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# EU perspective & Living-in.EU movement

## Swedish Municipalities and Regions RefARK meeting

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Technologies for Smart Communities

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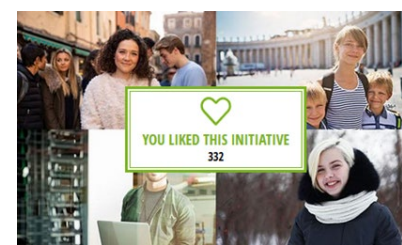
## **Living-in.EU Declaration and movement - The European way of digital transformation in cities and communities**

- “In times when cities and communities are looking to digital solutions to tackle a growing range of interconnected challenges, we must boost these efforts through a ‘European Way’ where digital solutions help to create places where people enjoy living and working.”
- “Through co-creation with citizens, we aim to bring the economic and social benefits of this transformation to all local communities and implement an inclusive digital Europe, with powerful digital services, technologies, infrastructures and skills.” – See recent [MIMs Plus v4](#).
- Opened for signatures at a Finnish EU Presidency event in Oulu, Dec 2019.
- As an official representative of a public administration at local, regional, national or European level, you can sign this Declaration at: <https://www.living-in.eu/>.
- If you are a representative of a non-for-profit organization, a research institute, a public administration outside the EU or a company, you can sign for ‘We Support’ Living-in.EU.



