

AN INNOVATIVE PALETTE OF SOLUTIONS  
FOR YOUR CITY

## Welcome to the MAtchUP newsletter

The goal of this first newsletter is to explain the project's main lines of action and the first steps made since last November. Thus, we offer an overview of our work to achieve the goals planned for each city.

All cities that are part of the European [MAtchUP project](#) are proud to be members of such an ambitious urban regeneration initiative. Both Lighthouse cities such as **València** (Spain), **Dresden** (Germany) and **Antalya** (Turkey) and Follower cities such as **Ostend** (Belgium), **Skopje** (FYROM), **Kerava** (Finland) and **Herzliya** (Israel) are elated on being to share their progress to the rest of the world.

All of our activities focus on the three main axes - mobility, energy and ICT. Innovative solutions are being implemented to **foster an urban transformation that ultimately improves the quality of life of our citizens**.

If we are to name a common denominator among all the cities, it should be the high level of involvement from the partners seen from the very beginning of the project. The launch that took place in Valencia turned out to be a real success and was warmly received by the press. Besides, attendants went on a guided tour to the Poblats Marítims district, where some of the actions planned for the city of València are being implemented.

Antalya was the second city to host a meeting of the partners. There was a demonstration tour around the Kepez Santral district to show the current state of the neighbourhood and to better assess the improvements to be carried out in different areas of the project.

Thanks to the efforts of our partners, MAtchUP has been presented in different local, national and international forums in order to inform about its lines of action. Among other international events, we were present at the "FTTH Conference" held in València, the "Sharing Cities Consortium and SCC01 Meeting" held in Lisbon, where [the Lighthouse Cities Cooperation Manifesto was signed](#) or the ISAlab2018 event organised by the [Polytechnic University of València \(UPV\)](#), as well as in other thematic meetings.

MATCHUP is amongst the 12 EU Lighthouse projects funded by the European Commission and collaborates strongly with the network and the other Smart City projects in order to find synergies, exchange best practices and overcome common challenges.

MATCHUP partners are proud to be the scenario of innovative and smart actions that will make our cities even more friendly and sustainable, with better services for our citizens.

In this first issue, we would like to invite you to follow us and learn about some of our dissemination activities so far. Don't forget to check out our [website](#) and use social media to inform your network about our interesting news!



## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS



### Should we wait to live in the future or can we create it ourselves?

The majority of human beings lives in overcrowded cities where pollution, traffic and energy inefficiency are a daily occurrence, risking them to become unsafe and unhealthy places to live in. Sustainable development of urban areas is nowadays a challenge of key importance for communities worldwide. The new [MATCHUP video](#) explains how the solution developed within the project will improve the quality of urban life.



## MATCHUP crosses the gateway to the Mediterranean.

Six months have passed since we launched MATCHUP, one of the European H2020 Smart Cities project, focused on turning cities into more prosperous, healthy and liveable places.



## Cities light the way with new manifesto

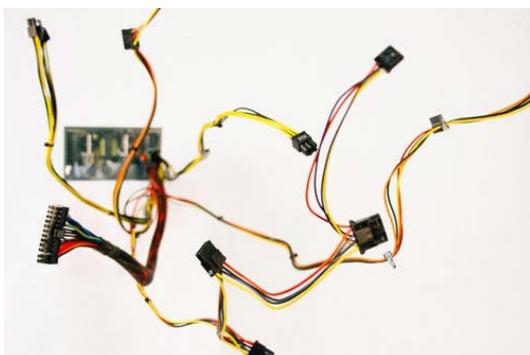
The Smart Cities manifesto is an agreement between cities to significantly change the smart city market place. The occasion of the signing was a day of workshops where the 76 cities across Europe that are direct beneficiaries of these projects discussed their progress in enhancing energy efficiency, and collaborating with the private sector to create models for doing business that will perpetuate and multiply the effects of the EU's investment.

## CITIES CORNER



### Energy poverty: how Valencia tackles the risk

**Valencia provides support to 50 homes at risk of energy poverty.** Adequate warmth, cooling, lighting and the energy to power appliances are essential services needed to guarantee a decent standard of living and citizens' health.



### Dresden to become a model region for future energy systems

**Deutsche Telekom and the City of Dresden for the 5G energy-engineering partnership.** Europe's leading telecommunications company and the Saxon state capital are seeking to establish a collaboration in relation to 5G.



### Antalya moving forward with its Smart City District

**Innovation, technology and sustainability: key ingredients of the New Kepez Santral.** Antalya looks forward to achieving sustainable local development by providing a high quality of life, skilled employment and competitive service, agricultural and clean industries.



### New e-bus in Skopje

**Skopje is now ranked among the European metropolitan cities using electric buses.**

The new bus is made according to the latest technological trends in this industry. It is an energy efficient bus that consumes a minimum amount of electricity and is equipped with a quick charging system.

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**Smart Regeneration of Cities and Regions**  
VALLADOLID, SPAIN  
20-21 Sep 18

## **SMART CITY EXPO CONGRESS**

Cities to Live in  
BARCELONA, SPAIN  
13-15 Nov 18



**NORDIC EDGE EXPO&CONFERENCE 2018**  
The largest Smart City arena in the Nordics  
STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN  
12 - 14 Sep 18



## **CHANGENOW SUMMIT**

Meet the innovators who change the world  
PARIS, FRANCE  
28-29 Sep 18



**URBACT CITY FESTIVAL**  
Cities as leading actors of change  
LISBON, PORTUGAL  
13 - 14 Sep 18



## **EUROPEAN WEEK OF REGIONS AND CITIES**

The world's largest gathering of local and regional stakeholders  
BRUSSELS, BELGIUM  
8 - 11 Oct 18



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