



Ask, Learn & Share!

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Back to the Desk

We are kicking back into gear, so wherever you have spent the last couple of weeks, welcome back to the world of [SCIS](#)! It seems like only yesterday that we spent time with our loved ones at the beach, sailing cold and warm waters, travelling the most wonderful landscapes, experiencing different cultures and enjoying different peoples' hospitality.

It is surprising how quickly we all have gotten used to crossing borders without controls, leaping from country to country. Arthur, our film maker, is making the most of his [freedom of movement](#), leaving the Nordic states and travelling to Hungary, Austria and Slovenia. Meeting YOU from smart city projects, filming low carbon innovations and talking to citizens.

Now, the leaves are already turning and we are unsure if it really is autumn so quickly approaching or if it is the lack of water after this most astounding summer. But autumn is event time and we, the SCIS team, are part of it: Come join us at Nordic Edge next month! We are looking forward to meeting all of you there. And in case you can't make it to Nordic Edge, rest assured - there are plenty of other Smart City events this fall!

Good to have you back!
Your SCIS Team

— Pack your Bag and Join us at Nordic Edge!



Norway is on the edge – and many of us are travelling to Stavanger for this year's Smart City event, the Nordic Edge 2018, taking place in Stavanger, Norway from Tuesday, 25 September 2018 through Thursday, 27 September 2018.

The Nordic Edge is the most significant Smart City conference in Northern Europe, this year again with lots of different events



that are interesting to our community!

Take part in the special H2020 SCC1 Day on Thursday 27 September where various Lighthouse- and Follower Cities as well as general project representatives will meet at public and internal sessions to discuss

Smart City subjects such as communication, data platforms, business modelling and replication. Have a look at the SCIS [events section](#) to learn more about this year's Nordic Edge and this special SCC1 Day and join us for sessions like "How to make "Invisible" Projects Visible to its Stakeholders". The internal sessions are open to anyone working on an SCC1 project. The public sessions are open to the general public as well.

Also, come meet all of us and let's have one-on-one conversations about the latest innovative solutions at the joint SCC1 booth in the exhibition area, any time between Tuesday and Thursday. SCIS representatives will be there as well to introduce you to our database and the many benefits of SCIS.

So you see, Nordic Edge has a lot to offer this year. And there is even more! So don't forget to check out [their official website](#) as well.

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— EUROCITIES at Nordic Edge: *Mayor's Debate and Meet the new Lighthouse Cities*

Mayors committed to engaging and empowering their citizens are especially invited to lay out their vision by participating in a themed debate right before the Nordic Edge on Monday, 24 September (open to politicians only). The session, 'What's in it for people when cities become smarter?', organised by our friends from [EUROCITIES](#), will bring together political leaders (5 speakers and about 50 city politicians and experts for the debate) to discuss how they successfully engaged citizens and allowed them to reap the benefits of a smarter city. The mayors will conclude their debate with a few key findings and recommendations for the future based on their joint insights. Find more information about the event [here](#).

And of course, you should not miss your chance to meet the latest Lighthouse Cities as part of the projects STARDUST, IRIS and MAtchUp at the session "[Leading the way to a smarter future - Meet the new lighthouse cities](#)" on Tuesday, 25 September from 2-5 pm. Representatives from the projects and the cities will present the solutions being piloted in their Lighthouse Cities as well as the replication possibilities in their Follower Cities. After getting to know these new members of our community, a workshop will be facilitated by EURO CITIES (Sharing Cities replication lead). Here, you can bring your project, your dilemma and your issues to get advice from other city experts who are



implementing similar solutions. Find more information about the replication workshop as well as information about registration [here](#).

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City of Plovdiv Signs Urban Air Mobility Manifesto



The city of Plovdiv signs the Urban Air Mobility Manifesto with an innovative goods transportation system for the integration of urban-rural territories.

The UAM Initiative of the [EIP-SCC Marketplace](#), which is supported by the European Commission, aims to bring together cities, citizens, businesses and other stakeholders in order to accelerate practical application studies and their consequent implementation. The initiative is led by Airbus, while institutional partners include Eurocontrol and the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA). The EIP UAM initiative is founded on a city-centric approach with a diversified set of demonstration projects with engaged smart cities. The target is to jointly develop, through a horizontal cooperation of diverse mobility actors, concrete urban air mobility solutions (intra-city and inter-city mobility) with real impact by addressing established mobility needs of the specific cities.

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Latest Project News



Sitting on Sunshine

As part of mySMARTLife, five solar panel benches, which can be used for



Energy Poverty: How Valencia Tackles the Risk

Valencia City Council provides support to 50 homes at risk of energy poverty in La Malva-rosa and Natzaret.

As part of the EU project MATCHUP

recharging electric bicycles and mobile devices, have been introduced in their Lighthouse City Helsinki by mySMARTLife project partner Helen. The first of their kind in Finland, the benches will be located in Teurastamo, Kalasatama and the Market Square. The middle part of the solar bench has an integrated solar panel, which also functions as a seat. You can use the bench for charging up your device, even when the sun is not shining, as the power generated by the solar panel is stored in an in-built accumulator. The bench has two USB ports and two 230-volt sockets

Want to know where to sit? [Here.](#)

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As part of the EU project MATCHUP, Valencia is currently trying to tackle this problem with local actions dedicated to improve the quality of life of its citizens.

