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Room JDE 51, European Committee of the Regions

Session 3: Smart cities: let's make it happen!

From stories to implementation

Introduction

This event will focus on sharing successful smart cities experiences and discussing the active role politicians and multipliers can take to enable their development and replicate the lessons learned. City politicians and European smart cities initiatives/networks and projects will participate in this event; sharing their experiences and challenges. The session is organised by the Smart Cities Information System (SCIS) initiative.

15.00 Opening speech – setting the scene

Moderator: Nathalie GURI, EUROCITIES, SCIS

The smart cities world: get to know SCIS, the EIP-SCC and the smart cities projects

- **Sarah BOGAERT**, VITO/EnergyVille, SCIS
- **Simona COSTA**, Integrated Planning, Policy and Regulation Action Cluster, EIP-SCC
- **Nathan PIERCE**, Greater London Authority, Smart Cities Lighthouse projects (tbc)

15.15 Smart city solutions: what role can politicians play to enable the development of smart cities solutions?

- **Mr Erion Veliaj**, Mayor of Tirana (Tbc)
- **Florence Forzy-Raffard**, Councillor for International Economic Affairs and for European Affairs at City of Bordeaux (tbc)

16.00 Have your say: how to implement the lessons learned in other cities?

- **Han VANDEVYVERE**, VITO/EnergyVille, SCIS

Interventions from the audience

16.15 Closing remarks

Moderator: Nathalie GURI, EUROCITIES, SCIS

About SCIS

The Smart Cities Information System (SCIS) brings together data and lessons learned from EC DG ENERGY/INEA managed projects in the CONCERTO programme, Smart Cities and Communities (SCC) and Energy Efficient Buildings (EeB) projects. Cities, institutions, industry, project developers and experts can find and share data, experience and know-how on how to support the creation of smart cities and an energy-efficient urban environment.

<http://smartcities-infosystem.eu>

About the EIP-SCC

The European Innovation Partnership on Smart Cities and Communities (EIP-SCC) is an initiative that brings together cities, industries, SMEs, investors, researchers and other smart city actors to develop investments in smart city solutions across Europe. <http://eu-smartcities.eu/>

About the Smart Cities Lighthouse projects

The Smart Cities Lighthouse projects receive funding from European Union funding programmes (FP7 and H2020) to implement integrated commercial-scale solutions with a high market potential, in the field of energy, transport and ICT.

Objectives of the side event

The Smart Cities Information System will host the event, with the participation of different European Union funded projects and initiatives. The workshop is an opportunity for cities and smart city experts to give feedback on what they need from SCIS projects to enable successful replication of smart cities solutions. The objectives of the event are to:

- generate joint thinking about smart cities lessons learned and challenges
- present how SCIS will help to promote the replication of successful smart cities projects
- get feedback on what kind of data and stories can help cities move forward
- create synergies and links among the various smart cities initiatives

EU funded project representatives, local authority representatives (smart city experts and political representatives), city networks and those interested to learn about how to implement successful smart cities solutions, are welcome to attend.