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1. ICLEI Member News

Rosny-sous-Bois joins ICLEI Europe



ICLEI would like to welcome Rosny-sous-Bois (France) as its newest Member. The French city has fully embraced sustainable development, using it to improve the quality of life of its citizens. Through its Action Plan on Agenda 21, the city has put into place ambitious plans to combat climatic and energy shifts.

"Rosny-sous-Bois is committed to building a more sustainable future for our citizens. We see joining ICLEI's network as a step along that path. I look forward to sharing our activities with other ICLEI Member cities and learning from their experiences," said Jean-Paul Fauconnet, Deputy Mayor of the City in Charge of Public Spaces and the Living Environment.

One of the most significant projects undertaken by the City Council is the construction of an eco-nursery school named Les Boutours. Community involvement and citizen participation played a strong role, with volunteers invited to help with the building. The school's roof top terrace produces vegetables and fruit, which is used to teach pupils about the production of healthy food. A new elementary school is also being sustainably constructed on the same site, and will eventually link up to the nursery.

For more information, visit Rosny93.fr.
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Hamburgers test out smarticipate prototype

Over 40 citizens joined a hands-on discussion in ICLEI Member Hamburg (Germany) on Saturday 8 October to help shape the upcoming [smarticipate platform](#), which will make open data available to citizens in an understandable format. Through the platform, users will be able to see proposed urban planning changes on a 3D map of their city. If the user has an idea to improve the proposal, they can make the change directly, observing their alterations in real time. Other users can also see the new proposal and comment on it.



After a brief introduction to the day by smarticipate project partners, the participants gathered in small groups to discuss how open data and information communication technologies could facilitate the role of citizens in supporting the planning process of their urban environments. Starting with the "[urban story](#)", developed by the smarticipate team, the Smartathon attendees explored how they might use a tool like smarticipate. After considering the broader framework of the project, participants were asked to test-drive a mock version of the smarticipate platform on both desktop and mobile devices.

For more information, visit the [smarticipate website](#).
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Bologna is ICLEI Europe's latest Member in the Spotlight



ICLEI Member Bologna (Italy) is the latest [Member in the Spotlight](#), an ongoing series that highlights the sustainability achievements of ICLEI Member Cities. Bologna has been a longstanding ICLEI Member and has demonstrated a strong commitment to sustainable development. The northern Italian city has adopted environmental actions and sustainability plans, including a Sustainable Energy Action Plan, a Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan, and a Local Adaptation Plan to climate change.

The city has put in place a voluntary carbon credits market within its territory. It aims to reach an official certification of the credits stemming from the use of bike lanes during the period 2009 to 2015. Bicycle lane coverage has reached 163 km in the city, helping to reduce car use. If you'd like to share your city's progress in building a more sustainable future, contact us at information.services@iclei.org.

To view Bologna's Member in the Spotlight page, click [here](#).
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2. ICLEI managed websites among finalists for .eu Web Awards

Two websites developed and managed by ICLEI have been nominated for the prestigious .eu Web Awards in the category "Better World". The Awards recognise the most impressive websites with the .eu domain in terms of both design and content. The Better World category focuses on websites that promote green initiatives and environmental protection.

The websites www.mobilityweek.eu and www.grow-smarter.eu will compete against one other finalist for the prize, which includes a trophy and certificate, a promotional video, and a web award icon for the winner's website and social media channels.



A jury comprised of communication experts will select the final winner. The award ceremony will be held at the Museum of Natural Sciences in Brussels (Belgium) on 16 November 2016. The awards are run by EURid, the registry manager of the .eu country code domains upon appointment of the European Commission.

For more information, visit webawards.eurid.eu.
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3. The new Sustainable Cities Platform launched at Habitat III

The new [Sustainable Cities Platform](#), the online hub showcasing transformative actions by cities and civil society to inspire others, was launched at the Habitat III Conference in Quito (Ecuador) on Monday 17 October. The platform was announced in the Basque Declaration, with the aim to provide specific examples of its 15 pathways leading to more inclusive, resilient and productive cities and towns. The platform is supported by the City of Aalborg (Denmark), the Basque

Government and ICLEI.



The side event at Habitat III saw a presentation of the [Basque Declaration](#) by Ruud Schuthof, Deputy Regional Director of ICLEI Europe, to an audience of over 100 participants. Roberto San Salvador, Director of the Cities Lab of the University of Deusto in the Basque Country, shared how the Basque Country has transformed into a sustainable region, becoming a leading example in Europe.

The following panel discussion included Pekka Sauri, Deputy Mayor of Helsinki (Finland); Oliver Weigel, Head of Division of Urban Development Policy at the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety, Germany; and Albert Edman, Strategic development officer of the City of Umeå (Sweden). The panellists discussed how the Basque Declaration can help cities to move towards sustainability and support national governments to implement their commitments at global level.

