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Enabling Smarter City in the MED Area through Networking

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Priority Axis 1. Promoting Mediterranean innovation capacities to develop smart and sustainable growth

Specific Objective 1.1 To increase transnational activity of innovative clusters and networks of key sectors of the MED area

WP2 – Project Communication
Activity 2.6 – External Communication Activities
Deliverable 2.6.1 – Project Final Conference report

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1 Introduction

1.1 Scope and objectives of the deliverable

This report has been developed within the ESMARTCITY project of the European program Interreg MED, and serves as a deliverable for the activity A2.6 "External Communication Activities". More specifically, it represents D.2.6.1 "Project Final Conference report" of the partner PP8, Capenergies, and aims at presenting the Final Conference of ESMARTCITY project organized on July 16th 2020.

WP2 Project Communication aims at providing a consistent internal and external communication in order to accomplish the project main and specific objectives, share, disseminate and guarantee access to project outputs and results throughout project lifetime, as well as involve local, regional, national, MED area, and EU stakeholders. In this context it will comprise a message that will be positive, clear, concise, focused, interesting, adaptable to different target audiences.

Activity 2.6 is dedicated to External Communications targeted to local and regional public authorities, sectoral agencies, infrastructure and (public) service providers, higher education and research, SMEs, business support organization as well as general public in the MED area in order to share acquired knowledge and lessons learnt in developing, testing and assessing the intervention strategies on how to enhance innovation ecosystems through the Smart City concept.

The Deliverable D.2.6.1, "Project Final Conference report" takes into account preparatory work done in the previous deliverables of WP4 "Transferring" guiding the partners into the presentation of project achievements and results.

The project final conference was host by PP8 Capenergies and initially planned in Aix-en-Provence in end of June. Due to COVID-19 pandemic, this activity was transformed into a virtual event and was postponed to allow the good progress of Capacity Buildings Workshops (D4.2.2) also digitalized. In order to help partners developing online events successfully, D.4.2.3 – "Online events guidelines to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic" was created. Through this document, the project intended to include the ability of innovative solutions to empower cities and municipalities to be able to be more resilient, more energy efficient and to adapt to new situations, such as lockdown and social distance limitations.

1.2 Structure of the deliverable

This deliverable is structured in 5 chapters:





Chapter 1, "Introduction" provides the generalities of the deliverable identity.

Chapter 2, "Description of the event and agenda" presents the characteristics of the event, synergies among projects, and the agenda.

Chapter 3, "Participants" presents a description of the participants and some photos of the event.

Chapter 4, "Results and conclusions" presents the main conclusions of the event and collaboration.

Annexes 1 to 5 provide additional information on the event: pictures, agenda, promotion on social medias and websites...





2 Description of the event and agenda

2.1 - Date, place, organizers

On the 16th of July 2020, CAPENERGIES organized the project final conference **online, with the videoconferencing tools B2MATCH and GoToMeeting.** Indeed, for sanitary reasons (covid-19), the organizers decided to dematerialize this event and make it 100% remote.

2.2 - Objectives

The project final conference addresses all the targets that have been targeted throughout the project, namely: local public authorities, regional public authorities, sectoral agency, infrastructure and (public) service providers, higher education and research, SMEs, business support organization and general public. The objective was to gather the Smart City quadruple helix from Euro-Mediterranean countries to present ESMARTCITY results and achievements while improving capacities related to innovation enhancement of the Smart City concept, bringing the Smart City concept in the core of their activities and entrepreneurship enhancement in the MED area.

