

## ICLEI in Europe News



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### 1. ICLEI Member News

#### Reykjavik to be carbon neutral by 2040



ICLEI Member Reykjavik (Iceland) has put forward a climate policy paper and action plan that would see the city become carbon neutral by 2040. In Reykjavik all electricity is produced with hydroelectric power and houses are geothermally heated. Transport is the main source of greenhouse gas emissions and is the largest challenge for the city.

In the city's Municipal Plan 2010-2030 the goal is to change travel modes so that the share of public transport will rise from 4 percent to 12 percent and the ratio of pedestrians and cyclists will rise from 19 percent to over 30 percent by 2030.

"Cities play a key role in the fight against climate change. They can react quickly and have many possibilities of enacting change," said Dagur B. Eggertsson, Mayor of Reykjavik. The Mayor added that the Icelandic capital is in a good position to meet its highly ambitious target thanks to its abundant renewable energy sources.

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#### Glasgow places people and communities at heart of resilience strategy

People and communities are the key component of a new strategy intended to build ICLEI Member City Glasgow's (UK) resilience against the impact of the shocks and stresses faced by a city in the 21st century. The "[Resilient Glasgow](#)" strategy details 50 different actions intended to create a stronger and more adaptable city.

Based on a detailed conversation with 3,500 Glasgow-residents, the strategy is the first of its kind to be released in the UK. It focuses on issues such as economic growth, tackling inequality, enhancing partnerships at all levels, delivering services around the needs of citizens, and building capacity for resilience among the city's population.

Glasgow is a core city of the [Smart Mature Resilience \(SMR\) project](#), which aims to support city decision-makers in developing and implementing resilience measures in their cities. As part of the project, Glasgow and its local research partner, the University of Strathclyde, are working closely together on co-creating and testing the project's tools, with a particular focus in Glasgow's case on building resilience against flood risk. Tier 2 cities of Rome (Italy) and Riga (Latvia) are observing Glasgow's progress and providing feedback, which will ensure that the final tools are applicable to all cities in Europe.



For more information, visit the [Smart Mature Resilience website](#).  
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#### Copenhagen uses sustainable procurement to lower carbon emissions



The City of Copenhagen's (Denmark) strategy and approach to sustainable procurement has been profiled in the September edition of the [GPP News Alert](#), detailing how the city set up a unit on Green Public Procurement (GPP) to help it meet its ambitious goal of being the world's first carbon neutral capital city. The unit works with other administrative and strategic procurement units to influence the market in a climate friendly direction.

The ICLEI Member City has been a [Procura+](#) Participant since 2015 and is the most populous city in Denmark. Since 2005, CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in Copenhagen have fallen by 38 percent, mainly due to the application of sustainable measures on building renovation works, energy savings achieved in the private sector, and the implementation of anti-waste strategies.

The city uses its purchasing actions to achieve strategic goals, such as requiring that packaging originates from reused materials, procuring alternative fuel or zero emission vehicles, increasing the number of organic public sector meals, and so on.

For more information, read the [GPP News Alert case study](#), or visit the [Copenhagen Procura+ Profile](#).  
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### 2. Basque Declaration to be presented at Habitat III

The [Basque Declaration](#) will go global during a session in Quito (Ecuador) on 19 October at the Sustainable Cities Campus during Habitat III. 800 delegates from local governments and civil society adopted the [Basque Declaration](#) at the 8th European Conference on Sustainable Cities and Towns in April 2016. The session in Quito will sound out as to how far the declaration can also support cities beyond Europe.

The Basque Declaration expresses a cohesive spirit for societal transformation. It recognises sustainability as not only being a technical issue, but rather puts an emphasis on the social and cultural dimension of transformation needed in our societies to be successful. The session will detail how the Basque Declaration supports the implementation of global frameworks such as the Sustainable Development Goals and the New Urban Agenda, to be adopted at HABITAT III.

Ana Oregi, Minister of Environment and Territorial Policy of the Basque Country, will showcase how the Basque Country and the cities in the area are leading by example. Ms. Oregi will introduce transformative actions implemented in the Basque Country that support Europe to be more inclusive and liveable. Damien Carême, Mayor of the City of Grand-Synthe and Vice President of the Communauté Urbaine de Dunkerque (France) will



present on how the inclusion of migrants is an essential part of the transformation of our societies. Other political representatives from cities around the world will showcase how transformative actions can support the SDGs.

To endorse the [Basque Declaration](#), click [here](#).  
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### 3. European Smart City Manifesto to launch in Brussels



The Manifesto on Inclusive Smart Cities, also known as the European Manifesto on Citizen Engagement, will be launched and officially signed in Brussels (Belgium) on 23 November at a ceremony that will gather EU level networks of regional and local authorities, civil society organisations, and industry representatives. The manifesto is supported and co-created by ICLEI. [The full text of the manifesto is available online](#).

