



SmartEnCity Network Bulletin №24 January 2021

Dear Readers,

Happy New Year 2021!

We start the year with news from the national SmartEnCity Networks in Estonia and Denmark and an overall update from the EU wide SmartEnCity Network. COVID-19 is no longer slowing down the Networks ambitions for creating joint actions.

Learn about the public discussion process supporting the new Tartu Climate Action Plan. Key partner ProjectZero, from the Sonderborg Lighthouse city, has created a Public Private Partnership guideline with city-partners across the Baltic Sea – learn more about it below.

Join the Celsius Talk on *Retrofitting with renewable energies – finding the right mix*, more details in the description below.

Enjoy reading!

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The SmartEnCity Network

We start the year with a total of 55 Network city members from more than 10 countries across Europe. Some of the newest city members are: Pärnu, Estonia; Tržič, Slovenia and Orsomarso, Italy and soon we will share more insights from these cities' smart energy initiatives on our Network Platform.

We would like to bring your attention to a few useful links:

- SmartEnCity [tools](#)
- Webinars:
 - [SmartEnCity Academy](#)
 - [SmartEnCity Network webinars](#)
- Get feedback on your strategic energy planning process from one of our experts by filling in the [SmartEnCity Check-up Assessment](#)
- For more information see [outcomes](#)

Danish SmartEnCity Network (Energibyerne.dk) meetings



The Energibyerne met virtually in the beginning of November 2020 for a two-day marathon discussion. The meeting was originally planned to be with physical participation, however, due to the (then) recent Covid-19 recommendations from the Danish government, the meeting was held entirely virtually. Guest speakers from EASME, Covenant of Mayors and the Brussels' Regional offices of Denmark were invited to talk about future and existing collaboration platforms,

funding programs and opportunities. The Energibyerne.dk network also discussed new common participatory/technical platforms, partnerships and potential funding.

Following Energibyerne's previous meeting in November 2020, a follow up meeting in the beginning of December 2020 was held (virtually) to discuss the inputs provided by the special guest speakers, continue to focus ideas and sharpening concepts which the cities would like to work on this year. [Read full article.](#)

The Estonian Smart City Club met virtually

On the afternoon of November 4th, the Estonian Smart City Club met again, but this time due to Covid-19 circumstances, virtually. In addition to the local SmartEnCity project team members (from the Institute of Baltic Studies, Tartu Regional Energy Agency, Telia and the University of Tartu), representatives from the cities of Tartu, Pärnu, Paide, Tallinn, Valga, Viljandi and Jõhvi were also present. The group was happy to welcome its newest member – Pärnu city government.



The main focus of the meeting was on data gathering and monitoring. Mr Urmo Lehtsalu from Telia introduced the CIOP smart city platform that they developed in the SmartEnCity project and that is now used by two Lighthouse Cities – Tartu and Sonderborg – for data gathering, monitoring and exposure. A joint discussion followed the introduction, during which other Club members described the ways they are currently handling data and their data-management needs.

[Read full article.](#)

[Learn more about all city members by visiting the SmartEnCity Network Platform.](#)

Public Private Partnerships (PPP) Guideline



Energy efficiency is one of the core focus areas in the SmartEnCity (SEC) project and as a partner in the SEC project, ProjectZero (born as a PPP organisation) has shared its learnings and knowledge regarding Public Private Partnerships in a

new ActNow PPP Guideline.

Municipalities across Europe play a key role in closing the gap between need for change related to more energy efficient buildings and the lack of action due to numerous barriers. Creating local private public partnerships (PPP) driven by municipalities has shown a promising way forward.

The guideline is targeted small and medium-sized municipalities across Europe looking for inspiration for an actionable and effective approach to improve energy efficiency in the existing building stock. [Read full article.](#)

Tartu opened its new Climate Action Plan for public discussion



Residents of Tartu were able to review Tartu Energy 2030+, also known as the new Tartu Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan (SECAP) which was created as part of the SmartEnCity project. The

Action Plan provides an overview of energy production and consumption in Tartu and its impact on the environment and climate. The Plan sets the goal of making energy use in the city more efficient and increasing the production and consumption of renewable energy. [Read full article.](#)

The EU corner – Retrofitting with renewable energies – finding the right mix, Celsius talk (online)

As the general trend in the energy sector and the supporting policies aim towards 100% renewable energies for 2050, upgrading heat generation with renewable energy sources and including innovative heat storage technologies will be key.

The goal is clear but how to get there is uncertain and will vary from city to city. To receive inspiration and exchange on possible ways forward, the Celsius Initiative has teamed-up with [RES-DHC](#) and [UpgradeDH](#), two european projects at the forefront of modernizing district heating systems by integrating renewable energy sources, among other.

Date: 26 January 2021

Place: Online

Time: 09:30-10:30 CET

Book you spot before 25th January 2021, (23:59 CET)

For more information [click here.](#)



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