For more information, read the [press release](#).

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4. Networks essential to growth of sustainable public procurement in Europe

Vito Consoli, Director of the Regional Directorate for Environment and Natural Systems of the Lazio Region of Italy, has called on city and regional governments across Europe to join together to share ideas and collaborate on sustainable and innovation procurement. Mr Consoli's remarks were made in front of a packed audience at the [Procura+ Seminar](#) in Rome (Italy) on 14 October.



"Sustainable procurement helps transform markets. By working together in sustainable procurement networks, we can engage with suppliers in a coordinated way and create a significant demand for sustainable products and services," said Mr Consoli.

The Procura+ Seminar, organised by [ICLEI](#), gathered over 100 procurement practitioners and policy makers to discuss how sustainable public procurement and innovation procurement can be used to help public authorities meet strategic objectives in a cost effective way. The seminar was held in cooperation with the [Lazio Region](#) and the [Forum Compraverde-BuyGreen](#) and organised together with the [SPP Regions](#) and [GPPbest](#) project consortia. The event also saw the launch of the [3rd edition of the Procura+ Manual](#).

For more information, read the [press release](#).

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5. Transport peer-to-peer exchange programme now open



The CIVITAS2020 initiative on cleaner and better transport in cities launched its new peer-to-peer exchange programme at the CIVITAS Forum in Gdynia (Poland), which took place from 28-30 September 2016. The programme consists of study visits and work placements on innovative transport measures, and is open to practitioners and city representatives who are interested in learning from, and sharing their knowledge and experience with, peers in other European cities.

Work placements offer transport professionals a hands-on, three day learning opportunity in another European city focused on a topic area which responds to their local needs. Study visits offer the opportunity for a group of up to 10 city representatives to travel to another European city facing similar challenges in sustainable urban mobility to learn about possible solutions and best practices.

There is budget available to cover travel and accommodation. Exact dates of the visits will be decided in cooperation with the host and the visiting cities. Those interested in being either a host or visiting city should fill in the application form available [online](#) by 7 November.

For more information, visit the [CIVITAS website](#).

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6. European Green Capital publishes good practice reports

The [European Green Capital Secretariat](#) has produced two good practice reports containing case studies on the promotion of tap water, ultra-fast rechargeable electric city buses, projects to support local populations of butterflies and badgers, and more. The documents aim to provide a source of inspiration for cities with the ambition to become more sustainable.



The examples in the report come from the cities that competed for the European Green Capital Award 2018 and the European Green Leaf 2017. The two winners were ICLEI Member Nijmegen (the Netherlands) and Galway (Ireland) respectively.

The European Green Capital Good Practice report contains examples from cities including ICLEI Members Ghent (Belgium), Nijmegen, Umeå (Sweden) and Warsaw (Poland). Smaller cities and towns are included in the European Green Leaf Good Practice report, such as Aosta (Italy), Cornellà de Llobregat (Spain), and Roche-sur-Yon (France).

To download the European Green Capital Good Practice report, click [here](#). To download the European Green Leaf Good Practice report, click [here](#).

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7. Over 100 short video interviews on urban resilience published



A resilient city is not only made up of bricks and mortar, but of flexible systems of elements working together. This complexity has been visualised online in an interactive map of short video clips. As part of RAMSES, a European-funded research project on climate impacts and adaptation strategies for cities, Climate Media Factory has condensed scientific research into a compilation of over 100 short interview sequences from 33 climate change adaptation and resilience experts.

"On Urban Resilience" is designed to help cities find information on climate change impacts and to explore their options for adapting to climate change and for building city resilience. Contributions by experts on adaptation and resilience from across Europe cover topics such as social adaptation, local climate change models, political commitments and how to start an adaptation strategy in cities.

Frans Berkhout of King's College London, said: "Cities are competing more and more in terms of their climate resilience. These are risks that are real, they're tangible, investors know about them, they care about them, and therefore cities need to wake up and start to transform their infrastructures in a climate resilient way." "On Urban Resilience" is available online for free at [on-urban-resilience.eu](#).

For more information, visit the [RAMSES website](#).

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8. Heating and cooling projects deliver measures to decarbonise European energy systems

ICLEI is expanding its involvement in the field of sustainable energy with its partnership in two new EU-funded projects focused on heating and cooling: Heat Roadmap Europe 4 (HRE4) and Thermal Energy Resource Modelling and Optimisation System (THERMOS). The HRE4 project maps and models energy use in the 14 largest countries in terms of heat demand in Europe, providing an overview of centres in which energy is most heavily used and wasted, as well as local sources of energy generation.



By doing so, the project allows policy makers and energy planners to explore low-carbon heating and cooling pathways from now until 2050, and to identify sustainable options to improve the efficiency, sustainability and affordability of the local or regional energy system. A series of [videos have been produced](#), explaining the work of the project in more detail.

