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Editorial

Dear Smart Cities Marketplace Community,

Welcome to the Smart Cities Marketplace newsletter! The Smart Cities Marketplace aims to give many climate-neutral and smart city initiatives a voice and a platform. In that spirit, we have agreed to offer like-minded EC initiatives the opportunity to contribute directly to our newsletter by drafting a guest editorial. This contribution is from the Covenant of Mayors.

"We don't need more discussion about new goals – we need to talk about speeding up the transition", said Martin Horn, Mayor of Freiburg, at the Covenant of Mayors Conference. Among other mayors, he regards the current energy crisis as an opportunity to accelerate the path to climate neutrality.

Cities have seized this opportunity by implementing essential measures for the transition in response to the crisis, e.g., energy savings in municipal buildings, supporting building renovations, accelerating the deployment of renewables, raising awareness through campaigns, and protecting vulnerable citizens. These local actions are critical not only for Europe's REPowerEU Plan; but also for achieving the EU's ambitious climate neutrality target by 2050 and ensuring a just transition for all.

The Covenant of Mayors unites over 11,000 European cities and towns, pledging their commitment to the EU's climate and energy goals. Through the initiative, they develop Sustainable Energy and Climate Actions Plans to detail

how they will reach their targets, focusing on mitigation, adaptation, and energy poverty. While these plans pave the way, further steps are necessary to meet EU targets.

The Smart Cities Marketplace serves as an essential complement to the Covenant of Mayors. It provides operational support to bring these commitments to life, addressing challenges such as lack of capacity and skills at the local level and limited access to funding, preventing local governments from implementing their plans. Through its services, from matchmaking and one-on-one consultations to capacity building and technical assistance, the Smart Cities Marketplace helps cities transform their plans into actionable projects that can secure funding or training opportunities. Our partnership is based on the belief that working together is the only way to accelerate the transition.

Allison Le Corre, Covenant of Mayors

Smart Cities Marketplace News

Explore: Hot off the press - the new Smart Cities Marketplace brochure



Learn all about the Smart Cities Marketplace in our latest brochure. Focusing on the concept of ENGAGE; EXPLORE, SHAPE and DEAL the brochure outlines all engagement possibilities for cities and towns of all sizes.

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Explore: Cities Forum Torino - a joined success



The Smart Cities Marketplace had a successful showing at the Cities Forum 2023 in Torino, Italy. The Smart Cities Marketplace partnered up with the Covenant of Mayors Europe and the European Green City Accord for a joint stand at the Cities Forum Torino.

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Explore: EUSEW Energy Fair joint stand



Brussels is gearing up for the EUSEW Energy Fair, where the Covenant of Mayors, Covenant of Companies, and Smart Cities Marketplace are joining forces on a joint stand.

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Explore: Workshop Explores Smart City Financing Strategies for a Sustainable Future



In a quest to unlock the climate neutrality potential of Smart City projects, a workshop was held yesterday as part of the PolisMobility conference in Cologne, bringing together a city representative, an investor, and the representative of a mobility startup.

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Explore: EUSEW Energy Day: Citizen Engagement - Accelerate the Clean Energy Transition



In the context of RePowerEU, realising a citizen-led or citizen's community approach to renovation can break the mammoth challenge of retrofitting millions of buildings into more manageable initiatives, conducted at the community level.

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Explore: Update and translations of Solution Booklets now available!



We are thrilled to announce that the Solution Booklets on E-Buses, Urban Freight Logistics and Building Envelope Retrofit are now updated and are now also available in French and German translations.

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News from the Community of the Smart Cities Marketplace

Shape: Make a Pledge - Covenant of Companies launches campaign

The Covenant of Companies invites environmentally-conscious businesses in the European Union to reduce their fossil energy footprint by pledging to join their community.

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Explore: Latest ongoing projects - the "Scalable Cities Roadshow"

The Roadshow consists of 30 tailored capacity-building activities (either training, peer-to-peer, or training) supporting cities' solutions or to deploy innovative financial schemes and bridge the financial gap.

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Explore: How european cities are turning the energy crisis into an opportunity

The 2023 Covenant of Mayors Conference showcases how local leaders are carrying out the EU's objectives of energy sovereignty and climate neutrality, and what they need to continue leading the way.

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Deal: EUCF opens call on clean energy investments

With the new call by The European City Facility (EUCF) 70 local governments can receive €60,000. A total of 70 European municipalities or local authorities, their groupings and local public entities aggregating municipalities and local authorities will benefit from a new call launched by the European City Facility.

