decarbonisation" was launched at the conference 'Transport for Smart Cities 2016: scaling innovation in Europe'.

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## European Capital of Innovation 2016: the Nine Finalists

Nine cities were shortlisted for the European Capital of Innovation Award 2016 which aims to celebrate the European city that is building the best innovation ecosystem connecting citizens, public organisations, academia, and business.

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## Urban Innovative Actions: first Call for Proposals open

The first Call for Proposals of the Urban Innovative Actions Initiative is open from 15 December 2015 to 31 March 2016. The new initiative provides funding to cities throughout Europe to test new and unproven solutions to address urban challenges.

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## Energy Transition Chronicles: Behind the scenes of successful energy transition processes

The cities of Schönau and Heidelberg (Germany), Växjö (Sweden) and the regions of Burgenland and Brussels-Capital have all started, more or less recently, their own energy transition process.

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## European Commission approves the 2016 AUWP for European Standardisation

The 2016 Annual Union Work Programme (AUWP) for European standardisation was adopted. This year, the programme foresees standardisation work to implement the Clean Power for Transport package.

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### Events

## BuildSmart webinar: A Step-by-Step Guide on Behavioural Change training programmes

9 February  
Online

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## 23rd International Energy and Innovation Forum

17-19 February 2016  
Visegrad, Hungary

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## DIRECTION Project Final Event

17 February 2016  
Munich, Germany

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## Projects

## Video



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## Triangulum

The Triangulum project will demonstrate how a systems innovation approach based around the European Commission's SCC Strategic Implementation Plan can drive dynamic smart city development. We will test the SIP across three lighthouse cities: Manchester, Eindhoven and Stavanger, which represent the main typologies of European cities. They will be complemented by our follower cities Prague, Leipzig and Sabadell.

*Visit the project page...*

## Regenerate your city with REMOURBAN

REMOURBAN aims at the development and validation of a sustainable urban regeneration model that leverages the convergence area of the energy, mobility and ICT sectors in order to accelerate the deployment of innovative technologies, organisational and economic solutions.

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### @MarosSefcovic

We agreed on key role #SmartCities & regions in climate policies. Informed on Global Covenant of Mayors @cathmckenna

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