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Editorial

Dear Smart Cities Marketplace Community,

First things first: let me – also on behalf of the Smart Cities Marketplace - wish you a Happy New Year!

Despite the ongoing challenge caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, 2021 was a great year for the Smart Cities Marketplace and its wider community, with many interesting events such as the Smart Cities Marketplace Forum, Matchmaking events, Masterclasses, and Action Cluster Meetings, but also contributions to events such as the CIVITAS Forum in Aachen. 2021 also saw a number of exciting publications like the Circular Cities Solution Booklet, the Solution Booklet on E-Busses, and the Solution Booklet on Energy Communities! You will of course find them all on the Smart Cities Marketplace website, and a number of other great ones.

Now we're in 2022 and also this year will be full of opportunities and actions for European (smart) communities, towns and cities. The Smart Cities Marketplace is planning a series of events like the Smart Cities Marketplace Forum 2022 during which one of the two Matchmaking events of this year will take place. There will be two Masterclasses, one on March 8 and one on March 22.

I would like to seize the opportunity – also on behalf of the European Commission – to thank everyone who is involved in and supports the work of

the Smart Cities Marketplace to help with the clean, just, consumer-centric, green and digital transition of European communities, towns and cities, for their great efforts and inspiring work!

Let me wish you all a successful start into the new year.

Stay healthy and stay tuned!

Georg Houben

DG Energy, European Commission

Smart Cities Marketplace News

Explore, Shape & Deal: Taking the Initiative(s)

The final episode in a series of four podcast about Smart Cities has been published. Learn all about EU initiatives like the New European Bauhaus, Living in EU or the Covenant of Mayors with high-level speakers from the European Commission.

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Explore & Shape: Smart Cities Marketplace Masterclass

Smart Cities Marketplace
Masterclass

European Commission

08 March 2022
09:30-13:30 CET

22 March 2022
09:30-13:30 CET

As part of its project shaping activities, the Marketplace is now offering a Masterclass in developing a good smart city strategy.

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News from the Action Clusters of the Smart Cities Marketplace

Explore & Shape: Plans to boost the Small Giants Initiative

The growing Small Giants network currently comprises a semi-formalised cluster of more than 50 cities across 20 countries. It aims to give small- and medium-sized cities a strong voice within the Smart Cities Marketplace and the broader EU market, to reverse the trend of focusing on larger cities.

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Explore & Shape: Citizen Control of Personal Data Initiative - Strategy for 2022

We need to achieve a critical mass of cities, and to do this by engaging not only with leaders, but also IT managers, specialists in the data areas such as mobility, health etc, those responsible for improving service delivery and consultation with citizens, legal officers, data controllers, and financial departments.
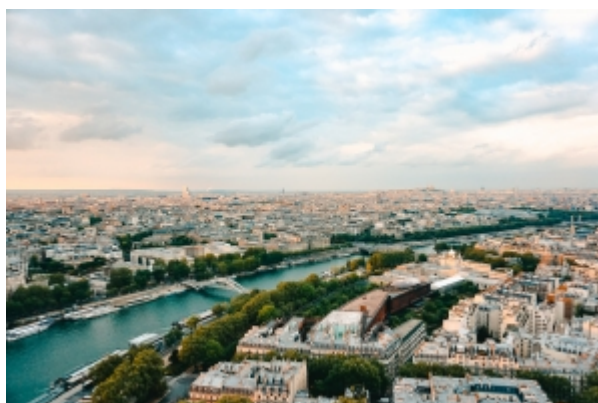

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Explore, Shape & Deal: procuRE presents Guidance Webinars

As part of procuRE's work as Action Cluster for Business Models and Finance, the project is presenting a series of recordings and presentations from tender webinars as well as some news about extended deadlines and the matchmaking platform.

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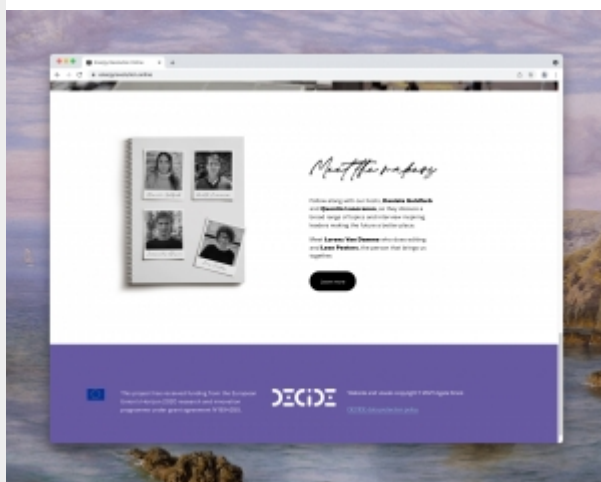## Shape: Stakeholder Survey – Urban Heating and Cooling Transition

Making the energy transition a reality is going to be one of the key challenges in the coming years, and even more so for the heat transition which is still lagging behind. With the pathway to 2030 and 2050 set, we still have to decide on the levers and technologies to get us there. We are keen to know your opinion!

