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Dear Readers,

This edition of the bulletin dives into activities from two of the SmartEnCity Lighthouse Cities – Tartu and Vitoria Gasteiz.

An update from the Bulgarian SmartEnCity Network explains the progress to develop the national City Network. The activities of the Network slowed down due to the world pandemic COVID-19, however, the efforts to engage and continue the work with the national City Network are advancing by looking into non-contact collaborations.

Do not miss the final SmartEnCity Academy Lesson on the 22nd September 2020, 2 PM CEST. Find more information below.

Enjoy reading!

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Vitoria Gasteiz's demo area citizens engaged in a mural painting co-creation process



During the last months, VISESA in collaboration with the inhabitants of the first retrofitted building in V-G, has gone through a co-creation process to achieve a shared draft for the forthcoming mural painting at Eulogio Serdán 4 early adopter's building.

The aim is to create a multicultural and integrative wall painting that shall gather all the different sensitivities of involved parts. For that, Veronica Werckmeister, a local artist was chosen in a joint selective process. Also, the I-DArte Design School is part of the process and partner in this artistic adventure.

The starting point was to depict the neighbourhood's history in a mural painting and to reflect the spirit of collaboration and the hope for a better future through today's actions in connection with SmartEnCity project. At the same time, the building's frontage should be decorated and protected from vandalism.

The design process does not only reach out for an aesthetic result but should also include a comprehensive view of the area whilst taking into account the pre-existing colours, forms and perspectives of the district, creating an art work with universal and local references with a non-immediate translation, with the need of a calm interpretation, which could last over time not only conceptually but physically. [Read full article.](#)

First virtual smart home training in Lighthouse City Tartu



Tartu's first virtual smart home training exceeded all expectations. The current health crisis has forced the Tartu team of

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Update from the national Bulgarian SmartEnCity Network (SECN-BG)

SECN-BG was created based on six Bulgarian municipalities including a number of other relevant stakeholders. Various collaborative actions have since been performed including: *Participation in events related to smart cities and city solutions for sustainable development; Holding SECN-BG meeting in Asenovgrad Municipality and Scenario Formulation Workshop in the neighbouring Kuklen Municipality; Intervention and discussion about SmartEnCity at the Annual General Meeting of Association of Rhodope Municipalities (ARM), and others.*

Local elections held in October 2019 slowed down the pace of the SECN-BG activities and at the end of 2019 Asenovgrad Municipality prepared a planning document to catch up with the delay in the months to come. The document included activities such as a second scenario discussion workshop; a second intervention among Rhodope Municipalities to be done at the next ARM board meeting; bilateral meetings with representatives of a number of Bulgarian municipalities to present and discuss the concept and approach of SmartEnCity as well as the benefits and results for Asenovgrad Municipality, dissemination of SmartEnCity best practices within the Bulgarian SEC network aiming at replication of the approach.

The abovementioned activities were planned to take place between March and May 2020. However, due to the world pandemic outbreak of COVID-19 spreading to Bulgaria too, it was not possible to fulfil the planned activities.

The plans for the SECN-BG remain unchanged but their realization is uncertain amid worsening situation with the COVID-19 pandemic in Bulgaria at present. Due to this, the main efforts are directed towards activities that do not require physical contacts. [Read the full article here.](#)

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the SmartEnCity project to adapt new demands and conditions in order to reach as many residents as possible. As a result, on the evening of May 27th, the first virtual smart home training took place.

After several physical training meetings in the past, the last week marked the beginning of a new series of virtual trainings that will continue after major software updates has upgraded the functionalities of the smart home system. The training was hosted and led by EnLife, the company that developed and supplied the smart home system and a member of the Tartu project team.

The training focused on the latest set of software updates to the smart home system. Now, every resident can not only view the indoor climate conditions of each room of their apartment, but also their monthly consumption rates of cold and hot water, electricity and gas plus a comparison to last month's consumption. It is expected that these new features will raise the awareness of residents and help to reduce the overall consumption. [Read full article.](#)

Lighthouse City Tartu expands its bike sharing system



Tartu's new bike sharing system is that popular, that the Lighthouse City has now decided to expand this service to the nearby regions as well.

Within the city, 10 new rental points will be constructed this year. Outside the city borders, the rural municipality of Tartu has decided to join the bike sharing system and two new rental points will be constructed in the residential areas closest to the city. The border parishes of Luunja and Kambja also plan to join the sharing system in the near future. [Read full article.](#)

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The EU corner – *SmartEnCity Academy, the FINAL Lesson 4 coming up soon!*

This is the final training lesson of the Academy. It will focus on how the planning process in practice has been used in the SmartEnCity Lighthouse Cities Tartu and Vitoria-Gasteiz. What are the obstacles for actions and how are they solved? Additionally, it will present an approach reflection from the SEC Follower City Lecce.

Speakers:

- Merit Tatar, Institute of Baltic Studies, Lighthouse City Tartu
- Michele De Santis, RINA Consulting S.p.A, Follower City Lecce
- Alberto Ortiz De Elgea Olasolo, VISESA, Lighthouse City Vitoria-Gasteiz

Don't miss Lesson 4: "The SmartEnCity Planning Process"

- 22 September 2020
- 2 PM CEST

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