

From dream to reality: sharing experiences from leading European Smart Cities

Joint final Lighthouse cities session during the European Week of Cities and Regions

Brussels, October 8, 14:30 - 17:00

Committee of the Regions, room VM3, Rue Van Maerlant 2

The European Lighthouse programme gathers an unprecedented number of cities in driving the smart and sustainable city movement in Europe and beyond. These cities and their private and academic partners worked on implementing a series of interlinked smart solutions in the field of energy, ICT and mobility. The first three projects of this programme: GrowSmarter, Remourban and Triangulum are now coming to an end and will share the results of their implementation models on this occasion.

Key challenges for Smart and Sustainable Cities are to provide solutions to significantly increase cities' overall energy and resource efficiency, resulting in a better quality of life for their citizens, higher competitiveness, new job opportunities and economic growth.

By organising a session in the context of the European Week of Cities and Regions, the three projects will show the impacts achieved in terms of energy efficiency, smart mobility, ICT interconnectivity, governance and social acceptance and will provide policy makers and experts with valuable insights for replication in other European cities and regions.



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FORMAT:

The session will consist of three parts:

- **A political panel:** the creation of smart districts implies new governance approaches, with quadruple helix mechanisms and local, regional, national and European cooperation. Cities need brave politicians to drive this movement. Political representatives will talk about what decision they have taken and still need to take to reach their goals. They will also share their thoughts with European representatives on which decisions are needed on a European level to overcome the barriers and provide the incentives on a local level.
- **A technical panel “Demonstrate. Innovate. Replicate”:** the project coordinators and site managers of the smart districts will go into more details on the actual implementation needs and obstacles. One of the main objectives of these projects has been to provide models for replication in other European cities and geographical areas. Each site manager will share stories of success stories but also one “brilliant failures” to be used as study cases for other cities to avoid similar mistakes.
- **An interactive Q&A session:** will enable the participants to directly ask the speakers about their key learnings, challenges and solutions experienced in the field and learn how to facilitate the local implementation of urban generation models and boost the clean energy transition in other European cities.

The session will be followed by a networking reception to continue discussions and exchange of ideas.

Read more and sign up for the session at [the event’s website](#).



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