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We are pleased to send you the latest news on ICLEI in Europe and our partners for urban sustainability!

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## 1. ICLEI responds to the "Energy Independence" Executive Order of the Trump Administration

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Since President Trump took office, there has been [growing concern among U.S. local leaders](#) regarding the new administration's stance on agendas critical to America's future: namely environmental protection, clean energy, and climate action. With his 28 March [Executive Order](#), which adds to the recent budget proposal, President Trump has once again taken an ideologically charged approach that is out of step with the values of the majority of Americans and will harm the people it purports to help. ICLEI USA urges the President and his administration to listen to the voice of elected officials all over the country.

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## 2. ICLEI Member News

### Kolding is ICLEI Europe's Member in the Spotlight



ICLEI Member Kolding (Denmark) is the latest Member in the Spotlight, an ongoing series that highlights the sustainability achievements of ICLEI Member cities. Kolding recently launched the "Sustainable City" initiative, which involves citizens, especially students, in the sustainable development of the city. The initiative is situated in a repurposed container, which acts as a space for city residents and representatives from the municipality to work on sustainable projects together.

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### ICLEI Members among finalists announced for European Green Capital 2019

ICLEI Members Ghent (Belgium), Lahti (Finland), Lisbon (Portugal), and Oslo (Norway) have been announced as finalists shortlisted for the European Green Capital Award 2019. Tallinn (Estonia) was also shortlisted. For the European Green Leaf Award 2018 for smaller cities, ICLEI Members Ludwigsburg (Germany) and Växjö (Sweden) are among the finalists.

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### Lille fights air pollution with cycling subsidy

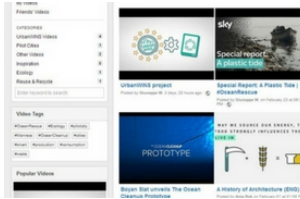
The European Metropolis of Lille (France), which includes 90 municipalities with 1.2 million people, has announced that it will offer financial assistance for those wishing to purchase a bicycle to help boost cycling in the region. From the start of this month, Lille will pay 25 percent of the purchase price of a new bicycle, with a limit set at €150 for regular bicycles and €300 for electric bicycles. The overall amount of funding available for the year is €100,000.



### 3. UrbanWINS launches online agora to discuss waste prevention and management

UrbanWINS, an EU-funded project aiming at developing and testing methods for designing and implementing eco-innovative strategic plans for waste prevention, has launched its "UrbanWINS agora", a participative virtual community to share knowledge and discuss ideas on the topics of waste, resources and innovation. The UrbanWINS agoras facilitate citizen and other stakeholder feedback into the project, as well as encourage and promote brainstorming among participants, co-creation of the solutions, and a shift towards more sustainable consumption and production patterns.

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### 4. SMR Risk Systemicity Questionnaire launched



The [Risk Systemicity Questionnaire](#) is an Excel based tool where users are asked to consider the relative likelihood of a broad range of risks in their cities. These risks are spread across nine topics: health, climate change (air pollution), climate change (flooding), social inequalities, ageing (population), riots, immigration, social cohesion and social alienation, and are considered as networks of interrelated risks. These networks are presented as risk scenarios, some of which result in vicious cycles. Users progress by completing questions which ask them to consider whether defined risks scenarios are likely to occur in their cities.

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### 5. Basque Declaration presented at European Parliament meeting of European Greens

ICLEI colleagues outlined the key messages included in the [Basque Declaration](#) at a recent stakeholder meeting convened by the European Greens, attended by a select group of MEPs, NGO representatives, and others working in the field of urban sustainability policy. Austrian MEP Monika Vana, a Member of the Greens/European Free Alliance parliamentary group, moderated the informal meeting. Former ICLEI Regional Executive Committee member Evelyne Huytebroeck, now a member of the European Green Party Committee, provided the opening welcome to participants.

