

Fifteen Cities, One Agenda: Smart Cities projects come together to promote energy efficient district renovation

Three projects involving 15 municipalities have decided to join forces for greater leverage in sharing and promoting energy efficient renovation solutions for cities and communities EU-wide.

The projects [EU-GUGLE](#), [R2CITIES](#) and [ZenN](#), have now set out a roadmap for clustering a number of their activities to come. These include joint dissemination such as access to project workshops for members of the sister projects, web cross-linking, joint social media and events, exchange of best practices.

Joint outreach activities will be conducted under the label “My Smart City District” and will involve a common identity and harmonised presentations. This initiative is geared towards the replication of sustainable renovation models for European cities and communities, and runs in parallel with the renovation works undertaken by the participating projects. It will be the main channel through which the cumulated experiences of the pilot cities involved will be shared with other municipalities. In addition to the three projects, “My Smart City District” initiative will embrace other projects from the field along with potential replicators interested in sharing knowledge.

Blending the expertise and technologies, and leveraging the experience of working across different districts, building types and legislations are some of the challenges ahead for this European-wide initiative. The blend must be a savvy mix leading to large-scale replicability of sound energy efficiency solutions, rather than a simple mish mash of good practices without a coherent outlet. It is this challenge that My Smart City District will strive to address whilst drawing on the combined forces of the three consortia.

Altogether, [EU-GUGLE](#), [R2CITIES](#) and [ZenN](#) cover some 15 European cities from 10 different countries. Their clustering truly reflects a shared ambition to meet the EU energy targets high on the 2020 agenda.

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