

## Summary Conclusions

### Smart Cities Delegates Meeting in Brussels, 3<sup>rd</sup> of December 2012

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**Meeting Venue:** Aalborg University Brussels Office, Avenue de Tervuren 35, 1040 Bruxelles, Belgium

**Start of the meeting:** 11 a.m.;

#### Agenda:

1. Tour de table
2. Introduction and aim of the meeting (Hans-Günther Schwarz)
3. Strategic outline of MSI Smart Cities (Hans-Günther Schwarz)
4. Open discussion on future strategy/activities of MSI Smart Cities (all)
5. Agreed topics for first Joint Call (Brigitte Bach)
6. Open discussion on:
  - commitment of participating countries to Joint Call
  - Process towards call implementation
  - potential alignment of national calls to be launched in 2013

#### Conclusions:

1. After a presentation of the current status of the SCMSI and the developments on EU-level (agenda points 1 – 3, see presentation of HG Schwarz), an open discussion was conducted among the delegates which lead to the following conclusions regarding the **MSI's strategic orientation**:
  - The need for coordinated actions in the field of urban related R&D in Europe is evident. The Smart Cities MSI serves as a platform to develop the ideas regarding the alignment of current and future activities, like JPI Urban Europe, SET-Plan, Smart Cities MSI as well as the national funding programmes. In this context, the MSI's goals and activities are unique.

- The biggest challenge for the delegates is to convince their national decision-makers of the MSI's benefits. Therefore, it was proposed to develop a short "vision paper" that comprises the MSI's vision, goals and planned activities in an understandable way and also leaves space for the respective national perspective. The Austrian members of the MSI have agreed to prepare and send out a draft version of the Vision paper by mid-January 2013.
- Future activities of the MSI should be based on the outcomes of the screening of funding programmes and projects. It was suggested to organize a match making event for the cities which participate in national funding programmes.

2. After Brigitte Bach had presented the **topics for the joint call(s)** (agenda point 5), the discussion focused on **their requirements**. It became clear that all the present countries were willing to participate in the proposed joint call. Nevertheless, they are all dealing with limiting factors, like tight time-frames for decisions and implementation, which differ from country to country and cannot be easily aligned. In order to solve this problem, it was suggested to divide the call into "fast-track activities", for those countries which prefer a quick start in spring 2013, and a second call, which could be opened at the end of 2013/ beginning of 2014.

<b>Fast-track activities (spring 2013)</b>	<b>Second call (end 2013/ beginning of 2014)</b>
<i>Interested among the countries present:</i> Austria, Germany, Sweden, Denmark, Switzerland (not present)	<i>Interested among the countries present:</i> Finland, Belgium/Wallonia, "maybe": Turkey, Portugal

3. Open Questions regarding the joint calls:

To be answered by the funding agencies:

- What are the formal requirements for the joint calls?
- How can projects be judged?
- What are the requirements for the fast track activities?

To be answered by the delegates:

- Possibility to join fast-track activities
- Possibility to join the joint call in autumn 2013/ beginning of 2014

- Available Budget

The Austrian Members of the MSI kindly ask for feedback regarding the above questions (contact: [catrin.haider@bmvit.gv.at](mailto:catrin.haider@bmvit.gv.at) or +43 (1) 71162 65-2933) at the latest by 18<sup>th</sup> of January 2013.

4. The last hour was spent discussing the development of a strategic research agenda. This idea was basically supported and will be further discussed in future meetings. Finally, the Swedish and Danish Delegates have kindly offered to host the subsequent meetings in 2013. Next meetings will therefore most probably take place in Stockholm or Brussels (Aalborg University Brussels Office).

**End of meeting: 3:30 p.m.**