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1. Nilüfer wins the first edition of the Transformative Action Award

For Nilüfer, one of the 17 districts of Bursa Province in Turkey, winning the Transformative Action Award 2017 was truly unexpected. "I would like to thank the jury one by one!" said Nilüfer Municipality Councillor Pelin Sevgi, who accepted the award. "We were competing against some very strong candidates, who put forward very impressive actions, so it's a great honour to receive this award." The Nilüfer city administration helped to organise previously disorganised sections of civil society, ensuring they could participate in decision making through the establishment of neighbourhood committees (NCs). These NCs represent their neighbourhoods at city council level. Quotas were set to ensure that the NCs are also comprised of women, youth, disabled citizens and LGBTBI residents.



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2. ICLEI Member News

Hannover is named Germany's most sustainable city at tenth German Sustainability Awards



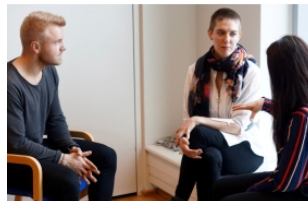
The winners of the 10th German Sustainability Award were announced on 8 December at an award ceremony attended by 1,200 invited guests in Düsseldorf (Germany). During the ceremony, ICLEI Member Hannover beat off competition from Aachen and Gelsenkirchen to receive the title of 'Germany's most sustainable city'.

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Aalborg uses student-government partnership to bolster sustainability campaign

Seven students from around the world presented formal recommendations to Aalborg Municipality (Denmark) detailing how the city should approach their new sustainability campaign, 'make us all greener.' This innovative student-government partnership, the first of its kind in Europe, saw students work closely with the local government over a three-month period as part of the International Network of Green Agents (INGA) programme.

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Cyclists in Ghent will soon be able to find free bicycle spaces online



New technology installed in the Belgian city of Ghent will enable cyclists to check online to see if there are free bicycle spaces in Korenmarkt and Braunplein, two bicycle parks located in the historic city centre.

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3. Global city networks announce 'One Planet Charter' on Paris Agreement

ICLEI, C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group, and the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy announced the [One Planet Charter](#) to accelerate the implementation of the Paris Agreement through sustainable public procurement, and other policy measures, in cities and local governments across the world. The announcement took place at the [One Planet Summit in Paris](#) (France) on 12 December.

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4. Bidding open for the ninth ESCT conference



The bidding process for the ninth European Conference on Sustainable Cities and Towns is now open. The purpose of the conference is to share the most advanced approaches, tools and inspiring ideas for local transformation, to foster governance innovation, and to strengthen local value chains and assets. It will facilitate dialogue on the local sustainability agenda across levels of governance and with relevant stakeholders from business, NGOs and the research community.

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5. CoR recognises climate finance as essential tool for Paris Agreement implementation



During its Plenary Session, which took place from 9-11 October in Brussels (Belgium) the [European Committee of the Regions \(CoR\)](#) recognised climate finance as an essential tool for the implementation of the Paris Agreement, and called on the European Commission to promote the [Global Covenant of Mayors](#) through providing financial and technical assistance, especially in countries where national ambition is lacking.

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6. RESIN meeting looks to the future of urban climate change adaptation

The RESIN project consortium met in Brussels (Belgium) on 23-24 November 2017 to consider the project outputs in an international policy context and to plan for the project's final year. Cities in Europe are approaching a crucial time in terms of finding solutions for climate change adaptation. RESIN is optimally placed to advise and guide policy developments on a local and international level on the topic of urban adaptation.

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7. Event News

ICLEI announces two major procurement events for 2018

Two major conferences on [Sustainable and Innovation Procurement](#) have been announced by ICLEI in conjunction with the host cities of [Oslo](#) (Norway) and [Nijmegen](#) (Netherlands). The [15th Procura+ Seminar](#) will take place on 21-22 March 2018 in Oslo, while the [10th EcoProcura conference](#) will take place from 3-5 October 2018 in Nijmegen.

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Thermos European Inspire Event: Affordable Smart Heating – Dream or Reality?

This one day event, taking place on 25 January from 14.30-17.30, seeks to inspire those who want to make integrated heating and cooling systems a major part of their Smart Cities and Communities concept. The event will take place at the Permanent Representation of Romania, Rue Montoyer 12, Brussels (Belgium).

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8. Event Calendar

[Thermos European Inspire Event: Affordable Smart Heating – Dream or Reality?](#)
25 January 2018 – Brussels (Belgium)

[Heat Roadmap Poland](#)
25 January 2018 – Warsaw (Poland)

[Solutions for strategic adaptation planning in European cities, RESIN Project](#)
1 February 2018 – Manchester (United Kingdom)

[The 15th Procura+ Seminar](#)
21-22 March 2017 – Oslo (Norway)

[Open European Day at Bonn Resilient Cities](#)
25 April 2018 – Bonn (Germany)

[10th EcoProcura Conference - Sustainable and Innovation Procurement](#)
3-5 October 2018 – Nijmegen (Netherlands)

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