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We wish to be optimistic and hope that in 2021 we will be able to travel and meet again as we have done each year until 2019 for the last 35 years. Please book your agendas. The programme will be defined after the summertime.

**Virtual annual conference 2020? Question: would you consider participating?**

We are considering organising a virtual conference in the 4th quarter of 2020. Would you like to participate? If so please let us know with a short email to info@majorcities.eu. We hope to get many positive answers that will help us decide whether to do it and in creating a compelling programme.

Our Webinars

Having postponed our annual conference in Larissa to 2021, we have transferred our activities online, by running a series of webinars dedicated to our members.

First series dedicated to COVID 19 emergency management. All the handouts, the video recordings and the report of each webinar are available on line in our portal at [Major Cities of Europe - Webinars](#)

- 04/06/2020 Post Pandemic Recovery Plans in Cities
- 13/05/2020 Leveraging Data in the Pandemic
- 02/04/2020 Shifting Municipal Activity Online
- 29/04/2020 Reshaping Home Care and Social Services

Second series dedicated to plans for Rethinking Cities.

- 17/06/2020 Data driven sustainability
- **NEXT - 9/9/2020 - 4 to 5,30 CEST - Digital Ethics, Humanism and Research, laying the foundation for Rethinking Cities**
- Other webinars to be announced later

NB: If you are not a member but wish to attend our webinars or be a speaker, send us your request and/or proposal to info@majorcities.eu. We will follow up

New Portal

Our brand new portal is now online at www.majorcities.eu. The look and feel and the content have been redesigned. Feedback, comments, and suggestions to further improve it are very welcome.

DataVaults - Empowering a Secure and Privacy Preserving Data Storage, Analysis, Sharing and Monetisation Platform

MCE supports the dissemination of the DataVaults 2020-2022 EU project. It addresses the issue of the data economy hampered by the lack of trusted, secure and ethical-driven personal data platforms and privacy-aware analytics methods, capable of both securing the sharing of personal data and defining how value can be captured, produced, released and cashed out for the benefit of all the stakeholders involved. It will deliver a novel framework and architecture that leverages personal data, coming from diverse sources (sensors, IoT, wearables, data APIs, historical data, social network data, activity trackers, health records, demographic profiles, etc.) to help individuals to construct their unified personal data hub, collect at a single point all of their personal data in a secure and trusted manner, and retain ownership and control on what to share and with whom. More at www.datavaults.eu.

MCE participation to Cost Action call for proposals: Visual Trend Analytics for the Society

With the coordination of the Darmstadt University Human-Computer-Interaction & Visual Analytics and in collaboration with other associated organisations, MCE is cooperating as responsible for dissemination to the submission of a proposal for COST. COST is the European Network for Cooperation in Science and Technology. It provides networking opportunities for researchers and innovators to strengthen Europe's capacity to address scientific, technological, and societal challenges. Our proposal will be focused on Analytical Reasoning by applying machine learning approaches, artificial intelligence, natural language processing and visualizations to allow to get deep insights into the different domains of various stakeholders and enable to solve complex tasks. The main outcome of the COST-Action for municipalities will be the identification of current challenges that require analytical reasoning and providing technological solutions for these by the COST action technological partners. The current institutions that are involved in this COST-Action proposal are listed in: <https://vis.h-da.de/network.html>.

Cities2030: co-creating resilient and sustainable food systems

Our member, the Municipality of Quart de Poblet (Spain) is involved in European projects focused on environmental and economic sustainability issues, in line of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It has been now awarded together with other EU partners in the above sustainable food project of €11.779.827. Congratulations to Quart De Poblet!!

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- [Why AI might be the most under-used emergency response tool https://bit.ly/3erzJ81](https://bit.ly/3erzJ81)
- [Leeds: Digital Inclusion & Co-Production https://bit.ly/2Wg1gD9](https://bit.ly/2Wg1gD9)
- [Transforming cities into thriving circular societies https://bit.ly/32f5nmW](https://bit.ly/32f5nmW)
- [Innovative ways to manage costs in Cities https://bit.ly/32eeUKI](https://bit.ly/32eeUKI)

Many more articles are available - Join our groups for getting access to them