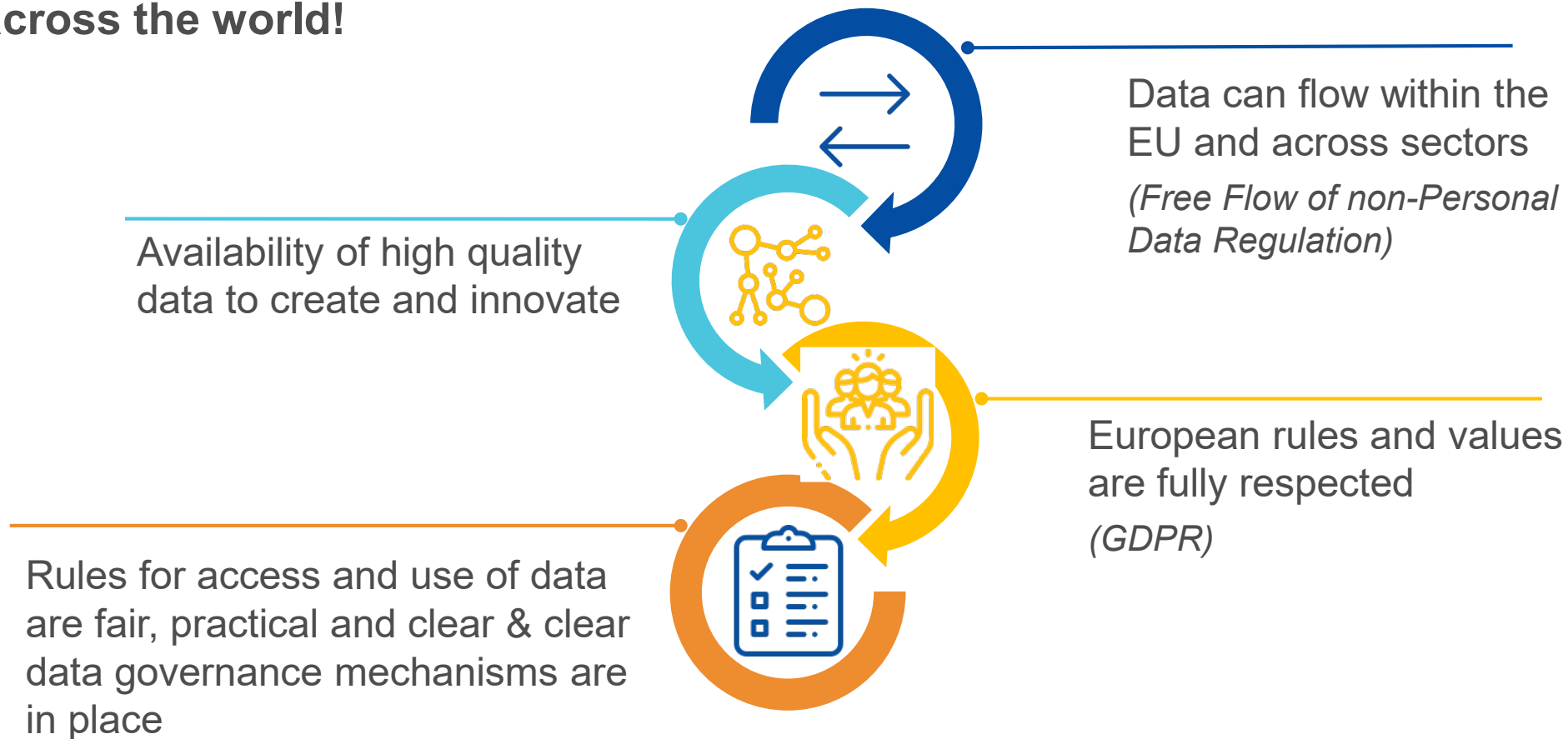
### We signed

Position	Public Administration	Level	Country
Mayor	City of Antwerpen	Local	Belgium
Mayor	Nicosia Municipality	Local	Cyprus
Mayor	City of Dortmund	Local	Germany
Mayor	City of Aarhus	Local	Denmark
Mayor	Odder Kommune	Local	Denmark
Mayor	Randers Kommune	Local	Denmark





**Vision: a single European data space, a genuine single market for data open to data from across the world!**



Benefitting from the second wave of industrial data



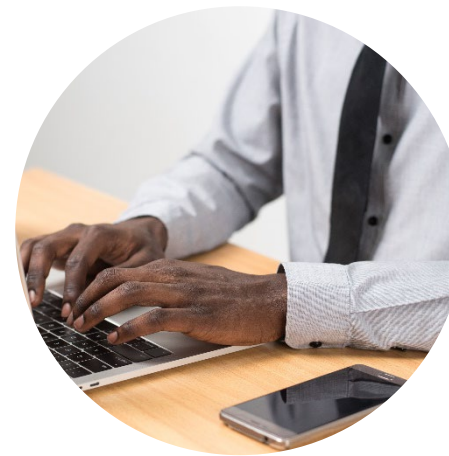
## A cross-sectoral governance framework for data access and use

including a legislative framework for the governance of European data spaces and other cross- sectoral measures for data access and use



## Enablers

Investments in a High Impact Project on European data spaces and federated cloud infrastructures



## Competences

Empowering individuals, investing in digital skills & data literacy and in dedicated capacity building for SMEs.

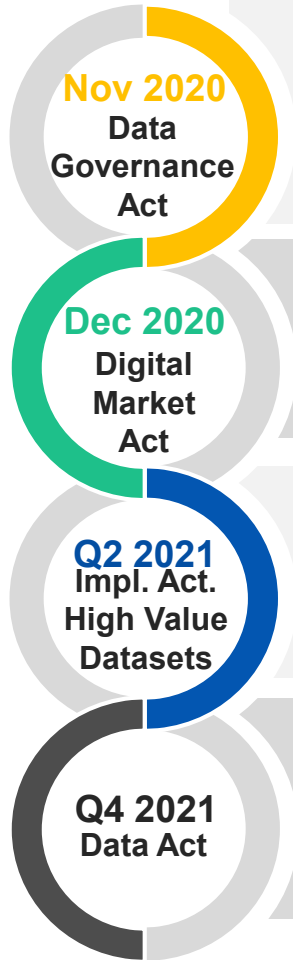


## Rollout of common European data spaces

in crucial economic sectors and domains of public interest, looking at data governance and practical arrangements.