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### 6. Final days to apply for young transport innovators competition



The European Commission this week launched the European Transport Innovation Challenge 2017, a new award offered to young transport innovators for creative solutions for goods and services that will contribute to reducing CO2 emissions in transport. The solutions can be the result of research, can be in any transport mode, and in many different sectors linked to transport, such as solutions in healthcare, retail or food sectors. The key word is innovation.

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### 7. European Commission and Indian government launch water management toolkit

The Adopting Integrated Urban Water Management (AdoptUWM) project was closed this March after four years of work with the launch of a [Toolkit for Integrated Urban Water Management for Indian Cities](#) at an event in Delhi. The toolkit was developed to respond to the challenges Indian local governments face in securing sufficient water supply and proper waste water treatment for their rapidly growing cities. The toolkit outlines an integrated urban water management approach in seven steps.

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## 8. ICLEI supports the Energy Transition Leaders Forum 2017 and Visualising Energy exhibition in Brussels

The future of Energy in Europe will be discussed during the European Energy week in Brussels (Belgium) in June. ICLEI is a partner of Revolve media on two energy events happening at that time: The Energy Transition Leaders Forum 2017 and Visualising Energy. The energy transition is underway in many industries and sectors but there remains a gap between what we aspire to achieve and what we are doing.

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## 9. CIVITAS SUMP's-Up launches call for mobility planning authorities

The CIVITAS SUMP's-Up project has launched a call for applications for its Innovation Pilot Pool (IPP), a select group of transport and urban planning practitioners who will develop tools and services to help SUMP development in European cities. IPP participants will receive SUMP's-Up funding and participate in learning activities known as SUMP Learning Programmes (SLPs) to test and apply SUMP approaches, tools and methodologies under real conditions.

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## 10. Event News

### Open European Day to look at climate adaptation solutions

As European citizens enjoy the first sunny days of spring, city planners and climate experts reflect on last winter's flooding and storms and consider the heatwaves that are likely to hit European cities this summer. Open European Day at Bonn Resilient Cities will bring European cities together to discuss their common challenges and share their successful solutions in a uniquely interactive event that sees cities taking centre stage and sharing cases from their most recent experiences in a conversational format. The event will take place on 3 May.

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

### 23rd Breakfast at Sustainability's to look at achieving car-free city centres

The City of Oslo (Norway) and ICLEI will hold the 23rd Breakfast at Sustainability's on Thursday 4 May 2017 in Brussels (Belgium) on the topic of creating attractive car-free city centres. Truly sustainable cities continuously strive to maximise the quality of life of their citizens. However, many European cities face serious air pollution and congestion, as well as issues related to keeping pedestrians and cyclists safe from car traffic. How can we free city centres from cars and still ensure lively and thriving city centres?

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

### 2017 ICLEI European Membership Assembly to look at reinventing cities

In less than three weeks, ICLEI Members will have the opportunity to meet at the ICLEI European Membership Assembly, taking place in Brussels (Belgium) from 17-18 May. The event will be an opportunity for city peers to meet and identify innovative solutions to urban sustainable development challenges. This closed event, organised in cooperation with [The Brussels Capital Region](#), will focus on how recent political trends are affecting local policy making and how cities can reinvent themselves to achieve a much-needed societal transformation.

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

## 11. Event Calendar

[Open European Day 2017](#)  
3 May 2017 - Bonn (Germany)

[23rd Breakfast at Sustainability's](#)  
4 May 2017 - Brussels (Belgium)

**ICLEI European Membership Assembly 2017**  
17 - 18 May 2017 - Brussels (Belgium)

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**Embrace the Water Conference**  
12 - 14 June 2017 - Gothenburg (Sweden)

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**Second Global Procurement Conference**  
4 - 5 July 2017 - Rome (Italy)

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**EU PASTA Final Conference**  
20 September 2017 - Mannheim (Germany)

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**GREEN SURGE International Conference 2017**  
20 - 21 September 2017 - Malmö (Sweden)

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**CIVITAS FORUM Conference 2017**  
27 - 29 September 2017 - Torres Vedras (Portugal)

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**Amsterdam International Water Week**  
30 October - 3 November 2017 - Amsterdam (The Netherlands)

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