

SMART CITIES WORKING GROUP

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OBJECTIVES

The objective of the Working Group is to act as a platform to discuss and share information on priorities and funding opportunities linked to Smart Cities. The WG aims to facilitate sharing of experiences and support matchmaking to develop new partnerships and projects. The WG explores synergies between the areas linked to Smart Cities and cooperates with the ERRIN WGs on Energy and Climate Change, Transport and ICT.

CONTEXT

EU level priorities, strategies, and events that the Working Group aims to follow up in 2021.

In 2021, the Smart Cities WG will continue following the Horizon Europe Framework Programme. The focus will be on the follow-up of the Mission on climate-neutral and smart cities and the Mission on adaptation to climate change, as well as the Driving Urban Transitions Partnership. The WG is also looking to contribute to other Working Groups' activities around the Renovation Wave.

The funding programmes that are important for the Working Group.

The most important funding programme for the Smart Cities WG is Horizon Europe. However, the WG will focus on mapping and clustering funding opportunities related to Smart City development across different funding programmes, such as the European Urban Initiative, Digital Europe, LIFE, etc.

Planned support for partnership building (e.g. S3 partnerships) and collaboration with other European organisations or networks.

The Working Group is planning to map and cluster the different funding opportunities related to Smart Cities and organise an information session, potentially combined with a project development activity, around these opportunities.

ACTIVITIES

Mission on climate-neutral and smart cities: State of Play Spring 2021

Information session with an update on the Mission on climate-neutral and smart cities and the state of play of the Mission's implementation plan.

Target audience: Brussels-based representatives and regional stakeholders.

Opportunities for Smart Cities in funding programmes Spring 2021

A mapping of funding opportunities related to Smart City development across different funding programmes will be performed and an information session, potentially combined with a project development activity, will be organised in connection to this.

Target audience: Brussels-based representatives and regional stakeholders.