



ICC Mayors Forum: Towards a green, digital and resilient economy

Draft agenda

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1.1 Concept

Objectives

The Mayors Forum, scheduled as part of the Smart City Expo in Barcelona, brings together high-level political representatives and city leaders from both EU27 and internationally to reinforce political commitment on the cities' twin transition and Local Green Deals. The main objectives of the Mayors Forum are to:

- Showcase political leadership towards their cities' green and digital transition, notably through Local Green Deals
- Shape a high-impact political guide for Local Green Deals with a view to influence more Mayors join the movement
- Reassess political priorities in the light of the current major urban challenges (climate change, food and energy crisis, supply chain disruptions) and the new urban trends, and contribute to shaping EU policies to address the current crisis
- Take stock of progress made during the ICC initiative, in order to pave the way for the next phase of ICC
- Reinforce collaborative governance at local level among local authorities, local businesses, and citizens

The Mayors Forum will offer the opportunity to:

- Exchange with other high-level Mayors and political representatives on cities' visions, priorities, and achievements towards green, digital and resilient transitions
- Understand the main challenges facing cities and communities and their needs as well as how the EC and national governments can support them more efficiently
- Discuss how recent challenges such as the energy crisis, disrupted food systems, supply chain issues impact on the transition towards a green, digital and resilient economy and what can be done
- Agree on key priorities and steps forward to work together efficiently on a regular basis to maximise impact

Concept

The Mayors Forum is part of an in-person two-day event with November 15th dedicated to ICC Mayors and November 16th dedicated to ICC Core and Mentor Cities as well as Lead Experts. Both days will take place at the premises of the Smart City Expo in Barcelona, with a dedicated venue reserved for the two ICC events.

The Mayors Forum will start at 1.30pm and end at 5.30pm on November 15th. Participating mayors are invited to attend a dinner in the evening offered by the Barcelona city hall with the presence of Ada Colau, Barcelona Mayor, and other high-level Mayors and city leaders attending the Smart City Expo.

On this background, the Mayors Forum will be based on an interactive format mixing respectively:

- An in-person panel with 4-5 mayors speaking on priorities, challenges, and expectations in relation to the transition of their local economies and Local Green Deals
- Two roundtable workshops with groups of 6-8 mayors to discuss political visions and priorities as well as Local Green Deals, facilitated by a professional moderator
- Networking and dinner for participating mayors as well as mayors taking part in the Smart City Expo

Participation of approx. 180 participants is envisaged, covering mayors and deputy mayors as well as supporting city team representatives and European Commission representatives.

Mayors Forum – Abbreviated agenda for publication

Timing	Session
13:30 – 14:00	Registration and welcome coffee
14:00 – 14:10	Introduction
14:10 – 14:30	Welcome
14:30 – 15:00	<p>Intelligent Cities Challenge: from vision to action</p> <p>The objective is to set the scene, presenting selected cities’ testimonies with achievements and benefits from their participation in ICC, in diverse fields, such as reimagining the future of their cities, tackling climate change, reigniting sustainable growth, decarbonising building and mobility, and reskilling their local workforce.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Interactive fireside chats with pairs of cities (one mentor and one core city) with short punctual interventions
15:00 – 15:20	Coffee and networking break
15:20 – 16:00	<p>High-level roundtable discussion – Round 1 – Local Green Deals</p> <p>This roundtable discussion among Mayors will concentrate on the evolution of the current major urban challenges, and how cities deploy efficient Local Green Deals to address climate change, high energy prices, supply chain shortages and support their local businesses. It will seek to highlight good paradigms and expand political commitment and action during the next phase of ICC and beyond.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All participating Mayors and Deputy Mayors grouped in different parallel roundtables with 6-8 mayors each
16:00 – 16.40	<p>High-level roundtable discussion – Round 2 – Streamlining support</p> <p>This roundtable discussion will focus on how ICC has benefited cities to improve access to funding, how to streamline ICC support, better engage with local businesses and citizens and improve access to finance by navigating through different EU and national support measures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All participating Mayors and Deputy Mayors grouped in different parallel roundtables with 6-8 mayors each
16:40 – 16:50	Conclusions
16:50 – 17:00	Family photo
17:00 – 17:30	Networking coffee
20:00 (tbc)	ICC mayors are invited to attend a dinner offered by the Barcelona City Hall with the presence of Ada Colau, Barcelona Mayor, and other mayors attending the Smart City Expo