The aim of the final conference is threefold:

- to present the project achievements/results
- to transfer the necessary knowledge to policy makers utilizing the knowledge built in the framework of the project especially in WP3 and deliverable 3.4.1 "Green paper for Innovation Policy Change"
- influence the Smart City quadruple helix attitude towards innovation enhancement through the Smart City paradigm

2.3 - Schedule

The final conference was organized in English, to facilitate access to all partners' smart city ecosystem. Although the initial event was foreseen during a whole day, the virtual event turned to be divided in order to be shorter and keep the attention and interest of the online audience. So the agenda was divided into 3 sessions: 2 thematic conferences of 1h30 duration and 1 Matchmaking / B2B meeting session. The event was scheduled as follows:

SESSION 1 - Enhancing Community Resilience through Energy Efficiency: Good practices and future MED project opportunities for territories, university and industry

 Welcome speech by Capenergies to explain the purpose of this event and give some insights about ESMARTCITY project





- Introduction and event opening by the Lead Partner Abruzzo Region to present in more details ESMARTICITY project and the actions performed along the 2 years of work.
- A focus on the local pilot experimentations implementations and results on smart public lighting and smart public buildings
- Capitalization of MED experiences through policy recommendations to present the enhancement of innovative potential of SMEs and Upgraded Cluster as well as the Green Paper on Innovation Policy Change. The Smart City protocol acceptance by regional/local authorities in partner territories was also presented.
- Interreg MED Green Growth community coordinator intervention to present Green Growth activities in the MED area and its role in the resilience of territories
- Presentation of the financing opportunities for the development of Smart Cities with the Interreg MED 2021-2027 programme

SESSION 2 – Economy, Green Deal and Digital Age: prepare your territory, university and industry for Europe's top 3 priorities for 2021-2027

- A first Keynote Speech to introduce smart cities' challenges and opportunities for better work-life society with a technological approach on the networks that consolidate the smart cities.
- A Second Keynote Speech on open infrastructures providing insights for local stakeholders on standardized approaches with the Smart Santander Municipality approach
- Insights of the EU response to the coronavirus crisis and the Intelligent Cities Challenge to help EU cities leverage cutting edge technologies to tackle the pandemic crisis and reconstruct their economies while steering them towards green and smart sustainable growth.
- Presentations of economy recovery plans and good experiences after lockdown ending measures from two smart cities: Granada and Milan.
- Conclusion of the event by the Region South of France with information on smart city
 projects in the region, presentation of the roadmap of the city of Aix-en-Provence to become
 a smart city and its recent selection to the Intelligent City Challenge and, finally, closure of
 the event from a City Councilor of the South Region and promotion of the ESMARTCITY
 Memorandum of Understanding.

SESSION 3 – Transnational 1to1 meetings with the Euro-Mediterranean Smart City ecosystem

- BtoB online meeting within the Mediterranean ecosystem of the Smart City to identify future partners, concretize deployment projects and promote innovations.
- see Annex 1 "Agenda"





2.5 – Methodology

This project final conference has been designed as a webinar for a large international audience, from different countries. As both conferences and matchmaking were planned, the choice of the platform was made to have an all-in-one solution to organize an impactful event. Hence, b2match platform was selected, allowing effective b2b meetings and use of our Visio conference tool GoToMeeting in parallel.

Registration feature proposed by b2match allow participants to see the profiles of other registered participants and allowing a better matchmaking process. Indeed, attendees create in-depth networking profiles telling others about themselves, their business field and company details so that the audience is well-identified and meetings can be requested.

The thematic conferences were planned on a duration of 1h30 each in order to keep the attendees attentive and motivated. Participants could select which sessions they wanted to attend.

The interactivity of the webinar was ensured via the GoToMeeting platform: quick, easy and reliable meeting platform. It allowed an active participation of attendees where everyone was able to participate, express their opinions and views in the chat box with questions at any time.

When transforming the final conference into an online event, CAPENERGIES team also suggested to create graphically digital content in order to entertain the audience while giving important information, and information that would be committed to memory thanks to its visualization. Therefore, we produced 1 video in Motion Graphic Design to present smart citizens in real context of a smarter city using innovative technologies and applying public policy recommendations, then presenting the project's realizations, finishing by the pictures of the dedicated staff faces of each partner teams, that have worked during 30 months together in order to manage its effective realization and so that have personalized the project.

