Draft Summary Conclusions
Smart Cities Member States Initiative, 1st Workshop

Date and Time: 2nd December, 2011, 11:00h – 17:00h

Location: Austrian Permanent Representation to the EU, Brussels

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Agenda:

1. Welcome and round of introductions
2. Objectives of MS Initiative (HG Schwarz, AT)
3. Overview of Smart Cities EII (Ch. Schoser, EC)
4. EII Smart Cities Stakeholder Platform (G. Jauernig, GOPA-Catermill)
5. Smart Cities Vision/concept (B. Bach, AIT / AT)
6. Process design (R. Schütz, AIT / AT) + round of questions
7. Lunch
8. Break-out session: Smart Cities vision + concept, activities in MS: screening
9. Results of break-out session
10. Conclusions and next steps

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1. Welcome and round of introductions

The meeting was attended by

- 20 representatives from 14 Member States and Associated States (AT, BE, CH, CZ, DE, DK, ES, FI, FR, IT, NL, PL, SI, SE)
- 2 representatives from the European Commission (Christoph Schoser / DG Energy, Caroline Thevenot / DG RTD)
- The coordinator of the project which will set up the stakeholder platform of the EII Smart Cities and Communities (Gabriele Jauernig / GOPA-Catermill)

2. Objectives of MS Initiative (HG Schwarz, AT)

The presentation provided an overview of the EU policy context and the framework of the SET-Plan. The main objectives of the meeting were given:

- To create a common picture of the European Industrial Initiative (EII) on SMART CITIES and related national and European activities
- To exchange views on the national interests and positions linked with SMART CITIES
- To explore options of collaboration and a common position regarding SMART CITIES
- To start a unified process of member states contributions (all participating countries) to the Smart Cities EII

Furthermore aims and objectives of the member states initiative were proposed via four sets of potential contributions:

Contributions to the SET-Plan framework:

- Ensure a major contribution to SET-Plan goals
- Deliver MS driven input for EII Smart Cities
- Create appropriate framework for full EU-wide implementation of SET Plan Smart Cities Initiative
- Set-up an EU network for Smart Cities on MS level

Contributions on Member State level

- Elaborate clearly defined role of MS within Smart Cities and Communities Initiative
- Identify interests and position of individual MS regarding Smart Cities themes and instruments
- Establish knowledge-exchange at MS level regarding programmes, projects, etc…
- Set up a well-defined and open processes supporting the development of more efficient and coherent funding activities on MS level for Smart Cities projects
- Initiate ad-hoc "Smart Cities actions" and national processes towards "Smart Cities"
- Create a set of various new instruments for overcoming economical barriers
- Identify national Smart Cities experts and other important stakeholders

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Contributions on Technology level:

- Create a common "Smart Cities technology vision" supported by MS
- Establish a detailed definition of the technology spectrum of Smart Cities projects
- Identify thematic gaps and technological barriers on European level

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Contributions on the level of a cooperation framework

- Create incentives for transnational smart cities projects (EU wide)
- Guarantee EU countries' leadership in Smart Cities technologies
- Facilitate transparent communication and cooperation with EC and Smart Cities Stakeholder Platform
- Foster co-operation with other EII's and important stakeholders (EC, etc.)

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3. **Overview of Smart Cities EII (Ch. Schoser, EC)**

The view of the EC on the Smart Cities and Communities EII was provided in a brief statement.

4. **EII Smart Cities Stakeholder Platform (G. Jauernig, GOPA-Catermill)**

   An overview was given of the work in progress towards the Smart Cities stakeholder platform which aims at creating a communication and participation structure by May 2012.

5. **Smart Cities Vision/concept (B. Bach, AIT / AT)**
6. **Process design (R. Schütz, AIT / AT) + round of questions**

   The proposed process and work programme of the member states initiative were presented and discussed. The process consists of a series of five meetings over the course of the year 2012, which will address national Smart Cities delegates at some times and / or national experts ("sherpas") at other times.

   An agreement was reached in the discussion, that there will be no immediate need to identify and mandate one expert for each of the four thematic fields. Instead one national expert should be made available who should be able to gather all the information needed in the thematic fields and meet with other experts from the member states initiative in order to create a solid but focused basis of information.

   The main objective of the meetings is
   - to identify the right persons on a national level,
   - which can then identify the right RD&I programmes and demonstration projects
   - to form the basis of a concrete networking and collaboration across borders.

   The immediate goal of the first meetings will be to come up with enough information so that an overview and rough analysis of the RD&I programmes and demonstration projects relevant for the Smart Cities initiative can be presented at the Smart Cities stakeholder conference in May.

8. **Break-out session: Smart Cities vision + concept, activities in MS: screening**
9. **Results of break-out session**

   The break-out sessions proved to be an important opportunity for exchanging information and resolving doubts or questions regarding the policy framework of the EII Smart Cities and Communities and the potential process of the member states initiative. The overall vote was to keep the process and objectives focused and succinct.

11. Conclusions and next steps

An agreement was confirmed to move forward along the path proposed for the initiative.

- A programme questionnaire will be sent out before Christmas together with a call for nomination of national experts (to be made known by 13th January 2012). An invitation for the expert meeting on 17th February 2012 will be provided as well.
- The next meeting will be for the national experts ("sherpas") on the 17 th February 2012 in Vienna
- A further meeting of national delegates will be held in March (invitation will follow).
- First results from the member states initiative will be presented at the Smart Cities stakeholder conference foreseen by the EC for May 2012.