Those who sign the manifesto declare their commitment to "create and foster new urban services for citizens in order to improve the quality of life of all citizens and contribute to sustainable cities." They also agree to focus on citizen needs and to embrace citizen-centric design when developing the smart city. Through the manifesto, signatories hope to "generate empowered and engaged citizens who will contribute positively towards their city, municipality, region or community." The content of the manifesto relates closely to the [Basque Declaration's](#) call for citizen involvement.

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### 4. London Smartathon sees enthusiastic discussion on smarticipate platform

Around 60 participants gathered in Kensington Town Hall in London (UK) on Saturday 17 September for the first ever 'Smartathon', a meeting held in the context of the EU-funded [smarticipate project](#) to gather citizens' input on the upcoming smarticipate platform. The aim was to allow residents of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea to voice concerns and to help shape the final tool. The meeting saw spirited debate, with a range of questions, criticisms, concerns and congratulations directed from the floor at those presenting the tool.



Residents asked pointed questions about the use of open data, citing safety and privacy issues. After an introduction from Paul McDonald, information services strategist with the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, Andries Geerse from smarticipate partner WeLoveTheCities presented a fictional 'urban story' for London in which residents use the smarticipate platform to develop a football field. This urban story gave participants a better idea of the platform's capabilities.

After this, residents broke into smaller groups to discuss the platform and to look at the specifics of the urban story scenario. At the end of the day, group leaders stood up and presented the outcomes of the discussion. Many of those with serious reservations about the platform had a more positive view of smarticipate by the end of the session.

For more information, visit the [smarticipate website](#).  
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### 5. EUROPEAN MOBILITY WEEK celebrates most successful campaign yet



2016 has seen the EUROPEANMOBILITYWEEK campaign shatter its previous participation record, with an astounding 2424 cities from 51 countries celebrating the week. The previous record was set in 2011 when 2264 cities from 43 countries participated.

Cities and towns around the world held activities under this year's theme of '[Smart and sustainable mobility - an investment for Europe](#)', referring to the close ties between transport and economics. Many cities held a "Car Free Day", in which areas of the city were closed off to motorised vehicles and opened to citizens, while others held activities that showcased the benefits of opting for sustainable modes of travel. A sizeable portion of those participating also enacted permanent measures that encourage a shift to low-carbon forms of mobility.

Cities that carried out all three of the EUROPEANMOBILITYWEEK criteria are eligible to apply for the [EUROPEANMOBILITYWEEK Award](#). Winners of the award receive a three-minute video in both English and their native language highlighting their achievements. The call for applications for the fifth edition of the [SUMP Award is also open](#). This year's award will recognise the local or regional government that has done most to integrate urban freight with their Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan, or SUMP.

For more information, visit the [EUROPEANMOBILITYWEEK website](#).  
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### 6. Procura+ Awards deadline extension

There is still time to apply for the [European Procura+ Awards](#) - the deadline has been extended to 7 October. The awards highlight sustainable and innovation procurements and tender procedures and give visibility to the most dynamic, forward-looking and innovative public authorities and their initiatives.



Winners will be invited to collect their trophies at an awards ceremony, taking place as part of the [Sustainable City Development 2016](#) conference in Malmö (Sweden). As well as international recognition, award winners will receive free entry and a presentation at the next [EcoProcura conference](#), a published case study on the [SP Platform](#) and [PPI Platform](#), publicity in a variety of ICLEI publications, and one year's free participation in the [Procura+ Network](#). To apply for the awards, interested parties should send a completed [application form](#) to [procurement@iclei.org](mailto:procurement@iclei.org) by midnight on 7 October 2016.

For more information, visit the [Procura+ Awards page](#).  
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### 7. Buying Green Handbook now available in 23 languages



The European Commission's Buying Green Handbook has been translated into 23 European languages. The document provides practical guidance on the implementation of Green Public Procurement (GPP), outlining how contracting bodies can use the 2014 Procurement Directives to drive more environmentally friendly purchasing.

Currently in its third edition, the handbook looks at how environmental considerations can be included at each stage of the procurement process, providing practical examples drawn from public procurers across the EU. These case studies explore legislative and administrative challenges and detail the concrete savings achieved by the move to GPP.

Specific sectors looked at include buildings, food and catering services, road transport vehicles, and energy-using products. The handbook has been compiled under contract between the European Commission and ICLEI, supported by Public Procurement Analysis.

