



Smart living or living smart? From engagement to citizen ownership

Programme

When: Wednesday 18 April 2018

**Where: Rennes, Hôtel Rennes Métropole,
4 avenue Henri Fréville
(Room: Salle Gwez)**



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Come and join this inspiring day and discover diverse initiatives that can be catalysts for social innovation and citizen ownership at building, street, neighbourhood level and even in the whole city.

How we can use public space to make our daily lives better, smarter, happier? Imagine streets with less cars. The freed space can easily be turned into places to meet, play or grow... places that benefit people, not machines.

How can we co-create our neighbourhood with refurbished homes, urban living labs, district sharing boxes, civic crowdfunding for renewables and much more. So many real stories that make the city of tomorrow visible today and make you look differently at your city, your street and your job!

9:30 Welcome and Introduction

By the hosts of the day: Kinga Kovacs, Energy Cities and Pieter Deschamps, Living Streets Foundation

10:00 Inspiration session – co-creating public space

Today, European cities face challenges in urban planning and other societal issues (job creation, climate change, land use, immigration etc), but these cities are also best placed to find solutions.

Ghent took up the challenge to allow residents, entrepreneurs, civil servants and elected representatives to look differently at their city. These change-makers put their creativity together to create something new. The Living Street was born, as an experiment to make the city of tomorrow visible today.

Keynote speaker: Dries Gysels, Living Streets Foundation

Dries will tell you the story of Ghent, a pioneer city that experienced Living Streets, by involving the different key players:

- Sofie Rottiers, Municipality of Ghent
- Pieter Deschamps, Living Streets Foundation
- Wim de Smet, VITO

11:30 From city management to city making – Living Streets Tour around Europe

Within the LIFE-Living Streets project 8 cities got inspired by the Ghent story and created their own story. We take you on a tour along the way of all participating Living Streets cities. You'll discover how the cities of Rotterdam, Brussels, Milton Keynes, La Rochelle, Torino, Ivanic Grad and Zadar experienced this unforgettable journey.

How would an initiative like Living Streets be relevant for Smart Cities? Reflections from Vienna, Munich, Lyon, Santiago de Compostela, Venice and Sofia.

13:00 Lunch



14:00 Parallel workshops – From citizen engagement to ownership: best practices and discussion

Objective: Join this session to learn from peers and share your experience of citizen engagement in developing local renewables, building retrofitting, urban planning and sustainable mobility issues.

[Parallel workshops \(a detailed description of the initiatives will follow in the coming days\):](#)

Workshop A: Building retrofitting (Meeting room: Le Polotec)

with the participation and the experience of (speakers to be confirmed):

Maria Elena Hugony, Teicos, Milano
Thomas Payen, Paris Climate Agency

Workshop B: Renewables (Meeting room: René Léon)

with the participation and the experience of (speakers to be confirmed):

Pierre Crépeaux, City of Lorient
Zoran Cordic, Green Energy Cooperative, Croatia

Workshop C: Mobility and urban planning (Meeting room: Marie Claire Bouillet)

with the participation and the experience of (speakers to be confirmed):

Claudia Mendes, Technical University of Munich
Jana Hann, City of Vienna
Vera Gregório, Lisbon Energy Agency
Julia Girardi Hoog, City of Vienna

Workshop D: Living Streets (Meeting room: Gwez)

with the participation and the experience of:

Sofie Rottiers, City of Ghent
Pieter Deschamps, Living Streets Foundation

16:30 Wrap up and conclusions of the day

17:00 Get together drink

Let's have a drink together and get in touch with the pioneers of the different cities. They'll be more than happy to answer your specific questions and tell more about their experience.