The workshop was recorded for internal analysis and dissemination purposes. The replay of the event is available on the Esmartcity Project Youtube chanel:

- morning session: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AiFBse9i3Xs&t=3107s

- afternoon session: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4STZZiDsouw

As the project final conference was addressed to all partners' ecosystems, a clear media press strategy was held by Capenergies:

- 2 press releases before and after the event in order to, in one hand, present the content of the final conference and raise interest among general public and the quadruple helix





stakeholders, and in another hand, present a review of the event and the perspectives of the different areas of work of the smart city developed during the project and the conference.

- o Translated and published in all partners' languages
- A press kit published before the event and distributed to interested journalists
 - Published in French, translated in English and send to the partners for their own audience

Report of the press releases and press kit is available in Del. 2.8.2 "Press conference reports".





3 Participants

The promotion of the event was widely spread in the partners' ecosystems with a total of 175 registrations from all around Mediterranean Area and even more with the ESMARTCITY virtual community gathering contacts acquired all along the project and partners' public appearance.



- 147 participants signed up for the 1st session Enhancing Community Resilience through Energy Efficiency: Good practices and future MED project opportunities for territories, university and industry
- 151 participants signed up for the 2nd session **Economy, Green Deal and Digital Age: prepare** your territory, university and industry for Europe's top 3 priorities for 2021-2027
- Approx. 30 meetings were planned among participants.

Organization types represented among the registered participants:

- Authority/Government: 43

- Company (other than SME): 30

- SME: 30

Association/Agency: 25

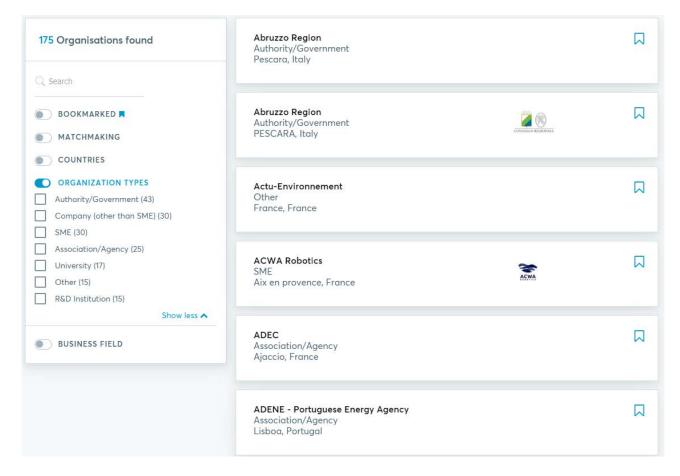
- University: 17

- R&D Institution: 15





- Other: 15



Several Business fields were represented, that confirms a broad interest and the transdisciplinary of Smart City concept: energy, green technology & sustainability, ecology and environment, ICT & Telecom, Building & Construction, water management, transport & logistics, recycling, tourism, infrastructure and biotechnology.

On D-Day,

- 88 participants were attending the 1st session,
- 69 participants were attending the 2nd session,
- In total, 107 different participants attended the two conferences.





4 Results and conclusions

- The event has known quite a high participation rate given the seasonal timing (summer vacation) and the difficulties encountered by the whole sector of the smart city due to the COVID-19 pandemic (different local contexts, work from home, children at home, increase in online events etc.)
- The event allowed to give a dynamic and successful vision of the project results, smart city field opportunities at larger scale and political/technical expertises.