International Aspects

# 4 legislative instruments



**Nov 2020**  
**Data**  
**Governance**  
**Act**

Ensure **TRUST** in data transactions

Public sector data, private sector data and personal data voluntarily made available by data holders

**Dec 2020**  
**Digital**  
**Market**  
**Act**

Regulate **MARKET POWER** based on data

Personal data and private sector data held by online platforms and originating from the users (both businesses and individuals)

**Q2 2021**  
**Impl. Act.**  
**High Value**  
**Datasets**

Unleash the socio-economic potential of data as a **PUBLIC GOOD**

Public sector data of high value

**Q4 2021**  
**Data Act**

Ensure **FAIRNESS** in the allocation of data value among the actors of the data economy

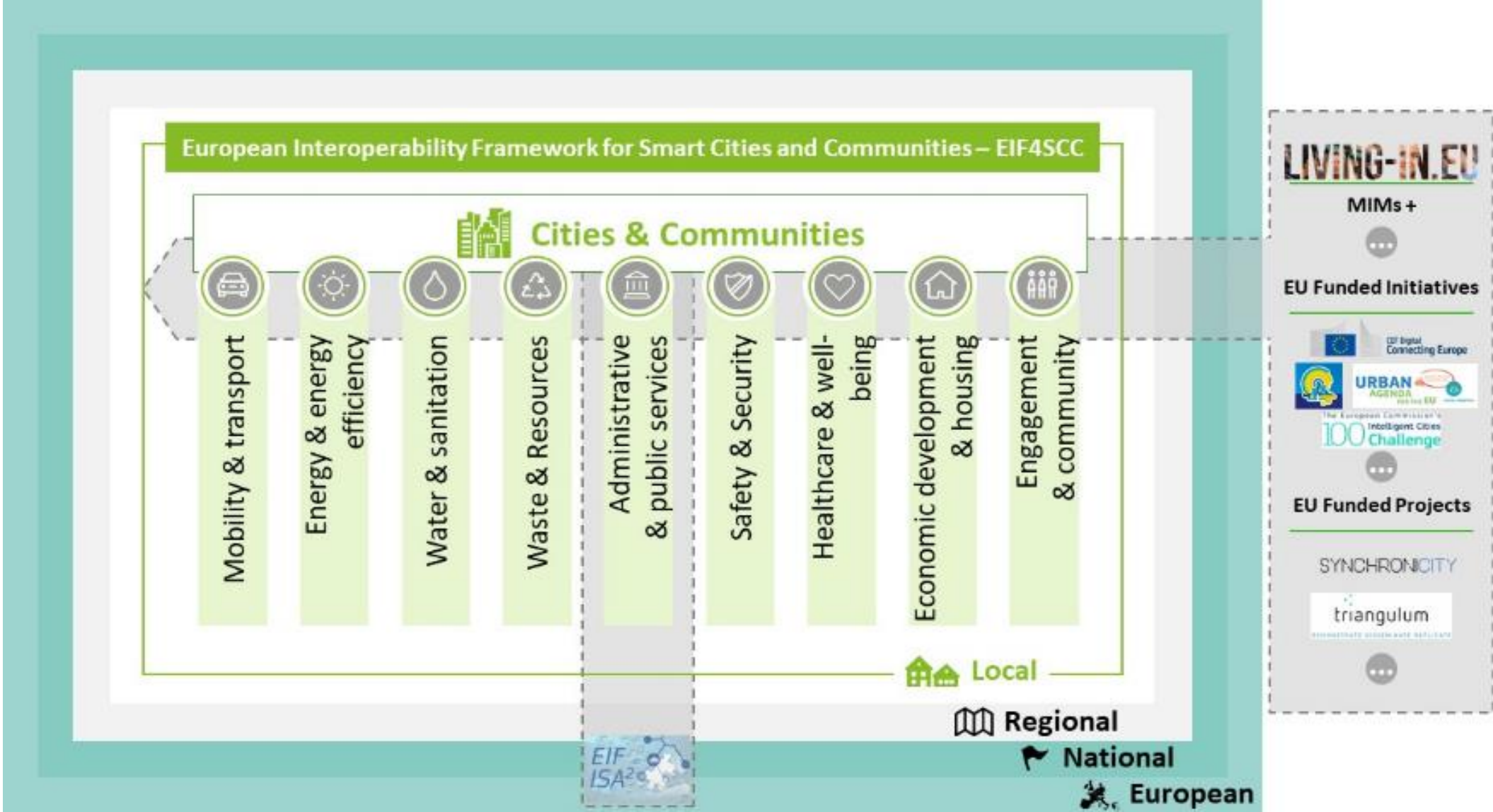
Private sector data, personal data and co-generated (IoT) data





