

CoME EASY NEWSLETTER #2

European cooperation between the Covenant of Mayors (CoM) and the European Energy Award (EEA) sealed by a Memorandum of Understanding

The MoU establishes bilateral cooperation between EEA and CoM-Europe in order to maximize synergies and complementarities between them while minimising dual processes. Both initiatives agree on greater collaboration and mutual recognition of their respective processes and achievements. The parties intend to give strong visibility to their partnership. The MoU was signed by Gilbert Theato and Helmut Strasser, board members of Association European Energy Award AISBL and by Julije Domac, for the Covenant of Mayors Europe. With its mission to create tools that bridge the gap between EEA, CoM and other initiatives, the CoME EASY project represents a first important step towards joining forces.



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CoME EASY was present at the EUSEW 2019

On June 19th, 2019, a session on 'Local authorities as drivers to address climate change' was moderated at the EU Sustainable Energy Week EUSEW by Charlotte Spoerndli, head of the EEA AISBL, in Brussels.

CoME EASY was saluted as a project helping several initiatives to synchronise their benefits and requirements, thus supporting local authorities to engage in several initiatives such as CoM and EEA and thereby improve their energy and climate performances including both, measures to mitigate as well as to adapt to climate change.



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'The Smart City Guidance Package - A Roadmap for Integrated Planning and Implementation of Smart City projects' available online

Energy efficiency and strategic collaboration with local partners, supported by ICT tools to improve the quality of life of European citizens: these are the key elements of the sustainable city of the future identified by the '**Smart City Guidance Package**' (SCGP) launched by the European Innovation Partnership on Smart Cities and Communities (EIP-SCC) at the European Union Sustainable Energy Week #EUSEW19.

The Guide published by EIP-SCC takes its cue from the 17 sustainable development objectives for 2030 set by the UN and proposes a seven-step roadmap to support stakeholders in the integrated, cross-sectoral planning and implementation of innovation projects, synergies and strategies for the smart city.



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Judith Borsboom-van Beurden, main author of the publication 'The Smart City Guidance Package' offers inspiration and guides city administrations and urban stakeholders by bundling experiences and best practices of cities working on ambitious smart city strategies and projects. The publication provides insight into obstacles frequently met during implementation and explores what it takes to scale up and replicate them. Its final aim is to support building a community around the core of the development, implementation and replication of smart city plans and projects, to capture the collective intelligence that has been built up in recent years. In this way, it helps to prepare the next generation of smart city projects and to involve new cities and urban stakeholders within and outside the EIP-SCC.

Bernard Gindroz, representing CEN/CENELEC/etsi and eea, highlighted how the roadmap for integrated planning and implementation is fully aligned with ISO standards in this field, which are explicitly mentioned for every step, and how standardisation can support the smart and sustainable development of cities.

Several CoME EASY members contributed to this book.

A pdf of the Smart City Guidance Package can be downloaded here:

<https://eu-smartcities.eu/sites/default/files/2019-06/Smart%20City%20Guidance%20Package%20LowRes%201v21.pdf>

News of the CoME EASY project

Release of the first CoME EASY tools

New synchronizing CoME EASY tools have been developed, building upon the identified compatibilities and mutually reinforcing merits of diverse initiatives. The tools have been embedded as additional features into the eea Management Tool EMT and are the following:

- The Emission Path Tool (EPT), a set of closely related tools, including the Baseline and Monitoring Emission Inventory (BEI/MEI) according to the CoM methodology and a scenario calculator.
- The Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) Dashboard for benchmarking, compliant with the main systems in use at EU level.
- A Best Practice Library to provide best practices from involved cities and from interesting networks for incitement and replication.

Testing the new tools with the support of our Ambassadors

The 18 CoME EASY Ambassador local authorities of 7 European countries will now test the new tools and methods to create their SECAP or to upgrade their SEAP into a SECAP with 2030 targets. Besides renewing their energy policy based on real data with ambitious

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targets, they will provide valuable input to our project in terms of interest, applicability, user-friendliness. Each Ambassador Municipality will share three of its Best Practices.

CoME EASY partners will develop a new seventh eea area on climate change adaptation

Due to the increasing relevance of climate change adaptation measures for local authorities to complement mitigation measures, the CoME EASY project is developing a new seventh chapter for the EEA catalogue that will explicitly address the needs of communities to adapt to the impacts of climate change and to strengthen resilience. This new chapter will also close a gap in the international landscape of energy and climate policy management initiatives, all of which have so far mainly focused on mitigation measures to be implemented on local levels.

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