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1. Driving sustainable urban development on a global scale

An interview with **Giorgia Rambelli, Head of the IUC Coordination Unit**

One of the most effective ways for cities to become more sustainable is to exchange with colleagues that face the same challenges. While the European Union provides local and regional governments in Europe the chance to share solutions, many innovative measures are put into practice beyond Europe's borders. To foster dialogue with cities outside of Europe, the EU has established the International Urban Cooperation (IUC) programme. Giorgia Rambelli is the head of the IUC Coordination Unit and has the job of liaising with regional offices around the world to ensure a smooth roll-out.

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2. ICLEI Member News

ICLEI Member Cascais commits to implementing SDGs



In the first initiative of its kind in Portugal, ICLEI Member Cascais publicly launched its local commitment to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) on 21 September. The programme includes the creation of a municipal strategy that contributes to compliance with the SDGs, influencing the municipality's competitiveness, quality of life of the citizens, and the preservation of natural resources.

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CIVITAS Awards

Bologna wins "Bold Measure Award" at the 2017

The winners of the 2017 CIVITAS Awards were recently revealed during an award ceremony in Torres Vedras (Portugal). This year's "Bold Measure Award", which is given to the city that adopts a daring and innovative approach that has not been widely implemented yet, was given to ICLEI Member Bologna (Italy).

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Vicenza joins ICLEI to support sustainable urban planning ambitions



The northern Italian city of Vicenza has joined ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability. Situated in the Veneto region between Verona and Venice, the city of Vicenza wishes to connect, learn from, and exchange with other cities in Europe on creating a more sustainable future.

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3. Procura+ Awards 2017 winners announced

Projects involving recycled textiles, eco-labelled school buildings and remanufactured furniture emerged as Europe's most sustainable and innovative public procurements at the 2017 Procura+ Awards held on 17 October in Tallinn (Estonia) as part of the eafp Conference on Innovation Procurement. The conference was held in the context of Estonia's Presidency of the EU. The winning public procurers were: [Municipality of Hyvinkää, Finland](#) for Sustainable Procurement of the Year; [Ministry of Defence of the Netherlands](#) for Innovation Procurement of the Year; and [Public Health Wales](#) (National Health Service, UK) for Tender Procedure of the Year.



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4. EcoMobility World Festival sees strong European representation



The official opening of the EcoMobility World Festival 2017 took place on Sunday 1 October in Kaohsiung, kicking off a month long celebration of sustainable forms of mobility. The festival included workshops and cultural tours, events and performances. The highlight of the festival was the three-day EcoMobility World Congress, during which leaders and technical experts from around the world came together to discuss the future of urban mobility and sustainable transport. This year's World Congress featured a number of European speakers, with the Mayor of Bonn (Germany), Ashok Shridharan, and the Mayor of Utrecht (Netherlands), Jan Van Zanen, representing their respective cities.

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5. 17 cities sign Porto Declaration on Urban Water Agenda 2030

During the [Mayors & Water Conference](#) 2017 in Porto (Portugal), which took place on 29 September, a total of 17 cities signed the Porto Declaration on the Urban Water Agenda 2030 (UWA2030), committing to support the cooperation process to develop an urban water agenda that promotes sustainable water management in cities. ICLEI Members Bonn (Germany), Copenhagen (Denmark), Eindhoven (The Netherlands), Lisbon (Portugal), Mannheim (Germany), Oslo (Norway), Wrocław (Poland), Paris (France), and Stockholm (Sweden) are among the signatories. [The declaration is still open for signature](#) by elected representatives from local governments.



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6. Life Below Water: Mobilising local action for protecting the oceans and their resources



The 2017 Life Below Water Conference was held in Malmö (Sweden) from 11-13 October, bringing together 250 delegates from four continents to inspire, learn, debate and drive action at a local level for the marine environment. The conference, opened by Mayor of Malmö Katrin Stjernfeldt Jammeh, featured inspiring keynote addresses from NGOs, cities, academia and business as well as Sweden's Minister for the Environment, Karolina Skog.

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7. Kristiansand bounces back from severe flooding with resilient thinking

The southern Norwegian city of Kristiansand suffered widespread damage from severe flooding this month, but the city is bouncing back with optimism. "We are creating tools that cities can use to prevent disasters, and to be prepared for when they occur. It is also important that cities learn from each other's experiences, good and bad," said Professor Jose J. Gonzalez of the University of Agder (UiA). He is the acting scientific coordinator for Smart Mature Resilience, in which the UiA and the Municipality of Kristiansand, along with six other European cities, four research and international institutions, and ICLEI Europe, develop tools to help cities prepare for natural disasters such as sea level rise, extreme weather, flooding and landslides, as well as terrorist attacks and major accidents.

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8. Event News

Smart Mature Resilience to launch new programme and workshops at Thessaloniki event

Nine ambitious local governments will join stakeholders from seven European cities in kicking off a new city collaboration programme as part of the Smart Mature Resilience (SMR) project at a Stakeholder Dialogue in Thessaloniki (Greece) on 7 November 2017.

For more information, click [here](#).

26th Breakfast at Sustainability's

The Welsh Government EU Office and ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability will hold the 26th Breakfast at Sustainability's (B@S) on Tuesday 21 November 2017 in Brussels (Belgium) on the topic of innovative urban waste reduction strategies. This event will draw on the expertise and experiences of the UrbanWINS project consortium and leading figures in the fields of waste and the circular economy.

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Transformative Action Award Ceremony 2017

On 22 November 2017 at 12.30 (CEST), the ceremony of the 2017 Transformative Action Award will take place at the European Committee of the Regions (CoR) in Brussels (Belgium). The Award, organised by ICLEI and funded by the Basque Country and the City of Aalborg (Denmark), rewards current or concluded Transformative Actions that address the pathways of the Basque Declaration related to three categories: socio-cultural transformation, socio-economic transformation, and technological transformation.

9. Event Calendar

[Amsterdam International Water Week](#)

30 October - 3 November 2017 - Amsterdam (The Netherlands)

[Cities and Regions Pavilion at COP23](#)

6 - 17 November 2017 – Bonn (Germany)

[Smart Mature Resilience programme and workshops](#)

7 November 2017 - Thessaloniki (Greece)

[GrowSmarter Webinar: Smart goods distribution and logistics](#)

21 November 2017, 11:00 (CET) – Online

[26th Breakfast at Sustainability's](#)

21 November 2017 - Brussels (Belgium)

[Transformative Action Award Ceremony 2017](#)

22 November 2017 – Brussels (Belgium)

[Bertelsmann Foundation Cities Congress on Sustainability](#)

7-8 December 2017, Düsseldorf (Germany)

[The 15th Procura+ Seminar](#)

21-22 March 2018 – Oslo (Norway)

[Open European Day at Bonn Resilient Cities](#)

25 April 2018 – Bonn (Germany)

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