- **AI for Europe** (2018): ...Boost the EU's technological and industrial capacity and AI uptake across the economy, both by the private and public sectors...
- **White Paper on AI** (2020) calls for the Adopt AI programme to support public procurement of AI and transform public procurement processes
- **Revised Coordinated Plan on AI** (2021) confirms the launch of the Adopt AI programme in 2021 and highlights the need for continued peer-learning
- Concrete measures of the Revised Coordinated Plan to support the implementation of AI at local level through the **Living-in.eu community**









# Financial Commitments

## 6 Aika

Joint multi-level governance funding scheme (use cases)

1.2



The European Commission's **100 Intelligent Cities Challenge** **DIGITAL Cities Challenge**

Facilitate access to concerted public and private investments (programme)

1.3, 1.4



**eGovernment in local and regional administrations**  
Guidance, tools and funding for implementation

List of EU funds for eGovernment (publication)



1.3, 1.4



**TOWARDS A JOINT INVESTMENT PROGRAMME FOR EUROPEAN SMART CITIES**  
A Consultation Paper to Stimulate Action

Roadmap to Stimulate a Joint Smart Cities Investment Programme

1.3



**GUIDE TO EU FUNDING 2014-2020**

List of EU funds for cities (guide)

1.3, 1.4



**CIRCULAR CITY FUNDING GUIDE**

List of EU funds for Circular Economy (guide)

1.3, 1.4



**ALICITIES**  
ACCELERATING CLIMATE RESILIENCE

**SELECT for Cities**

Challenge-based Pre-Commercial / Innovation Procurement (use cases)

1.3, 1.4



**Big Buyers Initiative**

Sharing strategic public procurement approaches and criteria to the market (guide, use cases)



1.3, 1.4



**ISA<sup>2</sup> Programme**

Practices and standards fostering interoperability (*MAPS, EIRA/CarTool, IQAT, CAMSS, TestBed & ESPD*) (catalogue)


1.3, 1.4



**eGovernment4EU**

Mandatory use of eProcurement by MS (e.g. technical specifications of the eForms)

1.3, 1.4





# Technical Commitments

## ISA<sup>2</sup> Programme



Public services at federal and national level (catalogue)

## APIs4DGov project



API standards and specifications and Maturity assessment tool (study report)

## eGovernment4EU



Interconnections and interoperability between systems and platforms at national levels (Action plan)

## SAREF



IoT standards (Internationalization and adoption of SAREF4CITY)



Minimum Interoperability Mechanisms (MIMs) (catalogue)

2.1



Self-assessment tool for carbon and energy footprint (guide)

2.2



List of standards and specifications for eGov (library)

2.2



Marketplace of the European Innovation Partnership on Smart Cities & Communities (platform)

2.2, 2.3



## CEF's Building Blocks



Digital Service Infrastructure building blocks (Standards, services and tools)

## SYNCHRONICITY



Universal approach to developing, procuring and deploying IoT- and AI-enabled services (guide)

## joinup

2.2, 2.3



A catalogue with frameworks, tools, and services (catalogue)