Annex 1 - Agenda



AGENDA THURSDAY, JULY 16th

10:00 – 11:30 Enhancing Community Resilience through Energy Efficiency: Good practices and future MED project opportunities for territories, university and industry

10:00 Welcome speech

Mrs Anne-Marie Perez, General Director, Capenergies

10:10 Introduction and event opening

Mrs Iris Flacco, Abruzzo Region, Italy – LP of ESMARTCITY project

10:20 Discover MED local pilot experimentations results on smarter public lighting and on more efficient public buildings,

Adrijana Rac, City Development Agency East Sarajevo Bosnia and Luca Ferrarini, Politecnico di Milano

10:40 Capitalization of MED experiences through policy recommendations

- Enhancement of innovative potential of SMEs and Upgraded Cluster, Athanasios Kalogeras, Research center ISI Greece
- Green Paper on Innovation Policy Change, Maria Makri, Region of Western Greece





- Smart City Protocol acceptance by regional / local authorities in the partner territories, Gino Verocchi, Abruzzo Region
- 11:00 Green Growth in the MED area and the resilience of territories,
 Dr. Mercè Boy Roura, Interreg MED Green Growth community coordinator
- 11:10 Interreg MED programme for 2021-2027, Ludivine Lavoine, JS Interreg MED
- 14:00 15:30 Economy, Green Deal and Digital Age: Prepare your territory, university and industry for Europe's 3 top priorities for 2021-2027
- 14:00 Keynote speech 1: Smart Cities: Challenges and Opportunities for Better Work-Life-Society
 D. John S Baras, University of Maryland
- 14:20 Keynote speech 2: Open Infrastructures providing insights for local stakeholders on standardized approaches: The SmartSantander approach

 Prof Ioannis Chatzigiannakis, University of Sapienza
- **14:30** Intelligent Cities driving a Green and Digital Recovery, Dana ELEFTHERIADOU, European Commission, DG for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs

Questions & Answers

- 14:50 Economy recovery plan and/or good experiences of cities after lockdown ending measures, Granada and Milan cases, Gonzalo Esteban Lopez, Diputación Provincial de Granada and Carmine Pacente, Metropolitan City of Milan
- 15:10 Conclusion of the event by the Region South of France
 - Pierre Corbu, Project manager in the Department for Digital, ICT and innovation in the city of Aix en Provence
 - Philippe Maurizot, Vice-président de la Commission Economie, Industrie, Innovation, Nouvelles Technologies & Numérique
- 15:30 16:30 Session of Visio 1to1 transnational meetings







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https://esmartcity.interreg-med.eu/