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Beyond the Smart Cities Marketplace

Explore: Eyes Hearts Hands Project helps built-up areas become sustainable, inclusive, and aesthetically beautiful



Can built spaces be sustainable, inclusive, and beautiful all at the same time? The answer is yes. The EU-funded project Eyes Hearts Hands Urban Revolution (EHHUR) will make this possible by developing and testing a robust co-design methodology for 7 Lighthouses.

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Explore: How is your country progressing in energy efficiency?



FEDARENE warmly invites you to participate in an EU-wide survey on the progress of energy efficiency in the last years in your country. Your opinion counts! By taking part in the survey, you will be making an important contribution to energy efficiency efforts in Europe.

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Explore: GovTech Connect Boot camps | Open calls



The GovTech team is excited to be launching applications for the GovTech Connect Boot camps! They are on the hunt for GovTech start-ups across Northern and Southern Europe to take part in our 4 week-accelerated and intensive training programmes.

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Shape: A new three-stage model - how to manage energy communities and grid constraints



Renewable energy communities (REC) are one of the essential drivers for a successful energy transition since they provide the means to match local demand and supply and promote local renewable generation.

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Explore: Knowledge-exchange community for '5G for Smart Communities'



The networking and knowledge-exchange community for '5G for Smart Communities' is a platform connecting stakeholders involved in 5G projects. It provides valuable information about upcoming calls, networking opportunities, and support materials to enable the successful implementation of 5G solutions in Smart Communities.

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Shape: Launch of the Citizen-Led Renovation project and open call for participation



'Citizen-Led Renovation' is a new EU initiative aiming to empower energy communities and put citizens in the driver's seat for energy-saving renovation projects. Its support service will strengthen community building and assist in replicating programmes for energy renovations of buildings.

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Explore: Making City - Solar foodpath opens in Groningen

On Friday 24 March, the first 400 m² Dutch solar footpath for pedestrians at the Europapark was opened by Alderman for Energy Transition, Philip Broeksma as part of the MAKING-CITY project.

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Explore: From positive energy districts to climate neutral cities

On 29 and 30 March Scalable Cities Secretariat and the MAtchUP project organised a number of key sessions dealing with the pressing issues and challenges cities are facing in the race to reach the Net Zero.

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Shape: Madrid - Piloting a sustainable last-mile delivery system

Our Smart Cities Marketplace colleagues from EIT Urban Mobility have published another one of their noted Best Practice Essentials. The program aims to assess the economic, social, and environmental impact of the solution for potential long-term integration and to address urban mobility challenges effectively.

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Explore: REHOUSE at the Institut National de l'Énergie Solaire

The French Alternative Energies and Atomic Energy Commission (CEA) played host to the REHOUSE consortium at the Institut National de l'Énergie Solaire (INES) headquarters in Le Bourget-du-Lac, France, on May 10-11.

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Explore: Every1 completed extended stakeholder and ecosystem mapping task

The Extended Stakeholder and Ecosystem Mapping Task has now been submitted. The report shows how the range of stakeholders can be supported in the digitalising energy system, which will inform further steps in the Every1 project.

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Shape: ATELIER - Energy communities in Kraków!

On the 19th of April 2023, the Deputy Mayor of the City of Krakow officially opened the conference introducing the series of workshops dedicated to developing energy communities called "Possibilities of creating energy communities in Krakow".

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Events

Explore: EUSEW Sustainable Energy Days: Citizen Engagement - Accelerate the Clean Energy Transition

Join us for an engaging and informative webinar as we dive into how citizen engagement can help the energy transition and reach the goals of the RePowerEU plan.



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Explore: Clean energy for EU islands Forum 2023

In 2023 we will select 30 islands that want to become fully renewable by 2030. Achieving fully renewable-energy-powered islands is the North Star objective for the third phase of the Clean energy for EU island secretariat. At the #CE4EUislands forum 2023, we will discuss all the building blocks to be able to achieve that ambition.



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Explore: Living-in.EU Mayors' Digital Assembly 2023

The Living-in.EU movement organises its first EU Mayors Digital Assembly in Brussels, in the framework of the Brussels Urban Summit 2023. The Mayors' Digital Assembly is the political advisory body which provides strategic orientation to the Living-in.EU movement.



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Explore: European Sustainable Energy Week

EUSEW returns in a hybrid format, in Brussels and online. It comprises a high-level Policy Conference, the EUSEW Awards, and the fourth European Youth Energy Day as well as opportunities to forge connections with the EUSEW community at the Energy Fair.



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Explore: REAL CORP 2023

28th International Conference on Urban Planning and Regional Development in the Information Society.



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Explore: URBIS SMART CITY FAIR

URBIS SMART CITY FAIR brings a clever combination of the fair with an exclusive conference program, which will introduce the leaders in the field of Smart city.



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