



CITY OF STAVANGER

MAYOR'S OFFICE

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Invitation - Closed Mayors Debate on Citizen Involvement in building the Smart City

Dear Colleague,

I hereby have the pleasure of inviting you to a closed Mayors debate on citizen involvement in building the smart city, organised in cooperation with EUROCITES. The event will take place in the Smart Lighthouse City Stavanger (Norway) on 24th September (16.30 – 18.30) in conjunction with the Nordic Edge Expo 25th – 27th September 2018.

Anna Lisa Boni, EUROCITIES secretary general, will moderate the session, asking “What’s in it for people when cities become smarter”. I look forward to an informal exchange on this essential question, which is also linked to the EUROCITIES campaign Cities4Europe that Stavanger among other cities is a part of. The idea is also to feed findings and recommendations to the opening plenary of the Nordic Edge Expo the following morning, where the European Commission, amongst others, will be speaking. Please find enclosed a draft outline for the session, more detailed information will follow.

Nordic Edge Expo is a three-day conference and exhibition gathering political leaders and representatives from business and the academic sector as well as civil society debating smart city strategies and business models. In only four years, Nordic Edge Expo has become the largest smart city event in the Nordics and this year we expect around 5000 participants.

Nordic Edge Expo is a spin-off of the lighthouse project Triangulum, were Stavanger earned its lighthouse city status.

I look forward to meeting the new lighthouse cities which will be presented at the conference, and I am very pleased that the Network of Lighthouse Projects will meet in conjunction with Nordic Edge Expo. I am also proud that prominent European networks like EUROCITES, Polis, ERRIN and ENoLL are amongst this year’s co-organisers of the Nordic Edge Expo.

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If you would like to register or have any questions regards the Mayors session or the Nordic Edge Expo, please do not hesitate to contact Caroline Townsend at caroline@nordicedge.org. More information about Nordic Edge Expo can be found here: www.nordicedgeexpo.org

Looking forward to welcoming you in Stavanger!

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christine Sagen Helgø". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line to the left of the first few letters.

Christine Sagen Helgø
Mayor of Stavanger