

DRAFT AGENDA

CONCERTO Conference – Energy solutions for smart cities and communities

Charlemagne Building, Rue de la Loi 170, Brussels, Belgium on 22nd – 23rd October 2013

70% of the EU's energy consumption takes place in cities, and 40% in building-related services.

How can cities and communities meet the energy and climate challenge? How do citizens benefit from the implementation of renewables and energy efficiency measures? What can be gained if different energy services and technologies are combined in a smart way? Who needs to be involved to start the transformation towards smart cities and communities? Is this transition affordable?

This conference presents the lessons learned in the 58 demonstration sites of the 2005-2010 CONCERTO initiative, and discusses the implication for the Smart Cities and Communities European Innovation Partnership with stakeholders from cities, communities, industry, business, research and policy making.

TUESDAY 22ND OCTOBER 2013

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| 09:00 | Registration and welcome coffee | <i>Foyer Area, 2nd Floor</i> |
| 10:00 | Bridging towards Smart Cities and Communities
Keynote speeches | <i>Room Gasperi, 2nd Floor</i> |
| | <i>Ms Žydrūnė Juodkienė, Vice-minister for Energy of the Republic of Lithuania, on behalf of the EU Council Presidency</i>
Act locally think European – energy efficiency and the EU Council Presidency's energy policy agenda | |
| | <i>Philip Lowe, European Commission, Director General DG ENER</i>
Why we need energy-smart communities and cities for the energy-transformation of the EU | |
| 10:40 | What Smart Cities can learn from CONCERTO
Summarising the results of the 58 cities & communities co-funded by the CONCERTO initiative | <i>Room Gasperi, 2nd Floor</i> |
| | <i>Valerie Bahr, Steinbeis-Europa-Zentrum, Coordinator of CONCERTO Premium, Germany</i> | |
| 11:00 | Plenary Session: From CONCERTO to Smart Cities
Discussion on how to get started for the up-scaling from district to city - with speakers from CONCERTO Premium, the Smart Cities and Communities Stakeholder Platform, City Networks | <i>Room Gasperi, 2nd Floor</i> |

4 speakers tbc

13:00 Lunch break

Foyer Area, 2nd Floor

14:15 3 Parallel sessions

Short presentations and time for discussion

SESSION A:

Good practice of combined technologies

The innovative CONCERTO approach: Implementing a mix of technologies in the CONCERTO cities and communities

Room Gasperi, 2nd Floor

4 speakers tbc

SESSION B:

Is clean energy affordable?

Financing and business models for smart cities and communities

Room Mansholt, 1st Floor

4 speakers tbc

SESSION C:

How to make a smart energy community – a session for “Newcomers”
Experiences on how to initiate the process

Room Jenkins, 1st Floor

4 speakers tbc

16:00 Coffee break

Foyer Area, 2nd Floor

16:30 Plenary session

Presenting the summaries of the 3 parallel sessions

Room Gasperi, 2nd Floor

17:15 Closing the day

Room Gasperi, 2nd Floor

18:30 Evening reception

- Marie Donnelly, Director DG ENER (tbc)
- Crowdsourced Slam by Dan Simpson

Theatre du Vaudeville,
Galerie de la Reine 13,
Brussels

WEDNESDAY 23RD OCTOBER 2013

08:30 Registration and coffee

Foyer Area, 2nd Floor

09:00 Panel discussion: Overcoming barriers of stakeholder engagement

Discussion with stakeholders from public authorities, industry (energy supplier, construction company, energy manager), project partners of EU co-funded projects and EC

Moderation: Sven Dammann, European Commission, DG Energy, Directorate C

6 speakers tbc

Room Gasperi, 2nd Floor

10:30 Coffee break

Foyer Area, 2nd Floor

11:00 3 Parallel sessions

Short presentations and time for discussion

SESSION D:

EU funding possibilities

How to finance and co-finance transnational projects

Room Gasperi, 2nd Floor

4 speakers tbc

SESSION E:

The benefits of smart energy districts - lessons from field implementation

How national and local legal frameworks support the energy transformation

Room Mansholt, 1st Floor

4 speakers tbc

SESSION F:

How the CONCERTO Technical Monitoring Database can help me as a decision maker

How the monitoring data from 58 CONCERTO sites can be visualised and used to support the decision process

Room Jenkins, 1st Floor

4 speakers tbc

12:30 Plenary session

Presenting the summaries of the 3 parallel sessions

Room Gasperi, 2nd Floor

[Jackie Davis](#)

Interview with *Marie Donnelly, European Commission, Director, DG ENER*

13:00 Lunch buffet

End of conference

Foyer Area, 2nd Floor

Master of Ceremony: Jackie Davis

(Agenda subject to change)



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