The Valencia City Council and Las Naves will take part in a campaign to mitigate energy poverty in the Poblats Matitims district, through energy audits in 50 households.

This campaign is a further step into the "Green Office" project that started last year. It was developed by a Valencian company called [Aeioluz](#) with the support of the Councilman Office for Social and Occupational Issues.

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— Upcoming Events

[BY&FORCITIZENS Conference](#)

Date: Thursday, 20 September 2018 and Friday, 21 September 2018

Location: Valladolid, Spain

On 20 and 21 September 2018 the Institute for Business Competitiveness of the Junta de Castilla y León together with CARTIF Technology Centre will organise the BY&FORCITIZENS Conference on "Smart Regeneration of Cities and Regions": a forum to gain comprehensive insights into the opportunities and challenges brought by city transformation strategies across Europe.

BY&FORCITIZENS will be organised by the Institute for Business Competitiveness of the Junta de Castilla y León together with CARTIF Technology Centre and co-organized by [REMOURBAN](#), [mySMARTLife](#), [R2CITIES](#), [CITYFiED](#) and [UrbanGreenUp](#).

More than 60 speakers will share the latest innovations about how cities can be transformed into efficient, digital and sustainable ecosystems. Participants will have the opportunity to visit demonstrators of innovation and create new synergies and collaborations.

For the more updates, visit the [REMOURBAN](#), [mySMARTLife](#), [R2CITIES](#), [CITYFiED](#) and [UrbanGreenUp](#) websites, click [here](#) to view the conference programme or the conference website for [registration](#).

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2018 Climate Alliance International Conference: Connecting Cities - Local Solutions for Global Challenges

Date: Thursday, 01 October 2018 through Wednesday, 03 October 2018

Location: Barcelona, Spain

The 2018 Climate Alliance International Conference is taking place in Barcelona from 1-3 October. The topic of this year's conference is "Connecting Cities – Local Solutions for Global Challenges".

Connecting Cities strengthens network-based approaches to global challenges by connecting local and regional authorities from across Europe. Together, we can transform challenges into solutions! #CAIC18 #LocalAction

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[SAVE THE DATE: European Week of Regions and Cities](#)

Date: Monday, 08 October through Thursday, 11 October 2018

Location: Brussels, Belgium

The [EIP-SCC Marketplace](#) will hold a dedicated session during the [European Week of Regions and Cities](#) in Brussels, a one-day-matchmaking event (exact date to be defined). This event will offer to all actors of the Smart City panorama the possibility to meet, network, shape views, exchange best practices, and find partners. Stay tuned for further information!

Another event at the European Week of Regions and Cities is "[Heat Synergy Regions as driver of integrated territorial development](#)", a workshop on 10 October 2018 from- 09:30 - 11:00 am. Join [Heat Roadmap Europe](#) and [ICLEI Europe](#) for a strategic talk on financing and framework conditions for one of the most cost-efficient sub-national pathways for decarbonising heating and cooling that is bridging the urban-rural divide along the way: Heat Synergy Regions (HSR). This 90 min session will address the key role of local and regional actors for transforming H&C by providing decision- and policy-makers with the know-how to identify cross-territorial energy policy strategies and innovative, sound financing schemes. At the heart of HSR are resource-efficient, climate-resilient and low-carbon - district heating and cooling (DHC) systems. As a local, regional, national or European level official, you will learn how to identify potential synergy regions and how to make investments with positive territorial impacts.

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[6th Informed Cities Forum](#)

Date: Wednesday, 7 November 2018 and Thursday, 8 November 2018

Location: Vienna, Austria

Opening up the smart city: Open governance, data and people

Are you looking for new ideas, tools and partners to help you change your city? Join more than 100 urban changemakers from across Europe in Vienna for the 6th edition of the Informed Cities Forum! The event will gather a mix of urban innovators and activists, local government representatives, researchers, entrepreneurs, experts and policy specialists, allowing for a rich learning experience and exciting debates.

The event will include a set of field workshops designed to bring participants together with local initiatives in Vienna, as well as opportunities to interact with leading European thinkers and doers in the field of open governance and digital democracy.

Registration is free of charge and is available [online](#).

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[6th International Women4Energy Conference](#)

Date: Friday, 7 December 2018

Location: Stuttgart, Germany

The [Women4Energy Conference](#) invites women professionals working in energy-related topics to discuss global energy challenges and to learn about future trends and market

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This year's conference will focus on **"Energy in Smart Cities"** giving insights on energy-related platforms, trends and best practices. During the morning sessions we will focus on keynotes and the afternoon will offer three parallel sessions in which female energy experts will have the chance to present their research results and technology solutions as well as business ideas in the field of "Energy in Smart Cities".

The conference will offer the possibility to book bilateral meetings in advance.

Come and join us for a unique opportunity to expand your network and knowledge! Help shape the innovative solutions of tomorrow!

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this video of [@R2CITIES](#) summarizing their main outcomes digitally!
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[via Twitter >](#)



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to change people's behaviour with respect to energy consumption, you have to be aware of the [#backfireeffect](#). Read more about how to convince citizens to become [#smartcitizens](#) at episode 3 of our SCIS podcast [#urbanreverb](#) at <http://bit.ly/2Of5m89> [#smartcities](#)
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