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ICC Conference: Towards a green, digital and resilient economy

Draft agenda

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Objectives

The ICC Conference, scheduled as part of the Smart City Expo in Barcelona, will have an overarching focus on the **transition towards a green, digital and resilient economy**. The conference brings together participating ICC cities and experts and aims to take stock of the progress made during the ICC initiative, showcase achievements and towards the green and digital transition and reassess priorities ahead in the light of the big urban challenges.

The ICC conference will offer the opportunity to:

- Exchange knowledge and discuss emerging trends and opportunities for a transition towards a green, digital and resilient economy
- Discuss how current major urban challenges, such as the energy crisis, disrupted food systems and supply chain issues, impact on the transition towards a green, digital and resilient economy and what can be done
- Understand the main challenges facing cities and communities well as how the EC and national governments can support cities more efficiently
- Pursue networking among city teams and experts and explore potential collaboration
- Take stock of progress made during the ICC initiative and agree on key priorities and steps forward to work together, to pave the way for the next phase of ICC

Concept

The ICC Conference comprise of two events, both in-person, with the first event taking place on November 15th, which is dedicated to Mayors from participating ICC cities, and November 16th inviting 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 ICC Conference's day two will be welcoming city and business representatives from ICC core and mentor cities and lead experts with a full day programme, combining plenary sessions and opportunities for networking in person.

Participation of approx. 350 participants is envisaged, including ICC city leaders, chief executives of businesses, policy think tanks, academics, urban development agencies, lead experts, technology leaders, EU and international mentors.

ICC Conference – Abbreviated agenda for publication

Time	Session
08:30 – 09:00	Registration and welcome coffee
09:00 – 09:10	Introduction - By Meabh McMahon, Moderator
09:10 – 09:30	Welcome - By Hubert Gambs, Deputy Director General, Directorate General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (DG GROW), European Commission - EISMEA representatives
09:30 – 10:10	The twin transition at city-level Two keynote speeches by academic and international organisation speakers followed by brief discussion between the moderator and speakers.
10:10 – 11:00	Coffee break and networking corners Networking corners: Meeting points in the lobby and meeting rooms for participants to meet and discuss on specific issues
11:00 – 12:00	Session on Green economy and local green deals Interactive panel discussion with 3-4 city speakers presenting their achievements and recommendations on the topic of green economy and local green deals.
12:00 – 13:30	Networking lunch
13:30 – 14:30	Session on Digital transition and/or Digital Economy Interactive panel discussion with 3-4 city speakers presenting their achievements and recommendations on the digital transition and digital economy at city level.
14:30 – 16:00	Session on Proximity Economy and the role of Industrial Ecosystems Interactive panel discussion with 3-4 city speakers presenting their achievements and recommendations, each with 5 min opening interventions followed by panel discussion Topics covered: - EC presenting on Transition pathways and skills partnerships of various ecosystems, e.g., tourism, construction, proximity and social economy, and inviting cities to join up - Cities to present on new educational initiatives about energy efficiency, low-emissions energy systems, and local food supply chains
16:00 – 17:00	Coffee break and networking corners Networking corners: Meeting points in the lobby and meeting rooms for participants to meet and discuss on specific issues.
17:00 – 17:20	Next steps of the ICC Journey and conclusions Presentation of main envisaged activities and themes supported under the renewal of the Intelligent Cities Challenge - By Hubert Gambs, Deputy Director General, Directorate General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (DG GROW), European Commission - EISMEA representatives
17:20 – 17:30	Family photo of all ICC cities and participants
17:30	Networking cocktail