



Monday 10 October 2016
From 15:00 to 17:00

Smart cities and communities for all: How to become smart and age-friendly

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In a context of population ageing and budgetary constraints, it is crucial for European cities and communities to implement initiatives allowing their older residents to remain independent, active and healthy for longer. This is what the World Health Organisation (WHO) calls age-friendly environments, a concept supported at EU level by the Covenant on Demographic Change. At the same time, European cities and communities are getting involved in smart initiatives in order to save energy, facilitate mobility, increase civic participation, and thus improve quality of life for their residents.

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The debate will offer room for discussion on inclusive smart cities and communities and shed light on concrete examples. It will also make the link with the Urban Agenda for the EU, the EIP on active and healthy ageing, the EIP on Smart Cities and Communications, the emerging European Silver Economy Strategy and the European Covenant on Demographic Change.



Draft Agenda

Moderator: Anne-Sophie Parent (AGE and Covenant)

Setting the scene: Rodd Bond, Netwell Centre, Dundalk, Ireland (15 min)

How European local and regional authorities can become both age-friendly and smart (70 min)

- Carlos Vázquez, Director for sectorial technological solutions at the Galician ICT Public Agency (AMTEGA)
- Région Bourgogne Franche-Comté Europe (tbc)
- Johan Osté, City of Amsterdam
- Alain Chateau, Metropole Nice Cote d'Azur
- Anne Berit Rafoss, City of Oslo & Chair of the Eurocities working group urban ageing

Q&A with the audience

Linking up at European level (30 min)

- Supporting the creation of age-friendly smart cities: the role of the European Parliament, Lambert van Nistelrooij, Member of the European Parliament, Coordinator of the Intergroup on Active Ageing and Vice-Chair of the Urban Intergroup (tbc)
- Initiatives led by the European Commission, Representative from DG CONNECT (name tbc)
- The Covenant on Demographic Change, Sergio Murillo

Q&A with the audience

Wrap-up and concluding remarks (5 min)

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