



Ask, Learn & Share!

July 2018

School's out for Summer

Sonderborg (DK), Kerava & Tampere (FI), Daugavpils (LA), Cluj (RO), Chorzow (PL) and Bratislava (SK): this is the first leg of our filmmaker [Arthur Lankester's](#) journey to film and write stories from and about smart cities. SCIS and Arthur believe in raising awareness and sharing knowledge about smart cities by telling stories right from the heart of the matter! Arthur is therefore on his way across Europe to meet and interview smart city experts, project members and also the citizens living in a smart city, who are eager to talk about what it means to be a "smart citizen". We are definitely looking forward to Arthur's videos and articles. You will find them on our SCIS website at the end of the summer. Follow us on Twitter [@SmartCitiesSCIS](#) to be amongst the first viewers!

In the meantime, while most of us take their well-deserved summer break, parts of Europe are suffering under the scorching sun. England's much beloved gentle green rolling hills have become yellow burned fields, in Sweden wildfires are raging in the Arctic Circles and horrifying news from Greece makes us reconsider the beauty of summer. But lots of other European nations are helping out! Isn't this what Europe is all about – celebrating ground breaking success stories from our smart cities but also helping each other out in times of need.

We wish you a lovely summer,

Your SCIS Team

You are not alone: Covenant of Mayors Twinning Programme



**Covenant of Mayors
for Climate & Energy**

Apply now for the new call of the [Covenant twinning programme!](#)

The call for a new edition of the twinning programme of the European Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy is now open.

The Covenant twinning programme offers cities, regions and provinces across Europe the opportunity to take part in twinning exchanges that aim to increase local authorities' capacity and knowledge to mitigate and adapt to climate change.

This new call enables European local and territorial authorities to participate in two types of exchanges, mentoring and peer-to-peer exchanges. All municipalities, regardless of size, are encouraged to apply as mentor, and those who do so will for the first time be able to take part in a mentors-only workshop!

For this call, a total of 6 twinning exchanges for municipalities and 1 exchange for territorial coordinators will be financed.

Local and regional authorities interested in participating in the programme should apply before 14 September 2018, 17:00 CET by submitting the online application form.

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On the Road for SCIS: Storytelling by Motorbike

Arthur Lankester's [Changing Gears Expedition](#) is a research and storytelling project about how cities and businesses use digitalization to accelerate change for positive impact on society. The aim is to collect common challenges, discover trends and share solutions in order to accelerate change and help shaping a positive future.



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Arthur gave SCIS some first impressions from his tour:

“Travelling from city to city through Eastern Europe by motorbike is an adventurous journey. The same is for cities and citizens today, as they are on a journey, too. On my road trip, I meet cities and citizens that share their personal stories about how new technologies are used to create a sustainable, safe and social environment. This also comes with challenges, but I learned that when cities bridge the gap to their citizens, they can overcome these challenges.”





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And for those of us that are still thinking about their holiday travel emissions – do it like the Changing Gears Expedition, which aims to be a 'Net-Zero' project. Therefore, trees will be planted to compensate for the emissions of the total mileage. That makes this expedition 'carbon neutral'!

CROSS-SCC Replication Workshop



Right after this year's [Nordic Edge](#), all SCC1 cities are invited to take part in this workshop for fostering replication and upscaling of Smart City Solutions.

Aim: Facilitating knowledge sharing among the SCC1 community to

enable procurement and implementation of Smart City Solutions.

Target Group: Every SCC1 city planning to procure Smart City Solutions – including Lighthouse Cities, Follower Cities, City Interest Group (Observer Cities)

Date: 28 September 2018, 8:30 to 14:00 @ Stavanger Forum

Organiser: Replication Task group in collaboration with INEA and EC, as a follow up event to the Follower City Workshop organized by INEA on 26 January 2018.

Structure: The event will have two rounds of round table sessions where municipal representatives and their partners would present best practices for the topic under discussion. The participating cities could then have a discussion on barriers they face and how they can be resolved.