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Beyond the Smart Cities Marketplace

Explore: This is what a Smart City should do for its People

No city can become smart without winning the hearts and minds of its citizens. However, Artificial Intelligence-based analysis of both official and unofficial sources shows that more than 80% of the feedback that's relevant for cities appears in unofficial sources.

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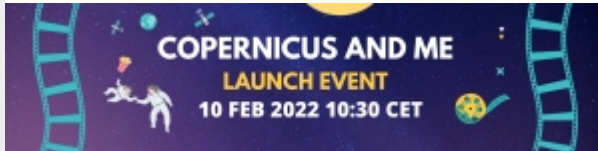## Explore: French Contribution to the UN-Habitat Flagship Program "People-centered smart cities"

Facing digital challenges, French stakeholders are committed to get involved in an international and partnership program which aims to adress local and global challenges on digital, as to fancy the

opportunities it represents for sustainable and inclusive cities.

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Explore: "Copernicus and me" Launch Event

The "Copernicus and me" launch event will take place on 10 February 2022 as an online event. Don't miss the opportunity to preview the videos realised within the "Copernicus and me" initiative.

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Explore & Shape: DT4Regions and Living in EU joint Scope Survey for Regions and Cities

The joint DT4REGIONS and Living-in.eu survey aims to scope the needs of regions and cities in terms of mutual learning regarding digital transformation initiatives and processes.

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Smart City Projects News

Explore: POCITYF's Cities share Lessons

During the POCITYF workshop representatives of Alkmaar and Évora, the lighthouse cities, shared insights on the lessons they learned in the past two years, working to deploy smart solutions in their historical cities.

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Explore: FourC Releases First Deployment of Real-time Mobility App

The first public release of FourC's OEM MaaS real-time app is now available for the citizens of +CityxChange's Lighthouse City Trondheim, as well as Trøndelag county.

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Explore: Atelier Blog - The Role of Electric Vehicles in Positive Energy Districts

December was all about electric vehicles and their role in positive energy districts. A blog article by Rick Wolbertus from the Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences and a scientific article from a group of scientists from the University of Deusto focus on the different impact scenarios of electromobility in PEDs.

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Events

Explore: Kick-Off Conference #CONNECTED IN EUROPE

Digital transformation, sustainable and integrated urban development, funding & networking are the focus areas of the kick-off conference #CONNECTED IN EUROPE.

date | 10/02/2022

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Explore: Space for Cities - Earth Observation for Sustainable Development

This workshop aims at discussing the potential uses of Earth Observation to achieve and monitor the Sustainable Development Goals in cities. The workshop will introduce the audience to the newly released Earth Observations Toolkit for Sustainable Cities and Human Settlements.

date | 16/02/2022

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Explore: Data-enabled Circular Cities - Applications and Future Directions

Pairing the digital revolution with the principles of a Circular Economy (CE) has the potential to radically transform our urban landscape and its relationship to materials and finite resources.

date | 23/02/2022

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Explore: Decarb Cities Conference 2022

The DecarbCities conference will showcase how cities can succeed in this challenge and define clear delivery pathways for future-proof urban heating and cooling solutions.

date | 01/03/2022 - 02/03/2022

Explore: European Climate Conference

The European Climate Conference will bring together high-level representatives of the EU Member States, the European Commission and the European Parliament.

| 11 | date | 07/03/2022 - 08/03/2022 |

Explore: REFLOW Final Conference

Everyone knows the 'why' of circular transition, but the 'how' is less straightforward. Cities are hubs of large and complex flows of people, money, energy and materials, and their circularity is affected by a range of stakeholders, both directly and indirectly.

| 11 | date | 30/03/2022 - 31/03/2022 |

Explore: Nordic Edge 2022

Mark your calendar for a new physical version of Nordic Edge Expo in Stavanger, Norway.

| 11 | date | 10/05/2022 - 11/05/2022 |

Explore: Urbis Smart City Fair 2022

Urbis Smart City Fair brings a combination of a trade fair and an exclusive conference programme, where leaders in the field of Smart City will be introduced.

| 📅 date | 02/06/2022 - 04/06/2022 |

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