

## Summary Conclusions

### Smart Cities Delegates Meeting in Brussels, 31st of May 2011

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**Apologies:** Frede Blaabjerg (SE), Emina Pasic (SI)

**Meeting Venue:** Permanent Representation of Austria to the EU in Brussels

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#### 1. Welcome and tour de table, 11:15 a.m.

#### 2. Introduction of policy context and SET-Plan (by Hans-Günther Schwarz)

#### 3. Potential structure of the EII Smart Cities (by Guy Vekemans)

Comments:

- Representatives of civil society or consumers: currently not foreseen in the stakeholder group; Vekemans: "with regard to consumers most of the interactions are done through the cities"; large consumer organisations could be included;
- Active participation of cities: information is not enough; cooperation between cities needs a proper structure and should address issues which are of central importance for their future but cannot be dealt with as part of their day-to-day business.

#### 4. Tour de table of national activities and positions

(Results are included in the attached document)

#### 5. EII funding instruments: FP7 energy work programme and call 2012

Comments:

- General remark resulting from the discussion: The SMART CITIES initiative is a much needed activity. The EU-Commission should be commended for bringing this theme into the FP.
- Comment regarding the comprehensiveness of the SMART CITIES theme: The issues addressed in the work programme do not cover the range needed for a holistic approach. Cities should therefore be able to propose overarching projects by addressing different topics (e.g.: a city-related project should be allowed to simultaneously address themes from the SMART CITIES, as well as from photovoltaics and smart grids sections of the work programme).

#### 6. Discussion and results (official end of meeting)

- A **note** containing a **common position** of the participating member states and associated countries towards the SMART CITIES activities of the SET-Plan and the FP will be proposed by Hans-Günther Schwarz and Guy Vekemans and circulated for comments.
- The following information and documents will be jointly developed:
  - A consolidated list of existing national funding instruments and research institutions which are relevant for the SMART CITIES theme will be put together by the participating

member states and associated countries (based on the draft table which was created during the meeting, see attachment)

- A convincing list of benefits for cities participating in the EII, with the most important reasons for cooperation between cities will be proposed by Guy Vekemans.
- A next meeting is unanimously welcomed, possibly for September 2011. Several participants offer to look into hosting the meeting in their Permanent Representation in Brussels.

#### **7. related activities: JPI Urban Europe (by Hans-Günther Schwarz)**

**End of Meeting: 4 p.m.**

**Next Meeting: September 2011**

#### **Proposal for a common position towards the EII on SMART CITIES:**

**The national delegates and/or the experts from Austria, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Latvia, The Netherlands, Norway, Switzerland, (Sweden) and Turkey agree on the following view towards the SMART CITIES Industrial Initiative of the SET-Plan:**

- “The SMART CITIES Industrial Initiative is a much needed activity. The countries represented will explore an active participation in the EII on SMART CITIES.
- The European Commission should be commended for also bringing this theme into the Framework Programme. The issues addressed in the work programme 2012 do, however, not cover the range needed for a holistic approach. Cities should therefore be able to propose overarching projects by addressing different topics of the open work programme calls at the same time (e.g.: a city-related project should be allowed to simultaneously address themes from the SMART CITIES, as well as from the photovoltaics and smart grids sections of the work programme).”