

Green Digital Charter Roadshow: energy & technology

31 October 2012, 9:30-13:30

BolognaFiere, Bologna (Italy)

09.30 - 10.00 'Smart city: the infrastructure of the future'

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- Introductory keynote from Pier Paolo Maggiora, Italian architect specialized in eco-cities

10.00 - 11.30 **Covenant of Mayors and Sustainable Action Plans: the path towards smart cities**

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The European initiative of the Covenant of Mayors, through which signatories commit to diminishing their CO2 emissions by at least 20% by 2020, has registered more than 2.000 adhesions from Italian municipalities. Among these, only about 300 have completed their Sustainable Energy Action Plan (SEAP), through which these objectives are translated into concrete actions. What is blocking many administrations to proceed on the path towards a sustainable development? Can SEAPs represent the first step towards a smart progress in our cities? Organized in cooperation with ANCI (the National Association of Italian Municipalities), the panel represents a fundamental moment of exchange between cities aiming at elaborating joint strategies in an international perspective.

- **Green Digital Charter ceremony**
At the end of the panel, new cities will join this growing initiative by signing the Green Digital Charter in a formal ceremony. The ceremony will be chaired by Paul Bevan, Secretary General of EUROCITIES, and will be attended by European Commission representatives

Milton Keynes, UK - David Hopkins, Councillor
Naples, IT - Tommaso Sodano, vice Mayor
Padua, IT - Flavio Zanonato, Mayor

11:30 - 13:00 **Green Digital Charter for Smart Cities: enabling technology for energy savings**

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Creating smart cities is perhaps the only possible solution to the global crisis, and provides the tools to address issues that can no longer be delayed, such as sustainable regeneration and resilience. A sustainable city, with zero emissions, which enables the use rather than the exploitation of its resources, is the key issue of all debates on urban systems.

Learning from European policy interventions and government investment decisions can help to understand in which direction the smart city approach is going.

The conference will first give public institutions the opportunity to present their opinion and experiences on the energy issue. In a second session, research institutes will outline and describe the perspectives on new technologies in urban regeneration.

The initiative is part of a series of Roadshows organised by the NiCE project (Networking intelligent Cities for Energy Efficiency) coordinated by EUROCITIES in partnership with Clicks and Links Ltd, the City of Manchester and the Leibniz Institute for Ecological Urban and Regional Development. The project, financed by the European Commission (Seventh Framework Programme (FP7)) aims to promote the Green Digital Charter and support signatory cities to reduce emissions using ICT.

Session 2: Covenant of Mayors and Sustainable Action Plans: the path towards smart cities & Green Digital Charter signature ceremony

11.30 – 13.30, 31 October 2012

Chaired by: Paul Bevan, EUROCITIES Secretary General

With attendance of:

Merce Griera I Fisa, European Commission - DG Connect

Nigel Murphy, City of Manchester - Councillor

Andreea Strachinescu, European Commission - DG Ener

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Session 3: Green Digital Charter for Smart Cities: enabling technology for energy savings

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Moderator: Paul Bevan, EUROCITIES Secretary General

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