

# KNOWLEDGE SOCIETY & PROJECTS

The **Green Digital Charter** is a political declaration, signed by mayors and political leaders, to use digital solutions to tackle climate change and improve quality of life in cities. So far, 53 European cities – home to over 27 million people – have signed the charter and committed to working together towards its aims and objectives by sharing experiences, good practices and challenges encountered in their digital transformation.

[www.greendigitalcharter.eu](http://www.greendigitalcharter.eu)

The **Smart Cities Information System (SCIS)** is an EU initiative that brings together smart city stakeholders across Europe to exchange data, experience and know-how, and to collaborate on the creation of smart cities and an energy-efficient urban environment. It enhances the replication of smart city solutions by broadening the market and upscaling the lessons learned through past and running projects. The consortium supports all cities in the EU interested in replicating solutions in the field of smart cities, helping them to collect and exchange information, and increasing their visibility through storytelling, webinars and case studies.

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# KNOWLEDGE SOCIETY EUROCITIES FORUM



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## In 2018

The knowledge society forum will work on key priorities of cities in managing their digital agendas. This will include smart cities strategy and implementation; governance with citizens and urban stakeholders; standards and interoperability and data as well as e-government and procurement. The forum is the platform for transnational cooperation and influence EU policies and funding opportunities on those issues. It is also a 'laboratory' to develop the next generation of urban good practices and scale them up. In a world where digital technologies are changing fast, the forum places citizens at the heart of this change, encouraging innovation and inclusion.

### WORKING GROUPS AND CHAIRS

Data  
Ghent & Edinburgh

Standards & interoperability  
Bordeaux

### AREAS OF COOPERATION

- Collaborative cities
- Changing processes
- Relationship with businesses

#### LEARN & NETWORK

Learn from your peers in other cities: replicate their success, avoid their mistakes! Get advice and share knowledge with a wide network of colleagues

“What is great in the knowledge society forum is the mix of people from different cities and with different expertise: IT specialists, project managers, CIOs, EU experts, policy advisors and politicians. We all share our knowledge and experiences, visions, challenges and sometimes failures, our solutions and practices. We learn from everyone we meet, form new partnerships and ideas for projects - that's really something we take home.”

GUUS SLUIJTER  
manager of the smart society programme, Eindhoven

#### HAVE YOUR SAY

Influence EU legislation and funding programmes: make sure that the EU helps your city achieve its goals

“The EUROCITIES Knowledge Society Forum with its standards and interoperability WG supports a new ‘bottom-up’ approach essential to involving cities in the European standardisation process development, enables them to define their objectives and express cities’ needs and priorities in terms of interoperability and efficiency towards the EU”.

CHRISTOPHE COLINET  
smart city project manager, Bordeaux

#### GET EU FUNDING

Get early EU funding forecasts and funding briefs  
Find project partners  
Participate in EUROCITIES projects

“EUROCITIES Knowledge Society Forum allows us to exchange experiences and insights, particularly on smart cities and open data. Finding trusted partners for EU funding opportunities is a given, and it ensures that the voice of cities is heard at EU level”.

BART ROSSEAU  
e-strategy expert, Ghent

#### BE VISIBLE

Build an international profile for your city on knowledge society

“As a founder member of the knowledge society forum, Manchester always finds it invaluable as a source of knowledge, contacts and partners, especially for European projects. It provides the foundation for the trusted partnerships we need for delivering projects as well as contributes to raise the city's international profile.”

COUNCILLOR SUE MURPHY  
deputy leader, Manchester

#### CROSS CUTTING WORK

We work closely with several other EUROCITIES forums especially the mobility and environment forums on issues related to data uses as well as on standards and interoperability challenges and opportunities. We also closely follow and contribute to the work of the procurement working group as innovative procurement practices and challenges have been identified as one of the forum priorities.