

SAVE THE DATE & Registration

Workshop, 12/13 June 2019

“Innovative Small and Medium Cities (SMCs) – How to get involved in EU-Projects?”

In almost all societal challenges (energy transition, CO2 reduction, smart mobility, digitalization) SMCs play an important role. They are test beds for innovative solutions with and for citizens. In order to find sustainable solutions and services for SMCs it is important that the different stakeholders work closely together: public authorities/cities, research institutions, universities, city associations and businesses.

Therefore the EU Offices of Thuringia (DE) and Cities of Northern Netherlands would like to invite you to a workshop on innovation for SMCs. The event brings together SMCs in order to facilitate information about European activities, initiatives and Funding programs. It offers networking opportunities for future collaboration in projects and exchange of experiences on the following topics:

Energy Transition – Circular Economy – Smart Mobility – Digitalisation/Big Data – Culture, Tourism

Objectives of the workshop:

- Information about activities and future EU-programs/networks at EU level
- Experience exchange between cities and their representatives
- Explore the potential for topics and projects on European level
- Giving a focused and trustful networking experience for city stakeholders

We want the workshop to be informative and effective for you. That's why we will limit the participation to 50 people max! We strongly encourage participating cities to register as a 'city team', bringing representatives of multiple stakeholder group (research, education, associations and business).

We kindly ask you to **register your City-Team by sending an email with the names and contact details to annelie.zapfe@tsk.thueringen.de or e.steenhuis@citiesnorthernnetherlands.eu before 18 April.**

As mentioned above, teamwork is crucial for sustainable solutions. Therefore, **cities have to register as a team of two people minimum.** Within the team there has to be a participant from the city/city institutions and one participant from another stakeholder group (e.g. city company, higher education institution).

Draft Agenda

Part I, 12 June, 15:00 – 18:00	Information Session – Thuringia office
14:30	Registration
15:00	Welcome by Representatives of organizing offices: Motivation and objectives of the workshop
	Information Dialog Cities / EU COM
15:10	Energy transition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Impulse City (5mins) - Impulse COM (5mins) Moderated discussion/questions (15 mins)
15:45	Circular economy (same structure)
16:20	Smart and sustainable Mobility
16:55	Coffee break
17:30	Digitalisation/Big Data
18:05	Culture/Tourism
18:40 – 21:00	Informal Networking BBQ

Part II, 13 June, 09:00 – 14:00	Matchmaking Workshop/Session – Cities Northern Netherlands office
09:00	Welcome and introduction to break out sessions
09:30 <i>Breakout sessions</i>	<i>Energy transition - Circular economy - Smart Mobility - Digitalisation/Big Data-culture, tourism</i>
12:30	Lunch break
13:15	Wrap up breakout sessions
14:00	END

Shortly, we will come back to you to prepare your **city profile** that should contain the following points:

- 10 interesting facts about your city (e.g. Size, economy, local universities/important infrastructures, history ...)
- Geographical location (shown on a map)
- Important challenges that you want to work on
- Competences to offer for future collaborations
- Competences to look for
- Good examples for an exchange of experiences
- Contact details of workshop participants