[Click here to register](#) (Deadline: 26 August 2018)

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Latest Project News



Communication is Key @ Strijp-S

Eindhoven, Lighthouse City of the [Triangulum](#) project, has compiled interesting insights into the subject of smart mobility solutions.

One interesting finding is that it is quite difficult to get people to change their daily parking routines. Therefore, thorough communication about new services and related privacy policy issues is very important.

One goal of the Smart Mobility program at Strijp-S was to present better and more precise parking management information to visitors. Examples are reserved (licence plate) parking, a guided parking route and detailed parking information.

By offering this new technology and related services, Strijp-S improved guidance and orientation in the area. By decreasing the time a visitor has to spend, e.g. on finding a parking spot, trips are made much more efficient, which in turn leads to substantially less CO2 emissions.

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First Project Outcomes Published

SmartEnCity, with its three Lighthouse Cities Vitoria-Gasteiz (Spain), Tartu (Estonia) and Sonderborg (Denmark), has published a new section at their website where first [project outcomes](#) can be found.

At this new subpage, visitors will find a collection of city solutions, such as the [reuse of old EV batteries](#) in Tartu or the [biomass district heating system](#) in Vitoria-Gasteiz. Moreover, [public papers](#) (also known as public deliverables) can be browsed to learn more about the process of how to become a smart city yourself!

And of course, in this digital era, various project [videos](#) showing progress directly from the demo sites as well as [webinars](#) are not to be missed.

Have a look and be inspired by the SmartEnCity outcomes!

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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.

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Nordic Edge Expo and Conference

Date: Tuesday, 25 September 2018 through Thursday, 27 September 2018

Location: Stavanger, Norway

In just three years, Nordic Edge has established itself as the most significant Smart City event in the Nordics. From 500 participants in 2015 to 4500 visitors in 2017! This year's theme is "Smart with a heart" which emphasizes the quest that smart cities and societies are all about the citizens.

Join EU's Horizon 2020 projects and cities! 12 projects, 78 cities and their partners are invited to attend the H2020 day, Thursday 27 September, to share insights from their projects, lessons learned and to grow their network. There will be one public session, open to all, and one internal session, open only to H2020 SCC1 members. Find latest updates about the SCC1 event at the [Triangulum website](#).

SCIS will also be represented – come visit us at the Expo!

[#smartwithaheart](#) [@nordicedgeexpo](#)

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EcoProcura

Date: Wednesday, 3 October 2018 through Friday, 5 October 2018

Location: Nijmegen, the Netherlands

EcoProcura is where public procurement policy meets practice, and where future innovations originate! Join representatives of the European Commission, mayors of leading cities, business leaders and some of the brightest procurement minds in order to:

- Perfect your procurement skills
- Be inspired to think more strategically by *Disruptors and Game Changers*
- Learn from the wisdom of experienced procurers in the *Procurement Confessions* session
- Engage with procurement peers and learn about their latest tools, actions and initiatives in the *Market Lounge*
- Explore the latest international policy updates and the future of procurement

Online registration is now [open](#)!

For more information about the Conference Registration Fees, click [here](#)

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Smart City World Expo World Congress

Date: Tuesday, 13 November 2018 through Thursday, 15 November 2018

Location: Barcelona, Spain

For more information about the Smart City Expo, please [visit the official website](#). Find updates at Twitter via [#SCEWC18](#)

For more information about this year's Brokerage event, please click [here](#) and [here](#). Find updates at Twitter via [#SmartcityBrokerage](#)

SCIS will be in Barcelona as well to meet interested stakeholders, smart city representatives and anybody else interested in the smart city and energy efficiency topic!

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Social media activities

SCIS has the ambition to bring everyone together in the field of smart cities and communities and energy-efficient buildings. Therefore, SCIS is going to be active in Social Media Channels. Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#) and we will keep you updated.

The SCIS Newsletter is published once a month, informing about the platform, the project community and its news. You are welcome to send in any topics you are interested in or have questions about.

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