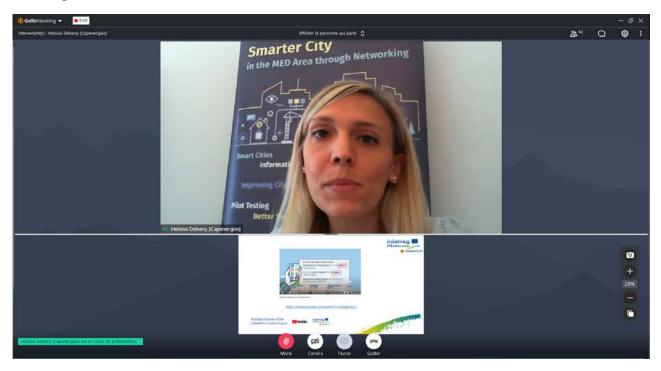


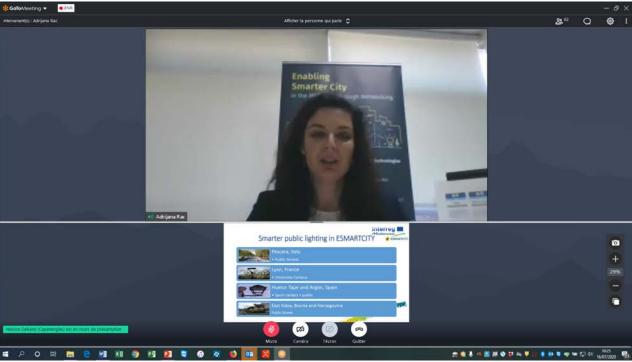




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Morning session

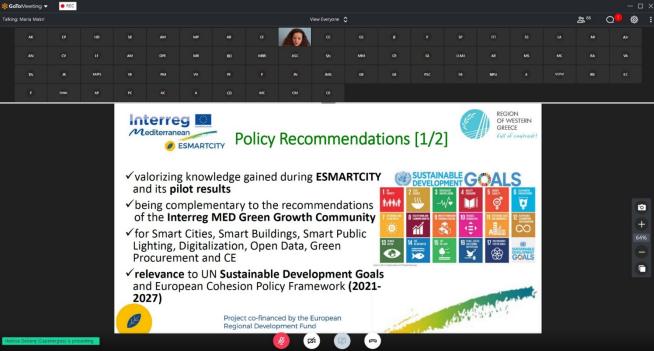


















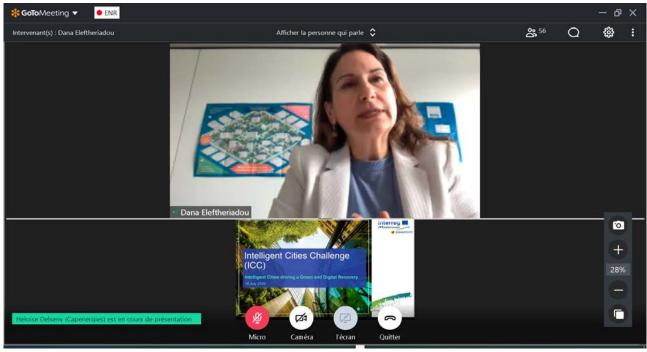






Afternoon session

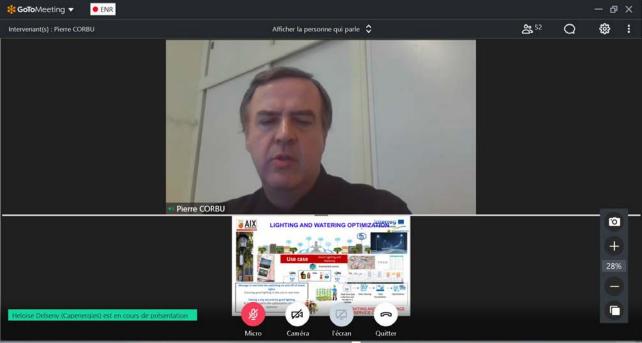
























Annex 3 - Promotion of the Esmartcity final conference on the Capenergies website





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Dans le cadre du projet EsmartCity, Capenergies et ses partenaires localisés dans 6 pays sud-européens (Bosnie-Herzégovine – Espagne – France – Grèce – Italie – Portugal) vous donnent rendez-vous pour un évènement unique, revenant sur les expérimentations collaboratives menées depuis 2 années en faveur du développement de villes méditerranéennes durables et intelligentes.

LES INTERVENANTS CONFIRMÉS



D. John S Baras, Université du Maryland-



Dr. Mercè Boy Roura, Interreg MED Green Growth commity-



Dana ELEFTHERIADOU, Commission Européenne



Luca Ferrarini, Politecnico di Milano-<u>Italie</u>







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Annex 4 – Promotion of the event and materials on the Esmartcity website































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ESMARTCITY PROJECT FINAL CONFERENCE

16/07/2020



The Smart City in Mediterranean Territories Funding, deployment and 2021-2027 opportunities

Conferences – Success stories – Funding opportunities for Smart City ecosystems – Transnational networking

Capenergies and the partners from the EsmartCity project funded under the Interreg MED programme and representing 6 Euro-mediterranean territories (Bosnia-<whr />Herzegovina - Spain - France Greece – Italy – Portugal) are organizing 1 unique opportunity to present the result of collaborative experimentations run over the last two years supporting the deployment of smarter and more sustainable cities in the Mediterranean area.