To download the handbook in one of 23 languages, click [here](#).  
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### 8. CIVITAS publications outline inspiring case studies and better procurement practices

Two new publications have been released by the CIVITAS Initiative aimed at improving sustainable mobility in Europe. *CIVITAS Voices: Inspiring stories and expert ideas for better urban mobility* includes case studies and expert analysis on measures and projects implemented within the last three years. *CIVITAS Guide: Procuring sustainable mobility solutions* provides local and regional policymakers and transport practitioners with policy reflections and practical insight from European procurement experts. Both publications are authored by ICLEI.



"One of the greatest strengths of the CIVITAS Initiative is that it brings together a diverse community of municipal staff, policy makers at all levels, non-governmental organisations, universities and research institutes and many others, all of whom are working on the transition to more sustainable and innovative transport and mobility in Europe. We invite you to read on and take inspiration from these case studies, consider the advice offered by the experts, and begin to plan measures or projects in your own cities," write the authors of the CIVITAS Voices publication.

The procurement guide describes what cities need to do before procuring vehicles, such as assessing needs and priorities, provides a methodological approach to greening public fleets, and sets out how public authorities can go further and be bolder – for example, by procuring together with other cities or beyond local markets. The guidance builds upon existing initiatives and projects and offers some of the most inspiring good practice examples on sustainable mobility procurement in Europe.

To download CIVITAS Voices, click [here](#). To download the CIVITAS procurement guide, click [here](#).  
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## 9. Event news

### Final weeks to register for Local Renewables conference

Renewables have played a crucial role in cutting Europe's energy consumption, powering almost 15.5 percent of the EU energy sector in 2014. Following one of the [EU Energy Union](#)'s core pillars, citizen empowerment, city leaders have contributed to this success by enabling citizens to participate in the renewable local energy markets. When designing the urban energy transformation, local authorities are also exploring the opportunities and challenges of smart technologies and innovation. But do these guarantee a sustainable city?

[Local Renewables 2016](#), taking place from 26 – 28 October, will discuss this and many more topics throughout a three-day conference programme to be held in two cities working towards an energy transition: [Freiburg](#) (Germany) and [Basel](#) (Switzerland). It will offer participants the opportunity to visit one of the world's best examples of sustainable urban living, the Vauban neighbourhood, as well as the Gundeldingerfeld district, an example of transformation from a former industrial site into a fashionable commercial and cultural district, designed in line with the principles outlined for the [2000 Watt Society](#).

Space for the conference is limited so registration as soon as possible is advised. For updates on Local Renewables 2016 and the event series, visit the [conference website](#) or contact the conference secretariat: [lr2016@iclei.org](mailto:lr2016@iclei.org). Follow updates as they happen: [@LR\\_Series](#), [#LocalRenewables](#)

For more information and to register, click [here](#).

### Registration open for final Water PiPP event

The final event of the [Water PiPP project](#), Empowering Public Procurement for Innovation in the EU Water Sector, will take place in Zaragoza (Spain) from 9 - 10 November 2016. The two-day conference will see lively debate about public innovation procurement approaches in the public water sector as a means to solve local water challenges. Registration for the free event is [available online](#).

Procurers from the public water sector and suppliers from the business world are invited to explore innovation procurement from the angle of procurement practice, water sector policy, and business opportunities. The conference will be in English with Spanish interpretation available. The EU-funded Water PiPP project aims to stimulate demand for sustainable water solutions through innovative and pre-commercial procurement. Around 80 people are expected to attend the event.

For more information, click [here](#).

### Embrace the Water conference issues call for abstracts

A call for abstracts has been released by the [Embrace the Water conference](#), which will take place in Gothenburg (Sweden) from 12 - 14 June 2017. The event will focus on sustainable urban water planning and design, looking at how water management methods can become more risk resilient and efficient.

Urban planners and water professionals from around the globe are invited to attend the conference to share experiences and projects on the opportunities and threats of water in modern cities. Two forms of proposal will be considered: platform presentation and poster presentation. Submissions are welcome until 15 November 2016. Registration for the event will open in February 2017.

The conference aims for an even distribution between city planning staff, water professionals, and other urban professionals. Topics to be discussed include managing uncertain futures, providing regenerative water services for sustainable use, and engaging communities.

For more information, [download the call for abstracts](#) [PDF].

## 10. Event Calendar

### [RAMSES 3rd Stakeholder Dialogue](#)

4 October 2016 - Rome (Italy)

### [Procura+ Seminar 2016](#)

13 - 14 October 2016 – Rome (Italy)

### [Habitat III](#)

17 - 20 October 2016 – Quito (Ecuador)

### [Local Renewables 2016: Energising the smart city and region](#)

26 - 28 October 2016 - Freiburg (Germany) & Basel (Switzerland)

### [Procurement for innovation in the EU water sector](#)

9 - 10 November 2016 – Zaragoza (Spain)

### [Embrace the Water Conference](#)

12 - 14 June 2017 - Gothenburg (Sweden)

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