



SmartEnCity Network Bulletin №33 June 2022

Dear Readers,

It's official, the SmartEnCity project is ending in July 2022!

It has been a 6½ year journey that we have had the pleasure of sharing with the 35-partner SmartEnCity consortium from 6 different countries – managing also to reach a total of 70 SmartEnCity Network member cities! All working towards the same goal – to become **Smart Zero Carbon** Environments!

In this last edition of the Network Bulletin, you will read a summary of the final conference in Vitoria-Gasteiz, highlighting the main messages and discussions and facts and figures from the project and valuable links for our Network city members and readers to use after the project ends.

Finally, I want to thank the Editors of the Bulletin, Peter Rathje and David Maya-Drysdale for their constant support and inspiration throughout the years!

Enjoy reading and keep implementing your climate actions!

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Successful ending of a successful project: SmartEnCity celebrated its Final Conference!

On 14th and 15th June, the SmartEnCity project had its **Final Conference hosted by Lighthouse City Vitoria-Gasteiz**, Spain. More than 120 participants attended the event over the two days and experienced interesting panels and speakers, discussing about results of SmartEnCity project and plans towards a carbon-neutral future.



Welcoming words came from the Mayor of Vitoria-Gasteiz, Deputy Regional Minister of Territorial Planning, Housing and Transport, Basque Government, the SmartEnCity project coordinator and was followed by keynote speech from the Deputy Mayor of Vitoria-Gasteiz who **underlined the great impact of the SmartEnCity project on Vitoria-Gasteiz and the demo district**. The involvement and the interventions in the context of the project were challenging but offering numerous opportunities for Vitoria-Gasteiz which were amongst all the new district heating system, a smart public transport, and the energy efficient retrofitting for the houses of Coronación Demo District.

The City4Zero Strategy

- a step-by step methodology developed within SmartEnCity project to start and to successfully manage a city transition was discussed among other smart city approaches in comparison to other projects and how the methodology could support cities in the process.

Energy efficiency, Mobility and ICT, citizen engagement solutions, challenges and how to overcome these were discussed with key European experts. The **Monitoring and evaluation** session pointed out the important aspects to bear in mind, problems encountered, solutions implemented, and lessons learnt from different smart cities projects and how these could be used beyond the lifetime of the projects.



The **Replication** challenges were addressed on the second day. From discussions on the challenges in terms of replication for cities between different entities within the Smart Cities community to the presentation of the SmartEnKit (SmartEnCity's toolkit for replication) and explaining how this toolkit can help cities in their transition process.

The conference ended with a **SmartEnCity Network** knowledge exchange session from the view of the member cities who were reflecting on the benefit of the network, more precisely the created national based networks in the five core countries of the project (Spain, Estonia, Denmark, Bulgaria and Italy). What barriers they faced when operating on national level, how to continue after the project ends, what are the benefits from being part a network and what are the top

recommendations from the present member cities. As a conclusion, the national based networks created within the project have the will to continue operation after the project too. Some already are actively preparing for this stage of their collaboration, and some are still looking for the proper resources to realise this. Furthermore, the SmartEnCity Network also inspired two Ukrainian city representatives joining the conference, to use the project outcomes and Network learnings to rebuild Ukraine following the Smart Zero Carbon methods tested in the SmartEnCity project. In addition to this, a total of 70 city members of the Network have joined and contributed to the SmartEnCity learning. **Big congratulations to the whole consortium and the participating cities for this joint effort!**

Main outcomes and takeaways from the SmartEnCity Network and project

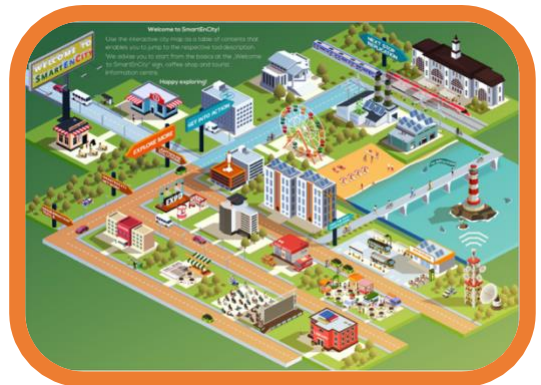


Facts and figures:

- 35 partners
- 6½ year project duration
- 3 Lighthouse Cities and 2 Follower cities
- All 3 SmartEnCity Lighthouse Cities and additional 6 additional cities from the Network accomplished to become a part of the 100+ EU Missions' cities!
- 70 SmartEnCity Network city members including 5 national based Networks

Useful links:

- City solutions [archive](#)
- Worst practices and Lessons learned [archive](#)
- SmartEnCity Network [Platform](#)
- SmartEnCity Network [Linkedin page](#) – Join this page which will allow us to interact, exchange and share knowledge, solutions and opportunities and keep in touch after the project lifetime.
- Outcomes [page](#)
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 - Cities4ZERO Approach to Foresight for Fostering Smart Energy Transition on Municipal Level - [link](#)



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