



NEWSLETTER - JULY 2016

Latest news

What on earth is a cluster? A case study in stellar collaboration



by *Alec Walker-Love*

Since starting work with European projects a couple of years ago, the word 'cluster' is right up there on my top 5 list of most heard buzz words. But what on earth is one? Where could I see one in action? The answer lay in My Smart City District (MSCD) - a group of 8 projects representing over 25 demonstration cities and a broad network of expertise and enthusiasm for greener, smarter urban environments.

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Smart Cities – Behavior Change Towards Sustainability

by *Petra Hurtado, PhD*

What is a smart city? Usually when I raise this question, most people start talking about sensors, smart grids, cellphone apps, big data, and the internet of things (IoT). Obviously,

Encouraging results from technology but worrying policy developments

by *Jorge Nuñez-Ferrer*

The SCIC team is advancing in the collection and analysis of technical and financial data for a number of projects. While the technical results show

NEXT-Buildings is a frontrunner on nearly zero energy neighborhoods

by *Bronia Jablonska & Paul van den Oosterkamp*

We had the opportunity to meet the partners of the NEXT-Buildings project, which with its three demonstration sites

smart cities have something to do with information and communication technologies (ICTs).

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promising outcomes, with monitoring data showing even greater impacts than expected, the policy developments have not been positive.

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shows that innovative technologies and innovative approach can make a difference and let the ambitious projects happen.

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Register now for the Horizon 2020 Smart cities and communities info day

The registration is now open for the 2016 Horizon 2020 info day on 'Smart cities and communities' that will take place in Brussels on 23 September 2016. The info day addresses potential applicants to the calls for project proposals under the 'Smart cities and communities' topic of the 2016-2017 Horizon 2020 Work programme.

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European Commission unveils low-emission mobility strategy

The European Commission has presented a strategy on low-emission mobility, setting the course for the development of EU-wide measures on low- and zero-emission vehicles and alternative low-emissions fuels. The strategy sets guiding principles to member states to prepare for the future, and ensure that Europe stays competitive and will be able to respond to the increasing mobility needs of people and goods.

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European Commission publishes EU Reference Scenario 2016

The European Commission has released its latest outlook – the EU Reference Scenario 2016 – which projects energy, transport and greenhouse gas emissions trends in the EU up until 2050. The Reference Scenario is a projection of where our current set of policies coupled with market trends are likely to lead.

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Events

Horizon 2020 Smart cities and communities info day

23 September 2016
Brussels, Belgium

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Smart urban mobility: cities of the future

22 September 2016
Prague, Czech Republic

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Building Sustainability - World GBC Congress 2016

18-20 October 2016
Stockholm, Sweden

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Projects



Tribe
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Projects



TRIBE

The TRIBE project aims to contribute to a change in citizens' behaviour towards energy efficiency in public buildings, through their engagement in the experience of playing a social game, linked by ICT to real time data collected from five pilot buildings hosting around 1300 regular users (employees, tenants, etc.) and almost 12000 eventual users (visitors).

Visit the project's SCIS page
Visit the project's website..

NEXT-Buildings

The NEXT-Buildings project focuses of low energy buildings also called active houses, which are not only buildings, but active components in the overall integrated energy systems. The target is to demonstrate affordable solutions for social housing and revitalisation of town areas.

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