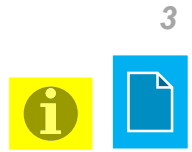
Aggregator and hub for networks (use cases)





# Legal Commitments

## e-Identification



National eID schemes as supported in the cross-border context by the eIDAS regulation (regulation and library)



Guidance on B2G data sharing (report)



Citizen Centric approach to data (regulation)



Sharing public sector data (EU legislation)



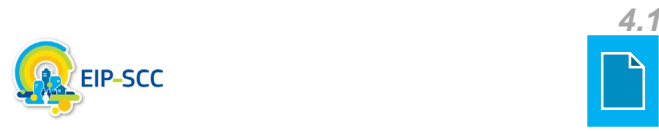
# Education & Capacity Building Commitments I.



Case studies at a national level (use cases)



An open, standardized, data-driven, service-oriented and user-centric platform with co-creation (Knowledge hub)



Rethinking the city: using the power of data to address urban and societal change (Leadership guide)



Urban Platform Management Framework Enabling cities to maximize value from city data (guide)



Scaling up urban digital platforms and smart city solutions (guide)



Peer-to-peer learning (guide, toolkit, use cases)



Library of case studies ( $\pm 140$ ); Toolkit on co-creation with citizens & policy makers, and MOOCs (guide, use cases)



Local Group Toolkit, Guidelines and analysis (toolkit)



Local public and private initiatives on training and empowering citizens (catalogue)



Urban Digital Foresight taskforce: shared knowledge of technological trends and new technology development in cities (guide)



Competencies necessary for eGovernment (publication)



Toolkit on generating social innovation and creativity (guide)



# Education & Capacity Building Commitments II.



Guidebook, policy briefs, Tips & Tricks for sustainable LLs. Podcasts and The LivingLab game. (guide)



Urban Data Platforms in Europe: Research study on the development and adoption of urban data platforms (publication)



City Chief Data Officer role description (guide)



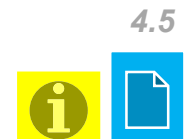
Co-creation of digital solutions (playbook, guide, webinar ...)



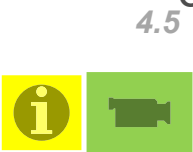
Campaign on the role of technology in the socio-economic and cultural development of Europe (recommendations and case study)



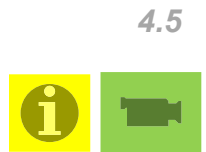
Strengthening Governance Capacity for Smart Sustainable Cities (project)



Policy Brief on State of co-creation and Dashboard (publication)



ULL playground game and webinars (guide)



End-user engagement toolkit e-courses (guide)



Scaling up methodology, City Digital Transformation Handbook, and Good practices (guide, use cases)



Framework for implementing user-centricity (guide)



# Education & Capacity Building Commitments III.

4.6



Energy and climate projects (mentoring programme)

4.6



Smart City Decision Making Tool (use cases)

4.6



Transfer Network methodology, Knowledge transfer methodology (guide)

4.6



Smart City Guidance Package (guide)

4.6



Digital Neighbourhood Instrument  
- Model and toolbox to establish a digital center (guide, catalogue)

4.6



Smart Government Academy  
- Platform for knowledge exchange on smart government (use cases)

4.6



Digital Services for your city  
- Modular toolkit for creating a digitisation strategy (guide)

4.6



Replication guidebook (guide)

4.6



Collaboration among cities to find common solution and share good practices (programme)

4.7

Digital Innovation Hubs (DIHs)



Helping cities in their digital transformation by awareness raising and developing a train-the-trainer system and more (mentoring)





# Monitoring & Measuring Commitments

## Digital Economy and Society Index (DESI)



A composite index with indicators on Europe's digital performance of EU member states (methodology)



Smart cities key performance indicators (user guidebook, policy recommendations and business models report)



Ongoing project developing Local and Regional Digital Indicators (LORDI)

