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The 2017 conference: The Digital Future Cities Facing the Reality



Invitation: The City of Zagreb and Major Cities of Europe have great pleasure in inviting you to the **2017 Major Cities of Europe conference from June 12 to 14**. Zagreb is the capital of the Republic of Croatia, and its largest city. It is the cultural, economic, cinematic, sporting and governmental hub of the country. It is located on the southern slopes of Medvednica Mountain along the banks of the Sava River. Culturally, it is a European city well known for its numerous historical monuments and medieval architecture. Its favourable geographic positioning in the Pannonian Basin gives the city instant access to Central Europe and the Adriatic coast.

The **Objective of the conference** is to explore how cities are entering the **Digital Future** while **Facing the Reality**. We are not only going to explore some leading-edge developments and the opportunities from new technologies, Furthermore, we will dedicate time to discuss how to face the challenges and the reality.

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 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 programme includes topics of interest for CIOs, Policy Makers and City Managers leading innovation, economic development and citizens' engagement in their cities such as:

- eGovernment Putting Lipstick on a Pig?
- The Great Vanishing Act Public Administration and the Impact of Emerging Technology
- Boosting the Digital Economy The Role of Local Public Services
- Deep Dive World Cafes
- Local Democracy in a Social Media World
- City Resilience
- Embedding and Facilitating Innovation in Public Services
- Citizens participation,

The up-to-date program with distinguished speakers will be published soon and on line registration will be available.

[more information about the evolving programme here](#)

News from EU projects teaming with Major Cities of Europe



Route-to-PA SPOD platform and TET portal are now tested in Prato

The new version of the Social Platform for Open Data (SPOD) is now online, including new map *datalet* based on open layer that is capable to

visualize geographical data on a multi-layer map. The Prato Municipality is now launching the first pilot activity open to all interested citizens. The platform (prato.routetopa.eu) will be tested in the upgrade of the free Wi-Fi network in the city that the administration is carrying out. Citizens are invited to register on the platform and to participate in discussions on the topic by proposing new datasets on possible hot-spot locations. Datasets will be built through the co-creation functionality available on the platform and the most interesting proposals will be included in the Wi-Fi network enlargement. The City of Prato is also continuing the publication of open datasets: the datasets are also accessible through the portal prato-tet.routetopa.eu, linked to the SPOD platform, that allows for an easy data search and gives the possibility to open discussions in SPOD on the selected datasets. More (<http://routetopa.eu>) .



City.Risks is completing the design of the platform tools to be tested in different use cases in pilot cities.

Community-based functions are one of the major cornerstones of the City.Risks mobile app. Currently, new functionality is integrated that enables users to ask for crime witnesses, for instance in vandalism case. Community members that could have witnessed the incident, are notified and can directly contact the requesting user. The risk management and response service is currently under development to implement different approaches to find similarities in incident reports sent by users of the City.Risks mobile app. The algorithms used are based on 1) probabilistic estimations using the time-space properties and 2) on semantical analysis of the textual parts and image descriptors of the reports. The results will be used to automatically correlate similar reports to enhance situation awareness in the operation centre. More (www.cityrisks.eu)



Swiss participation in Horizon 2020. On 16 December 2016 the Swiss Federal Council ratified the Protocol on the extension to Croatia of the Free Movement of Persons Agreement between the EU and Switzerland. That means that in accordance with Article 13(6) of the Agreement associating Switzerland to Horizon 2020, as of 1 January 2017 the Association Agreement with Switzerland continues to apply and will be expanded to cover the whole of whole of Horizon 2020, Euratom Programme 2014-2018 and activities carried out by Fusion for Energy. More (<http://bit.ly/1mAP4mM>)



REPLICATE: Renaissance of PLaces with Innovative Citizenship And Technologies: REPLICATE is a European research and development project that aims to deploy integrated energy, mobility and ICT solutions in city districts; it is funded by the European Union's Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation programme under grant agreement no. 691735. To increase the quality of life for citizens across Europe by demonstrating the impact of innovative technologies used to co-create smart city services with citizens, and prove the optimal process for replicating successes within cities and across cities: this is the vision of the project and

Florence, in Italy, together with Bristol, United Kingdom, and San Sebastian, Spain are the lighthouse cities in charge to realize it. We're at the end of the first year and the design of the interventions is defined in Florence: district heating, very fast recharge for e-taxi, e-mobility infrastructure, smart lighting system together with traffic control, Wi-Fi and video-surveillance, IoT applications (smart benches, smart waste and smart irrigation) and smart city control room are our key actions but citizen is always at the centre. Planning for a better life: this is the motto. A sustainable development is required: economic (reduced energy costs), social (avoiding exclusion, improving health and welfare), and environmental (energy efficiency, sustainable mobility and better integrated Infrastructure). Watch the video <https://t.co/ySXVun2qCC>. More <http://replicate-project.eu>, [@ReplicateEU](https://twitter.com/ReplicateEU)



NATIONAL OPERATIONAL PROGRAMME "METROPOLITAN CITIES 2014/2020" - PON METRO;The Multi Fund National

Operational Programme Metropolitan Cities 2014 2020(PON METRO) implements one part of the initiatives conceived in the framework of European Urban Agenda for cohesion policies, born with the aim of strengthening the role of the big cities and their territories. The program, dedicated to sustainable urban development, aims to improve the quality of services and to promote social inclusion in 14 metropolitan areas (Turin, Genoa, Milan, Bologna, Venice, Florence, Rome, Bari, Naples, Reggio Calabria, Cagliari, Catania, Messina and Palermo). The interventions are proposed by the same cities within an overall strategic framework and based on a series of criteria defined by the National Programming Authority. The main reason implied in the activation of a national program dedicated to the 14 metropolitan cities reside in the ability to deal jointly and in a coordinated way some of the territorial and organizational challenges which affect these local contexts. Florence is one of the 14 Urban Authority in charge of the work. The PON METRO is a bit of a novelty in Europe because it is the only national program that is dedicated directly to metropolitan cities but it has among its goals also the Digital Agenda. Our objective is to increase the services towards the citizens, but somehow increasing also their quality ensuring, where possible, to systematize or put in a network the experiences that the various cities are doing in this moment. After the signature of the agreement with the managing Authority, the city of Florence has defined the action plan that is focused on *Full dematerialization of urban planning and building permits, Push and profiled digital services related to local taxis- Smart tourism services, Advanced and context aware search of digital services and contents.*

The above actions involve all the metropolitan area stakeholders namely citizens, public utilities and public entities. More: http://www.agenziacoesione.gov.it/it/pon_metro/

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