The THERMOS project complements the HRE4 project through its capacity building activities and free, open-source software application to undertake street-level thermal energy system planning. THERMOS seeks to amplify and accelerate the development of new low carbon heating and cooling solutions in cities across Europe. ICLEI Member Cities Alba Iulia (Romania) and Warsaw (Poland) are involved in the project. The THERMOS website will be launched in the coming months.

For more information, visit the [HRE4 website](#) and attend the HRE4 session at [Local Renewables](#) on 27 October.

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9. European families avail of FIESTA project services to lower energy bill



Families across Europe are taking steps that will reduce their energy consumption by more than 3,000,000 kWh thanks to the work of the EU funded [FIESTA project](#). The project, coordinated by Area Science Park Trieste, has carried out more than 1,022 energy audits with families in five European countries: Bulgaria, Cyprus, Hungary, Italy and Spain. The project is funded by the Intelligent Energy – Europe programme of the European Commission.

As part of the energy audits, families invite members of the FIESTA team go to their home and make recommendations for energy savings. The energy experts propose specific behavioural changes, and inform the families of the energy impact of their daily habits. On average, the audits discover potential savings of up to 50 percent.

Local purchasing groups have been set up in partner cities to help residents buy better appliances. By pooling their purchasing power, residents are able to buy energy efficient products at a cheaper price than otherwise would have been possible. The project is also giving away prizes through so-called 'energy lotteries'. Prizes range from electric bicycles to energy efficient appliances.

For more information, visit [fiesta-audit.eu](#).
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10. Event news

Local Renewables Conference 2016 starts tomorrow

Local Renewables 2016, taking place from 26-28 October, kicks off tomorrow with the goal of showing how to make the best use of available resources within cities and regions. Participants will have the opportunity to learn from the experiences of other international cities, European institutions, energy utilities, business representatives and research partners.

The conference will be held in Freiburg (Germany) and Basel (Switzerland). Participants will visit impressive examples of sustainable urban living and neighbourhood transformation, and have the chance to take part in the bonus session: "Japan after Fukushima, perspectives for a transition to renewable energy – which lessons could be learned from Europe?" Insights will be given from Nagano Prefecture, and the Japanese cities of Odawara, Miyama, and Matsuyama.

Online registration is now closed but you can still register on site. Please contact us at lr2016@iclei.org or refer to the Registration Desk at the Conference Venue, the Historisches Kaufhaus, Münsterplatz 24, 79098 Freiburg. Follow updates as they happen: [@LR_Series](#), [#LocalRenewables](#)

To download the conference programme, click [here](#). For further information, visit the conference [website](#).

Last weeks to register for the Water PiPP final conference

The final event of the [Water PiPP project](#), Empowering Public Procurement for Innovation in the EU Water Sector, will take place in Zaragoza (Spain) from 9 - 10 November 2016. The two-day conference will share and discuss the final outcomes and recommendations of the Water PiPP Project, as well as looking at the European procurement directives, water management services and infrastructures, and innovative procurement. A special focus will be placed on how to meet local water challenges. Registration for this free event is [available online](#).

Procurers from the public water sector and suppliers from the business world are invited to explore innovation procurement from the angle of procurement practice, water sector policy, and business opportunities. The conference will be in English with Spanish interpretation available. The EU-funded Water PiPP project aims to stimulate demand for sustainable water solutions through innovative and pre-commercial procurement. Around 80 people are expected to attend the event.

To download the programme, click [here](#). For more information, click [here](#).

21st Breakfast at Sustainability's to look at the circular economy

The Common Representation of the European Region Tyrol - South Tyrol - Trentino in cooperation with ICLEI will hold the 21st Breakfast at Sustainability's (B@S) on Wednesday 9 November 2016 in Brussels (Belgium) on the topic of the potential of the circular economy at regional and local level.

This event will interactively explore how regional and local actors can take an active role to achieve the vision of a circular economy model, as outlined in the recently adopted Circular Economy Package and the EU Action Plan for the Circular Economy.

Speakers at the meeting include Herbert Dorfmann, Member of the European Parliament; Joanna Drake, Deputy Director General, DG Environment, European Commission; and Bruno Oberhuber, Director of Energy Tyrol, Tyrol (Austria). Further details are available in the programme, which can be downloaded [online](#). Registration is open until 4 November.

To register for the meeting, contact brussels-office@iclei.org.

11. Event Calendar

[Local Renewables 2016: Energising the smart city and region](#)
26 - 28 October 2016 - Freiburg (Germany) & Basel (Switzerland)

[21st Breakfast at Sustainability's](#)
9 November – Brussels (Belgium)

[WaterPiPP Final Conference - Empowering public procurement for innovation in the EU water sector](#)
9 - 10 November 2016 – Zaragoza (Spain)

[Embrace the Water Conference](#)
12 - 14 June 2017 - Gothenburg (Sweden)

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