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Announcement of the 2016 conference in Florence   May 30th   June 1st!

About the 2016 conference

Invitation: **The City of Florence and Major Cities of Europe** have great pleasure in inviting you to the **2016 Major Cities of Europe Conference** from May 30th to June 1st. Florence, one of the most renowned worldwide destinations, is delighted to be organizing this event and to host delegates from all over Europe and from further afield. As one of the leading cities in Italy in leveraging information and communication technologies Florence is a frontrunner in the Digital Age. Situated at the centre of Tuscany, Florence will offer also the opportunity to enjoy its unique artistic and cultural heritage.

*Objective of the conference:*The 2016 conference will be a journey of discovery to determine what **City Renaissance** means in the **Digital Age**. It will start by exploring current **experiences** which are **at the leading edge** of developments. It will move on to consider actual **pilots and implementations**, and it will conclude with a look into **what the future may hold**. As always, this annual event will host distinguished speakers from European cities alongside worldwide experts from ICT providers and academia. Thanks to the friendly and open atmosphere of the Major Cities of Europe conferences all delegates can take advantage of the Q&As and roundtables at the end of each session and participate in informal discussions during the conference breaks, lunches and dinners to share ideas, initiatives, experiences and learn from each other.

Book your agendas

Evolving Programme: The program includes topics of interest for CIOs, Policy Makers and City Managers leading innovation in their cities such as:
Citizens participation,
Government in the Cloud,
Internet of things,
E-Government & Digital Transformation,
Safety & Security,
Smart Education,
e-Health / e-Care,
Tomorrow Is Only a Day Away

The up-to-date program with distinguished speakers will be published soon and on line registration will be available.
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News from EU projects teaming with Major Cities of Europe

FUPOL available on the SAP HANA® Cloud Platform

FUPOL(www.fupol.eu) is now available on the SAP's HANA Cloud Platform. It has been selected as one of 30 innovative European projects to get full support from SAP as part of their Platform Development Accelerator for SAP HANA. FUPOL is an FP7 project now successfully completed, it provides a solution as an open platform with a set of tool kit for a completely new approach to traditional politics building on major innovations like multichannel social computing, crowd sourcing and simulation

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The four pilots of CLIPS in the cities of Bremerhaven, Lecce, Novi Sad and Santander are ongoing

CLIPS (www.clips-project.eu) is an EU co-funded project, which aims to overcome the barriers of delivering Cloud-based public services by using innovate solutions that offer interoperability and efficiency. Now into its second year, the four pilots in the cities of Bremerhaven, Lecce, Novi Sad and Santander are all running phase 1 services, with the areas where these services are being piloted including education, registration and utilities. Phase 2 services are due to start early in 2016.

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The ROUTE-TO-PA project is now releasing the SPOD and TET platform to support social discussions based on Open Data

The Route-to-PA Consortium is now releasing the Social Platform on Open Data (SPOD) and the Transparency-Enhancing Toolset (TET) to support the pilot activities that are planned to start in February in Prato, Den Haag, Groningen, Dublin and Issy-les-Moulineaux. The SPOD is now including the access to several Open Data platforms and the building of datalet for data representation, as a support to social discussions. TET is now providing connections and links to related datasets, and offers better personalized search and recommendations based on user's profile.

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City.Risks is now focusing on the definition of use cases in the pilot cities of Rome, Sofia and London   Waltham Forest

So far, the Consortium has identified the following application contexts: theft detection (cars and bicycles), criminal activity in crowded areas, tourists/new residents in a city, citizen engagement and neighbourhood safety. Meanwhile, a survey is being carried out in the pilot sites to identify user's needs and interest in the usage of the project platforms. City.Risks leverages innovative technologies, city infrastructures, Web and social media to increase the security of citizens in large cities. Citizens will be actively contributing to the fight against crime and the increase of security level in their daily activities.

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Great achievements for the urbandata2decide (UD2D) project

Few days after a successful first year project meeting in London, the coordinator Peter Leitner from SYNYO was invited at the JPI Urban Europe High profile event in Brussels to proudly present UD2D as representative example of project focusing on new urban research and innovation. Aim of the event was to gather actors and stakeholders from a wide audience (e.g. policy-makers, mayors, city administration, urban practitioners, urban experts and research, representatives from Member States, European institutions) and discuss about past experiences, possible innovation and future research directions.

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