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TIPS FOR MARKET

Through our "**Tips for market**" newsletter, we aim to recommend and promote the latest Smart Cities and Communities funding opportunities and market highlights.

HIGHLIGHTS

The European Single Market

Cities and communities around the world are facing difficult challenges. The increasing urban population is placing a big pressure on city infrastructures, many of which require enormous redesign and capital expenditure. In order to promote the widespread adoption of scalable solutions from leading technologies that could mitigate these issues, the EC is promoting the use of standards for Smart Cities. A result of standardization is the Single Market, which refers to the EU as one territory without any internal borders or other regulatory obstacles to the free movement of goods and services. The adoption of standards by European Smart Cities will help stimulate competition and trade among each other, improve efficiency, raise quality, and cut prices. For instance, a fully functional Digital Single Market would promote innovation, contribute €415 billion to the EU economy each year and create hundreds of thousands of new jobs. Find more information on the EC's website.

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Eurostars-2 cut-off 5

Submission deadline: September 15th 2016

The Eurostars-2 programme supports close to market innovative projects led by research and development (R&D) performing SMEs. Since 2014, Eurostars-2 has supported close to 500 projects worth 679 M€. Key for the programme's success is the international collaboration, helping participants gain access to growth and global markets. Eurostars is open to projects in all technology areas and market fields, as long as they have a civilian purpose.

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EIT CALL: Kic InnoEnergy 2016 call for Innovation Proposal

Submission deadline: October 11th 2016

KIC InnoEnergy, the European engine for the energy industry, is looking for research and development stage projects with the next big sustainable innovation in the fields of: Clean coal and gas technologies; Energy storage; Energy efficiency; Energy from chemical fuels; Renewable energy; Smart and efficient buildings and cities; Smart electric grid; Sustainable nuclear and renewable convergence.

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EU CALL: Smart Cities and Communities lighthouse projects

Submission opening: October 4th 2016

Submission deadline: February 14th 2017

By developing and testing integrated innovative solutions at large scale, while implementing their Sustainable Energy Actions Plans, lighthouse cities are set to become the most advanced in Europe. Horizon 2020 is promoting the development of lighthouse cities by providing funding for the upscaling and replication of related projects.

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EU CALL: Demonstrating innovative nature-based solutions in cities

Submission opening: November 8th 2016

Submission deadline: March 7h 2017

Mass urbanisation presents one of the most urgent challenges of the 21st century by seriously impacting on human health, quality of life, wellbeing and security of citizens. Proposals should address nature-based solutions for inclusive urban regeneration, including regeneration of deprived districts, or neglected or abandoned areas.

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EVENTS & OTHER

Covenant of Mayors Webinar: The European Energy Efficiency Fund - a financing solution for energy efficiency in the public sector: 27 July 2016 11:00 - 12:00

The European Energy Efficiency Fund (EEEF) is an innovative financing solution dedicated to mitigating climate change through market based financings in the member states of the European Union. The beneficiaries are municipal, local and regional authorities or public and private entities acting on behalf of those authorities such as utilities, public transport providers, social housing associations and Energy Service Companies ("ESCOs").

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CIVITAS brokerage event: September 9th

Are you developing a project on urban mobility and you want to present it? Participate in the CIVITAS Brokerage event on EU funding opportunities for urban mobility and transport and present your project idea or announce your partner search. Applications have to be submitted before September 9th, 2016.

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Smart Cities Info Day 2016: September 23rd

The Info Day on Smart Cities and Communities will be an excellent opportunity to get to know more about the topic and to present the calls for project proposals to potential applicants. If you want to join on September 23rd, 2016 and share your experiences of Smart Cities, please note that you must be registered.

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