



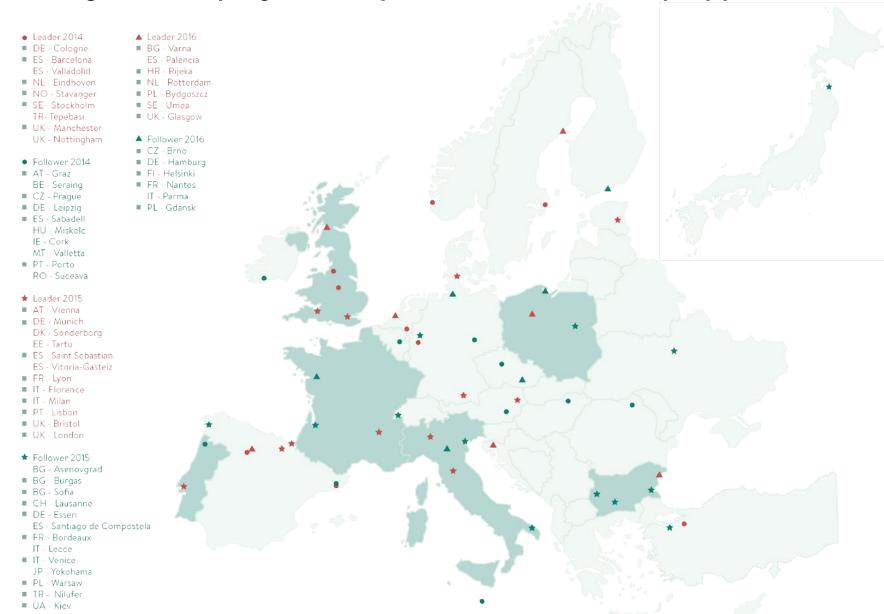
EUROCITIES and our vision on smart cities

- Network of major European cities, political voice of the largest European cities towards EU - over 135 cities, 35 countries
- We offer cities to network, exchange ideas, share practices and build partnerships
- Smart cities is a cross-cutting theme: connects policies across wide range of areas like ICT, energy efficiency, mobility, urban planning.
- Our cities are leaders in deploying integrated smart city solutions addressing economic and environmental issues together.





EU lighthouse projects: replication and scale up opportunities





Measuring smartness

- Smart cities → rather a 'smarter cities'
- 2. It is a process, not end goal. →It is about improving urban life, for the people and with the people.
- 3. Finding common challenges rather than copy solutions → No one size fits to all but don't start from scratch: there are shared challenges and possible solutions
- It is all about technology? →Not at all, very strong cultural and social aspects
- 5. It is about being smart? → It is about the cities and their policies rather...

CITYkeys: http://citykeys-project.eu/

Cities need to be involved in designing the KPIs, as those improve decision-making and policies





Public opinion, how to overcome resistance?

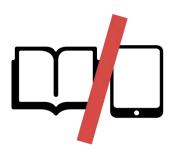
Fears

Job loss



BUT

•Digital divide



Enablers of change



- Courage, innovation, taking risks and failing forward
- Learning from each other: not to reinvent the wheel, knowledge sharing e.g. common guidelines, specifications, standards can be developed for smart city areas to help cities in procurements, getting really best value for money- innovation, if open and happens in cooperation can lead to savings (time, financial, other).
- Working together with private sector: new governance models, finding balance. Being a pioneer, city as guardian of public interest and value, efficient legislative framework (this is one of the main challenge in smart city areas: technology changes rapidly, legislation is slow)



What can we do?

- Open up, less time for regulating innovation and more time for experimenting, allow cocreation, sharing etc. PUSH market change (e.g. electric cars parking) and PULL on behavioural change (e.g. sharing, options)
- When intervention needed, do that in a coordinated way and rapidly- explain consequence of individual choices, embed people's views in all processes

*see Lisbon case







Case of Lisbon

- Participatory budgeting
- Key messages: strong partnership, with citizens, SMEs, PPP







Thank you!

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