## DIGITAL Cities Challenge



Methodology Toolbox: Indicators on cities' digital performance (The Digital Cities Challenge Self-Assessment Tool (SAT) and the City Digital Transformation Handbook) (guides)



Each ICC city will develop a Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) framework (support of expert team and usage of City monitoring Indexes)



## Rural Smart Communities: boosting rural economies through large-scale pilots

- Extension of focus:
  - from systems to ecosystems
  - from design to citizen empowerment
  - from smart cities to smart communities, both meet in regions
  - OASC scope: extending to Community x Community –  
Save the Dates: CxC Festival on 12-13 January 2022
- New €30 million EU initiative: Large scale piloting and digital platforms
  - rural digital service platforms
  - innovation ecosystems
  - the smart village approach
  - standards at the forefront
- Minimal Interoperability Mechanisms (MIMs)
  - Addressing interoperability of data, systems & services
  - Developed and validated for cities in e.g. SynchroniCity
  - Extended to rural smart communities in [AURORAL](#) and [dRural](#)



## European Regions for Smart Communities Summit Alentejo, May 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>

# EUROPEAN REGIONS FOR SMART COMMUNITIES

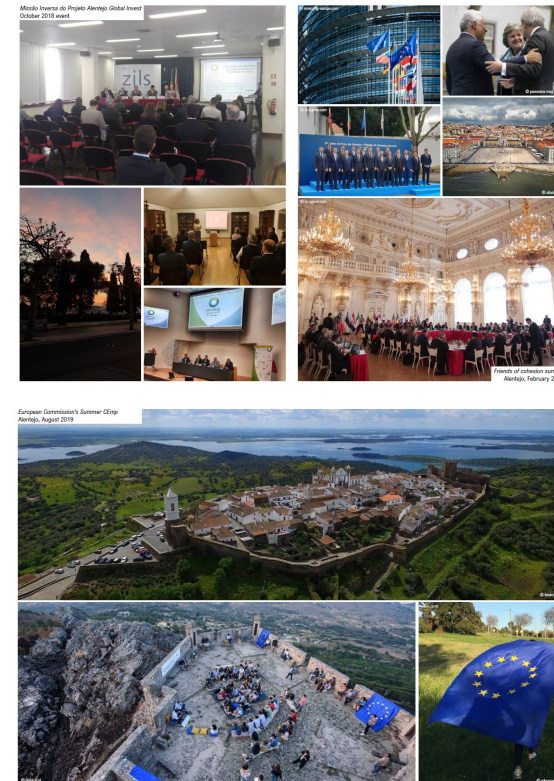
*The European Regions Summit for Smart Communities, takes place in Évora between 3 - 9 of May, 2021. It will gather local and regional leaders, from across Europe to discuss European and National institutions how to involve the citizens and stakeholders in co-promoting smarter small cities, towns, villages and regions for better tomorrow.*



**03-09.MAY.2021**

**CONVENTO DO ESPINHEIRO, ÉVORA**

An European summit of local and regional communities to share a common vision for a smarter tomorrow!



See: <http://www.eu-smart.community/>

# 2022 EDITION

## 9 - 13 May



**European Regions for Smart Communities Summit** will be held between **9 -13 of May 2022, online and in Alentejo (Espinheiro Convent Hotel \* Évora, Portugal)**

This Summit will be the celebration of the success and achievements from cooperation across Smart Communities and an opportunity for mutually committing to share challenges and smart solutions.

It will gather local and regional leaders from across Europe to discuss how to involve the citizens and stakeholders in co-promoting smarter small cities, towns, villages and regions for a better tomorrow.

MORE SOON on: <http://www.eu-smart.community/>





- **The wheel exists**
- **All levels need to work together**
- **It all hangs together:**
  - Citizens to Communities
  - Communities to Regions
  - Regions to Member States
  - Member States to EU
- **Expectation for your regions and municipalities to sign up to Living-in.EU**

Sign, Support, Like ... the Join, Boost, Sustain political declaration

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