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GrowSmarter study visit in Cologne: Smart City Cologne, deep building renovation, integrated mobility hubs & municipal data centre

by Gabor Heves, Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe (REC)

Study visits comprise an important part of the mutual learning activities in the GrowSmarter lighthouse project, co-funded under Horizon 2020 programme of the European Union. On 27-28 April I participated in a visit in Cologne, Germany, which proved to be a very diverse, learning-rich and well-organised experience. The study tour gave us an excellent opportunity to learn about the practical experiences related to the implementation of smart cities measures of different kind – building renovation, mobility, smart data, etc.

Cologne is an important economic and cultural center in Germany, which is currently facing a dynamic growth period: its economy is thriving and its population has just surpassed one million people. Therefore it faces large challenges in terms of increasing mobility problems, lack of qualified workforce or rising energy use, to name just a few.

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Menorca: beautiful island today, sustainable island tomorrow

by Igor Taranic

In the last week of April I had the pleasure to participate in the CITY-ZEN Roadshow in Menorca, Spain. The Roadshow combined recognized experts in sustainable urbanism and architecture, carbon accounting, energy and others. It aimed at developing an ambitious sustainable vision for island, offering concrete solutions that stay with the citizens. It was open to any person interested to participate – from local authorities and experts to local residents.

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Smart cities in Northern Spain: technological transfer and knowledge sharing in action

by Antonio Garrido-Marijuan

I am writing this blog post on my flight back to Vienna, somehow sad after three delightful days in the Basque country. Situated in Northern Spain, this lovely region offers probably the best gastronomic experience you can get around. But Basque country is not only tapas, the Guggenheim museum and surfing. The main cities in this region are going through an amazing smart transformation.

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Register for the SCIS policy session at EUSEW 2017 to discuss scale-up & replication in European cities

Across Europe, cities work together to develop and demonstrate innovative solutions that help accelerate transition towards a low-carbon, resource efficient, competitive and inclusive economy in urban areas. Register for the SCIS policy session at EUSEW 2017 on the 21 June (Wednesday) at 14.00 in Mansholt room, Charlemagne building, Brussels to take part in the learning exchange.

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Watch the recording of the SCIS webinar "Regulatory, financial and social barriers & solutions for innovation"

On 17 May 2017, SCIS organised a webina, which presented the SCIS framework for addressing non-technical issues in the fields of Energy, Mobility & Transport and ICT in the context of smart cities. It showcased examples of main financial and economic barriers encountered by smart cities projects; regulatory and administrative barriers, and measures needed to promote social acceptance and uptake of technologies and solutions.

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Global Street Design Guide helps cities around the world implement tested and life-saving street designs

The National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) and the Global Designing Cities Initiative announced the launch of the Global Street Design Guide as a globally accessible document that can be downloaded at no cost, allowing urban planners, designers and transportation practitioners in cities around the world to immediately implement tested and life-saving street designs.

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Join the Oxford smart city competition to make the city more liveable, open and collaborative

The Smart Oxford Playable City Commission invites innovators, technologists and creative people from around the world to submit a distinctive idea to help make Oxford more liveable, open and collaborative city. Making use of the city's existing infrastructure and smart city technologies, the winning entry will put people and play at the heart of the city and catch the imagination of those who live, study, visit and work in and around Oxford.

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Events

WEBINAR: Gamification, a driver

Green Cities

7-8 June 2017

Smart & safe city

7-8 June 2017

for change in sustainable cities

organised by the Green Digital Charter

7 June 2017, 11:00
Online

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EUSEW 2017

19-25 June 2017
Brussels, Belgium

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Smarter is Cleaner - Lessons learned from SCC1 smart city projects on smart grids, storage and prosumer models

22 June 2017
Brussels, Belgium

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The European lighthouse cities Rotterdam, Glasgow and Umeå and 3 follower cities, Brno (Czech Republic), Gdansk (Poland) and Parma (Italy) come together to combine ICT, e-mobility and energy solutions to create sustainable urban spaces. Such actions could bring profound economic, social and environmental impacts for the cities, resulting in a better quality of life (including health and social cohesion), competitiveness, jobs and growth.

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The European lighthouse cities Nantes (France), Hamburg (Germany) and Helsinki (Finland) and 4 follower cities, Varna (Bulgaria), Bydgoszcz (Poland), Rijeka (Croatia) and Palencia (Spain) come together to combine ICT, e-mobility and energy solutions to create sustainable urban space. mySMARTLife is aimed at supporting EU cities in their transition into more sustainable places.

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From the community

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New #BIM tool for #renovation soon ready to launch! http://bit.ly/2qzXTcg by @ProjectBertim #H2020 #energyefficiency #researchimpactEU

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