

Cologne  
28-30 October



EUROCITIES Knowledge Society Forum meeting  
'Disruptive technologies and citizens engagement'

Monday	Morning	<i>Steering Committee meeting (for members only)</i>
	Afternoon	<i>Panel Debate Members Meeting Leipzig Charter session</i>
	Evening	<i>Informal dinner (at own expense)</i>
Tuesday	Morning	<b><i>Conference on "Disruptive Technologies and citizens engagement" opened by Dr. Keller, City Manager and Deputy-Mayor Lunch, welcome speech by Mayor Henriette Reker</i></b>
	Afternoon	<i>Site visit / Task force meeting</i>
	Evening	<i>Official dinner at City Hall</i>
Wednesday	Morning	Working group / task force meetings
	Midday	Lunch (incl. Steering Committee)
	Afternoon	Task Force meeting continues

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**Monday, 28 October 2019**  
**Venue: City Hall, Spanish Building, Rathausplatz 1**

**11.00-12.00**      **Steering Committee meeting (for SC members-only)**

**12.00-13.00**      **Registrations and lunch**

**13.00-14.30**      **Boosting digital transformation in cities - upcoming digital and innovation funding opportunities**

The Commission has put forward its proposal for the EU budget 2020. This session wishes to give an overview (including current status of negotiations of the main funding opportunities to support ICT and future digital development in EU) about the upcoming relevant digital and innovation programmes (what's in for cities?) and discuss and exchange on cities' needs and expectations.

- Short plenary presentation of the main digital and innovation funding programmes:
  - Horizon Europe, Marie Yeroyanni, senior expert innovating cities, DG RTD (tbc);
  - Digital Europe, Lorena Boix Alonso, head of unit policy implementation and planning, DG CNECT (tbc);
  - Connecting Europe Facility, Joao Rodrigues Frade, Head of Sector, Building Blocks, DG DIGIT.
- Breakout sessions on the different programmes with representatives of the Commission and member cities (discussions will include previous project experiences by cities)
- Reporting back in plenary

**14.30-16.30**      **Members Meeting**

**16.30-16.45**      **Coffee Break**

**16.45-18.00**      **The future of Leipzig Charter - how digital enables integrated and sustainable urban development**

Presentation and discussion with Oliver Weigel, director of urban policy at the German Federal Ministry for the environment, nature conservation, building and nuclear safety (BMUB)

**20.00**      *Informal dinner (at own expense) at XII Apostle, Heumarkt 68-72, 50667 Köln*

**Tuesday, 29 October**  
**Venue: City Hall, Spanish Building, Rathausplatz 1**

- 09.30**      **Opening of the Conference “Disruptive Technologies and citizens engagement”**  
Welcome speech by Vice-Mayor, Dr. Stefan Keller, Directorate on Administration, Order and Legal Affairs and Deputy Mayor (tbc)
- 09.45-13.00**      The conference will highlight the disruptive effects of new technologies which could potentially make cities smart through changes in our behaviour due to information being available to us almost instantly, in near real-time. The emergence of such data from populating cities and public places with many varieties of sensor will certainly change our patterns of location and social networks. What are the consequences for city administrations and, moreover, for the citizens of the 21th century? What can we learn from first-round Lighthouse projects in the framework of HORIZON 2020, in particular the GrowSmarter project ([www.grow-smarter.eu](http://www.grow-smarter.eu))?
- Opening and moderator: Dave Carter, Manchester (chair)
- Short pitches on IoT, data ethics and blockchain by experts.  
Breakout on the different technologies with experts:
- Simon Höher, IoT (tbc)
  - Aline Franzke, Data ethics (tbc)
  - Stefan Hieker, Blockchain (tbc)
  - Fernando Lyardet (Din Spec Urban Data Platform, Urban Pulse)
- Coffee Break**
- Group discussion. Each group will focus on a specific technology.  
Group leaders will report back in plenary.
- 13.00-13.45**      *Lunch, Luncheon Speech by Henriette Reker, Mayor of Cologne Lichthof*
- 13.45-15.00**      **The (KSF) LAB: the way forward**  
Following a first experimenting phase of the LAB - a new collaborative and result oriented way of working for members - the KSF steering committee developed a proposal for the future of the LAB. The proposal, which will be circulated to members in advance, will be presented and discussed with the members to then agree on the next steps to take.
- 15.25 - 18.00**      **Time Ride Cologne (virtual experience) + Real guided tour afterwards**  
A virtual-reality guided tour through Cologne in Prussian time around 1900.  
<https://timeride.de/>
- (in parallel)
- 15.15-17.30**      **Urban Digital foresight task force**
- 19.00**      *Official dinner at Town Hall, Historisches Rathaus*
- 20.30**      *Flat-sharing and co-creative Community, Rudolphplatz, central Cologne  
Convivial evening with beer and pretzels*

**Wednesday, 30 October**  
**Venue: City Hall, Spanish Building, Rathausplatz 1**

**09.00 - 10.30** Standards and interoperability workshop

**09.00-16.00** Digital Citizenship Task Force meeting

**10.30 - 10.45** Coffeee break

**10.45 - 13.00** Data WG meeting

**13.00 -14.00** *Lunch and steering committee meeting (for members only)*

## Practical information

### Travel to Cologne

Cologne is easily reached by the high-speed train (ICE) in one hour from the Frankfurt airport and in less than a couple of hours from Brussels (by Thalys and ICE). Destination: Cologne Main Station (Köln Hauptbahnhof)

The airport of Cologne lies between Cologne and Bonn. It is well connected with Barcelona, London, Lisbon Madrid, Milan and all other major European cities. The airport is well connected to the road network and to the bus and railway network. The new Intercity-Express (ICE) railway station is right in the centre of the Airport. From there you can get straightforward to the city of Cologne in around 15 minutes with S-Bahn line 1 and just an 11 minutes trip with the Regional Express train RE 8. Many ICE long-distance trains also stop at the airport train station.

### About the conference venue: City hall, Spanish Building

The City Hall is located off Hohe Straße in the district of Innenstadt and set between the two squares of Rathausplatz and Alter Markt. It houses part of the city government, including the city council and offices of the Lord Mayor. It is Germany's oldest city hall with a documented history spanning some 900 years. The history of its council during the 11th century is a prominent example for self-gained municipal autonomy of Medieval cities.

Today's building complex consists of several structures, added successively in varying architectural styles: they include the 14th century historic town hall, the 15th century Gothic style tower, the 16th century Renaissance style loggia and cloister (the Löwenhof), and the 20th century Modern Movement atrium (the Piazzetta). The so-called Spanischer Bau is an extension on Rathausplatz but not directly connected with the main building. Built on the North-western side of Rathausplatz in the years 1608 to 1615, the city council commissioned the originally Dutch Renaissance style building for meetings and celebrations. The name emerged in reference to Spanish delegates at the building during the time of the Thirty Years' War (1618-1648), however was not in official use before the 19th century. After having been heavily damaged in 1942, the building was completely rebuilt in 1953.

The venue is easily reachable by few minutes' walk from Cologne Main Station and the hotels located into the city centre.

## Recommended hotels

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### MERCURE HOTEL

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### 25 HOURS HOTEL THE CIRCLE

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