

ICLEI in Europe News



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1. ICLEI Member News

Smarticipate video captures citizen collaboration in Rome



A new video produced by the [smarticipate project](#) gives an overview of the discussion between the City of Rome (Italy) and citizens at the Rome "Smartathon", an event to showcase and explore how the smarticipate online urban planning platform could be improved. The three minute video includes interviews with project partners from the City of Rome and participants at the event.

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

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ICLEI Members Malmö and Brussels receive sustainable mobility awards

ICLEI Members Malmö (Sweden) and Brussels (Belgium) have been recognised for their outstanding work in advancing sustainable urban mobility. Malmö was awarded the EUROPEANMOBILITYWEEK Award for its long-term focus on active transport modes such as cycling and walking. The 5th Award for Sustainable Urban Mobility Planning was given to Brussels (Belgium) for its successful freight strategy. The awards were presented by Violeta Bulc, European Commissioner for Transport, and Daniel Calleja, Director-General for Environment.

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

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Zaragoza to replace 39 vehicles with electric cars



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Zaragoza (Spain) has replaced 39 conventionally fueled vehicles with electric cars as part of their commitment to reducing harmful emissions. The department of Transport carried out a study on the vehicles to be replaced in the municipal fleet resulting in a Multiannual Renewal Plan. This plan has an economic endowment of 1.5 million euros to be executed in three years (2017, 2018 and 2019) and is part of the 2020 commitment to reduce CO2 emissions.

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2. Transformative Action Award open for submissions

Cities, regions and civil society organisations are invited to submit their applications for the first ever Transformative Action Award. The award recognises ongoing or concluded innovative local and regional initiatives that achieve a socio-cultural, socio-economic and technological transformation of societies by using the pathways identified in the [Basque Declaration](#). Applications can be submitted until 19 June 2017. The jury is particularly looking for innovative transformative actions that inspire others.

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

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3. ICLEI launches 2017 Procura+ Awards

ICLEI has launched the 2017 Procura+ Awards, which reward sustainable and innovative public procurements leading to significant improvements of public good, services, process and infrastructure. Procura+ Awards highlight sustainable and innovation procurements and tender procedures. The competition gives visibility to the most dynamic, forward-looking and innovative public

authorities and their initiatives.



4. Be the Heat Pump City of the year

The Heat Pump City of the Year Award recognises the most efficient, smart and sustainable heat pump project at the local level. In the context of its involvement in two low carbon heating and cooling projects ([Heat Roadmap Europe 4](#) and THERMOS), ICLEI is well placed to lend its expertise as a member of the jury. The competition is open to cities and regions, national associations, and individuals. The deadline for application is 7 April.

For more information, click [here](#).
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5. San Sebastian mayor hails cities as the ideal scale for developing resilience



Eneko Goia, Mayor of San Sebastian, Basque Country, welcomed the [Smart Mature Resilience project](#) to San Sebastian City Hall on 6 March 2017, emphasising that "cities are the ideal scale for working on resilience". Resilience-building is crucial to San Sebastian, as the coastal city is already experiencing the consequences of climate change, particularly flooding. As the mayor joked: "The sea wants to recover all of those places we took in the past!"

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6. Call for urban mobility change-maker cities

The Urban Electric Mobility Initiative (UEMI) and the urban mobility SOLUTIONS Network are calling for cities from Europe, Asia, Africa and Latin America to become involved as a leading city, take-up city or training participants. The [SOLUTIONS Network](#) and [UEMI](#) are looking for cities to work together on the implementation of sustainable urban mobility measures. The call is open until 30 April 2017.

For more information, click [here](#).
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7. New EU research tool makes energy planning for governments easier

An EU-funded research project has launched a tool that allows European governments, businesses, consultants, academics, planners and energy enthusiasts to assess thermal resources and thermal demand in any given region. The [Pan-European Thermal Atlas](#) (Peta4), launched in Brussels (Belgium), is an interactive online map of the heating and cooling demand, efficiency and supply in Europe. Created by the Heat Roadmap Europe (HRE) project, it provides visual and technical data for heating and cooling projects, giving users an appropriate analysis tool

and easier access to relevant data.



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8. ICLEI calls on local and regional governments to achieve access to water and sanitation for all

On the occasion of [World Water Day 2017](#), ICLEI, UCLG, GWOPA and the World Water Council released a statement declaring that "the responsibility for Sustainable Development Goal 6 on access to water and sanitation for all falls principally to local authorities and cannot be achieved without good local governance, the sustainable management of natural resources and effective urbanisation."

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9. UrbanWINS pilot cities meet in Venice to prepare the next steps of the project



Representatives of the UrbanWINS pilot cities – Albano Laziale, Cremona, Pomezia and Turin (Italy); Leiria (Portugal); Bucharest (Romania); and Manresa and Sabadell (Spain) – met in the Italian city of Venice to participate in project workshops focused on strategic urban planning and participatory mechanisms development. The knowledge and the experience gained will be used in the next phases of the UrbanWINS project, which aim at co-creating eco-innovative waste management and prevention strategies.

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10. Event News

ICLEI European Membership Assembly 2017 to look at urban transformation

[The Brussels Capital Region](#) (Belgium) will host the ICLEI European Membership Assembly 2017 on 17-18 May. The European Membership Assembly is a forum for exchange of innovative solutions and explorative debates with peers. It is an exclusive event for ICLEI Members, offering the opportunity to learn about, debate and influence ICLEI's strategic ideas. The Assembly relates to the "[Basque Declaration](#)" that was acclaimed during last year's European Sustainable Cities and Towns Conference and which focuses on 15 transformative pathways.

For more information, contact events.europe@iclei.org

CIVITAS Forum conference issues call for exhibitors and sponsors

The CIVITAS project has opened a call for exhibitors and sponsors for this year's annual CIVITAS Forum conference, which will take place from 27-29 September 2017 in Torres Vedras (Portugal). The call invites applicants to demonstrate urban mobility tools, methods, and experience at one of the most significant sustainable urban mobility events in Europe. Creative proposals are encouraged to be submitted by 8 May 2017.

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

GREEN SURGE event to look at connecting people and nature

The City of Malmö (Sweden) and the GREEN SURGE consortium will bring together researchers, policy-makers and practitioners in Malmö on 20-21 September 2017 to explore the social, environmental and economic benefits of urban green infrastructure. The conference themes are related to emerging issues surrounding nature-based solutions and sustainable urban development, with the programme designed to encourage dynamic discussion.

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

11. Event Calendar

[2nd RAMSES Training Event](#)

3 - 4 April 2017 - Bonn (Germany)

[European Workshop on Resilience in Cities and Communities](#)

4 April 2017 - Berlin (Germany)

[Open European Day 2017](#)

3 May 2017 - Bonn (Germany)

[ICLEI European Membership Assembly 2017](#)

17 - 18 May 2017 - Brussels (Belgium)

[Embrace the Water Conference](#)

12 - 14 June 2017 - Gothenburg (Sweden)

[GREEN SURGE International Conference 2017](#)

20 - 21 September 2017 - Malmö (Sweden)

[CIVITAS FORUM Conference 2017](#)

27 - 29 September 2017 - Torres Vedras (Portugal)

[Amsterdam International Water Week](#)

30 October - 3 November 2017 - Amsterdam (The Netherlands)

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