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Editorial

Welcome to the Smart Cities Marketplace newsletter! The guest editorial below is written by our friends from the Covenant of Companies for Climate and Energy.

No Net zero without SMEs

Today in Europe, [75% of our population](#) lives in urban centres. Meanwhile, 99% of companies are SMEs. To make our economy and society net zero by 2050, we must therefore, focus our efforts on our cities and our companies.

The Covenant of Companies for Climate and Energy is a community of companies that have pledged their commitment to decarbonise their operation. Our mission statement is to help European companies, as well as those who support Europe's business community, by offering guidance and advice in implementing emissions reduction strategies.

It has never been clearer that Europe's energy security depends on its transition away from hydrocarbon-based energy sources. We at the Covenant of Companies believe that, together with the Smart Cities Marketplace, our initiatives are laying the foundations for this net-zero future. The Marketplace has a key function to perform in bringing the parties together who can effect positive change.

In a similar vein, the Covenant of Companies recognises those companies who want to get ahead in the race to decarbonise. Companies who fulfil their

pledge will be rewarded with a 'seal of approval', acknowledging their efforts to reduce their carbon footprint. Furthermore, we are offering a free-of-charge programme of tailored 'Technical Assistance' to companies who meet certain selection criteria in order to help them to map their pathway to decarbonisation. [Applications are still open](#) until 30 September for the first instalment of this Technical Assistance programme – so if you are a company and meet our geographical selection criteria, [apply now!](#)

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Smart Cities Marketplace News

Explore: European Week of Regions and Cities - Capturing alternative sources of funding & financing for sustainable energy and climate actions



Together with the Covenant of Mayors and SCALABLE CITIES, the Smart Cities Marketplace will offer a session on 'Capturing alternative sources of funding & financing for sustainable energy and climate actions.'

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Explore: Smart Solutions Casebook



This brief casebook explores how three cities, Barcelona (Spain), Utrecht (the Netherlands) and Grabovo (Bulgaria), have succeeded with the deployment of smart city solutions using innovative financing methods.

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Explore: Meet the Smart Cities Marketplace



In the second half of 2022, the Smart Cities Marketplace will participate in various events. The Smart Cities Marketplace team would like to invite you to join these events, talk to us, and participate in our Matchmakings.

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Explore & Shape: Smart Cities Marketplace Joined mySMARTLife Final Conference



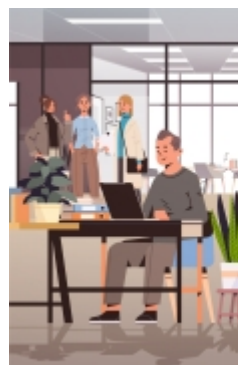
The Smart Cities Marketplace team joined the mySMARTLife Final Conference in Hamburg (14 & 15 September).

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News from the Community of the Smart Cities Marketplace

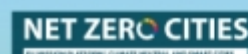
Shape: Launch of the P2P Learning programme

Scalable Cities is launching its Peer-to-Peer (P2P) Learning programme on 1st of September 2022!

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Shape & Deal: Cities as a Test Bed for Climate Neutrality: €32 million in Support for EU Cities Mission Pilot Cities

NetZeroCities is launching a groundbreaking programme that



tests new approaches to reaching climate neutrality goals across cities in Europe. This Pilot Cities Programme is part of the EU Mission for 100 climate-neutral and smart cities ("EU Cities Mission"), providing €32 million in grants and hands-on support to cities.

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Shape & Deal: Celsius guide: Advancing District Heating & Cooling Solutions and Uptake in European Cities

This publication informs cities and relevant stakeholders about the latest research outcomes in the District Heating and Cooling sector and inspires them to implement similar solutions.

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Beyond the Smart Cities Marketplace

Explore & Shape: Smart City Expo World Congress: Connect with Urban Leaders at the Brokerage Event



The Brokerage Event of the Smart City Expo World Congress is a series of 30-minute, pre-scheduled B2B and B2P meetings with a view to network with potential business partners and clients at #SCEWC22.

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Smart City Projects News

Explore: SPARCS and POCITYF at #EURegionsWeek 2022

SPARCS and POCITYF will be showcasing how to make the energy transition a success through citizen engagement during EU Week of Regions and Cities. The webinar will take place on October 11 from 14:30-16:00 online.



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Events

Explore: European Week of Regions and Cities - Capturing alternative sources of funding & financing for sustainable energy and climate actions

Under the motto New challenges for Europe's cohesion, the 2022 edition will focus on four main themes: Green transition, Territorial Cohesion, Digital transition and Youth empowerment. Together with the Covenant of Mayors and SCALABLE CITIES, the Smart Cities Marketplace will offer a session.



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10/10/2022 - 13/10/2022

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Portugal Smart Cities Summit 2022

The "Smart Cities" Concept encompasses more than mobility, digital platforms or sustainability. The fundamental objective of a Smart City is the incorporation of all these areas in order to improve the lives of citizens in the world.



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11/10/2022 - 13/10/2022

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Explore: Covenant of Mayors Investment Forum – Energy Efficiency Finance Market Place

The conference is organised by the European Commission's Directorate-General for Energy, Directorate-General for Climate Action, and the European Climate, Environment and Infrastructure Executive Agency (CINEA), in collaboration with the EU Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy.



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18/10/2022

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Explore: Smart City Expo World Congress 2022

Smart City Expo World Congress gathers leaders from the most innovative companies, governments and organisations to move cities towards a better future. The Congress will take place in Barcelona.



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15/11/2022 - 17/11/2022

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