The objectives are also to share recommendations on public policy, including support to public procurement and to learn all about coming European funding opportunities to help develop future collaborative and local projects. Participants are able to participate in transnational online 1to1 meetings to start or reinforce partnerships dedicated to building Smart Cities in 2021-2027.

SPEAKERS







Dr. Mercè Boy Roura,

Interreg MED Green Growth community-Spain



Ioannis Chatzigiannakis.

University of Sapienza-Italy



City of Aix en Provence-France



Dana ELEFTHERIADOU,

European Commission



Politecnico di Milano-Italy



Abruzzon Region-Italy



Athanasios Kalogeras,

Athena Research Center, Industrial Systems Institute-Greece













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Maria Makri

Region of Western Greece

Philippe Maurizot,

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City Development Agency of East Sarajevo-Bosnia & Herzegovina Gino Verrocchi,

Abruzzo Region-Italy

Benefits of participation



Gain knowledge and share expertise on pilot sites deploying innovative solutions for more resilient urban territories – Digitalisation – Energy Efficiency – Public buildings and lighting.



Address European recommendations on public procurement in the context of green economic recovery to support and reinforce cooperation between public authorities and innovative companies.



Meet the next European funding opportunities dedicated to Smart City including the renewed Interreg MED programme for 2021-2027 and the 100 sustainable and digital Cities Challenge of the European Commission...

Read the full agenda





TRANSNATIONAL MATCHMAKING

to build together the « City of Tomorrow »

Participants in the online transnational meetings with the Euro-mediterranean ecosystems of Smart City stakeholders help identify future partners, solidify collaborative and/or territorial projects, and promote innovations.



The final conference provides **insights** into the project outcomes and achievements, comprises **excellent keynote speeches** on the challenges of the Smart City Paradigm, involves stakeholders at EC, MED Programme, Green Growth Community, regional and local authority level providing their views for Smarter Cities. Special focus has been placed on the role of Smarter Cities in the **COVID-19 era for more resilient territories**.

The morning session of the event details the project outcomes and results. It more specifically presents the project view dealing with the challenges of Smart Cities viewing pilot testing as a way to create necessary public authority pull for Smart Cities market, remaining largely technology pushed. The project pilot testing outcomes on smart public lighting and smart energy efficient public buildings are detailed: four public lighting networks in four countries and 47 public buildings in three countries are the outcome of pilot testing intervention of the project. Project Capacity Building activity involves 10 workshops targeting 98 SMEs, and 8 Capacity Building workshops targeting policy stakeholders. A network of 488 stakeholders covering the Quadruple Helix community in the MED area has been established. Important project deliverables targeting policy stakeholders include the Green Paper on Innovation Policy Change and the Smart City Protocol.

The afternoon session of the event comprises keynote speeches on the **challenges of Smart Cities**. It comprises European Commission view on **Intelligent Cities for a Green and Digital Recovery**. It details the recovery plan undertaken and experiences gained after the end of the lock down in two different cases involving a large metropolitan area (Metropolitan City of Milan) and a more rural area (Diputacion Provincial de Granada). The event closure includes the views of a city (Aix-en-Provence) and a region (Region Sud) in France.

Both Final Conference Sessions are available on Esmartcity Youtube channel:

Morning session: youtu.be/AiFBse9i3Xs

Afternoon session: youtu.be/4STZZiDsouw

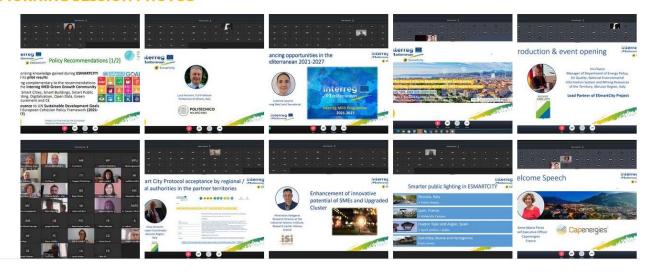
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