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We are pleased to send you the latest news on ICLEI in Europe and our partners for urban sustainability!

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1. ICLEI reacts to US withdrawal from Paris Climate Agreement

At a press conference from the White House, the President of the United States, Donald Trump, announced that the U.S. will withdraw from the Paris Agreement. Gino Van Begin, ICLEI Secretary General, has issued the following response: "President Trump's decision to withdraw from the Paris Agreement is out of step with reality and the current drive towards a global low-carbon transition. Making abundant use of 'alternative facts', he has painted the US and its citizens as victims of this groundbreaking Accord.

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2. ICLEI Member news

Oslo and Växjö take home prestigious Green City Awards

ICLEI Member city Oslo (Norway) has won the European Green Capital Award for 2019, while ICLEI Member Växjö (Sweden) was awarded the title of European Green Leaf 2018 in tandem with the Belgian city of Leuven. The titles were presented by the EU Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, Karmenu Vella, at an awards ceremony in Essen (Germany), the current European Green Capital.

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ICLEI is pleased to welcome Florence as our latest member

The Metropolitan City of Florence (Italy) is the latest European city to join ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability. Universally acknowledged as the cradle of the Renaissance, Florence is famed for its beauty, its wealth of artistic treasures and the excellence of its food products and recipes. Its efforts to develop a more sustainable urban area are gaining momentum among a variety of international stakeholders.

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Hamburg invests in electromobility



The City of Hamburg (Germany) will soon implement a range of measures to improve electromobility. By 2019, 1,000 charging points for electric vehicles will be built in the city together with 150 charging points exclusively for the use of cars in sharing schemes. Extensive parking facilities for electric cars and car-sharing vehicles are also envisaged.

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3. Submission deadline for Transformative Action Award extended

The Transformative Action Award has extended its deadline for submissions until 14 July. The award recognises current or concluded Transformative Actions that address the pathways of the [Basque Declaration](#) related to socio-cultural, socio-economic or technological transformations. Already a range of European cities have applied, with applications received from Belgium, Denmark, France, Portugal, Spain, and Sweden.

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4. Local government leaders urge MEPs to engage cities for successful EU energy transition



Local and regional leaders representing five major networks of local governments met with Members of the European Parliament to drive home the importance of local level involvement in EU energy and climate policy. Known as the Urban 5, these networks point to the local level's power to provide jobs, its proximity to the people and its swift ability to deliver change as essential components for energy transition success.

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5. Results of emissions cost-benefit survey published

A cost-benefit analysis was recently carried out by surveying 16 leading inventory experts on topics relating to the Carbon Track and Trace (CTT) project, such as existing emission inventories and systems within municipalities, and ways that CTT can support cities to better understand and reduce their emissions. The study helps to explain perceptions, expectations, and the benefits of applying different approaches to specific energy sectors.

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6. New project launched to solve cities' problems using nature

The Connecting Nature project kicked off earlier this month at Trinity College Dublin (Ireland). Connecting Nature is a €12 million EU-funded project to position Europe as a global leader in the innovation and implementation of nature-based solutions. Three cities: Glasgow (United Kingdom), Poznan (Poland) and Genk (Belgium) will invest in multi-million-euro large scale implementation test-beds of nature-based solutions, followed by eight further cities: A Coruna (Spain), Bologna (Italy), Burgas (Bulgaria), Ioannina (Greece), Malaga (Spain), Nicosia (Cyprus), Pavlos Melas (Greece) and Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina).

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7. Moving Europe towards a greener plastic lifecycle

A new EU-funded initiative aims to transform plastic waste into a resource by developing a more sustainable, re-usable form of packaging. CIRC-PACK (Towards circular economy in the plastic packaging value chain) will create, test and validate alternative bio-based and recyclable (including biodegradable or compostable) plastics for the manufacturing of trays, bottles, coffee capsules, jars, films and pallets, and new types of multilayer and multimaterial packaging.

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8. Event News

INCOVER workshop to look at turning wastewater into energy

The EU-funded INCOVER project will hold its 1st Stakeholder Dialogue Workshop at the [Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research \(UFZ\)](#) in Leipzig (Germany) on 29 June 2017. The event will focus on research that UFZ has conducted into yeast-based production of citric acid and black carbon, in combination with the generation of biogas from waste water.

For more information, click [here](#).

GREEN SURGE conference to look at link between biodiversity and sustainable development

The "Urban Green Infrastructure - Connecting People and Nature for Sustainable Cities" conference will take place from 20 - 21 September 2017 in Malmö (Sweden), looking at emerging issues and future challenges facing sustainable urban development. Organised by the GREEN SURGE project, the event will feature a series of keynote talks and technical visits.

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9. Event Calendar

[Second Global Procurement Conference](#)
4 - 5 July 2017 - Rome (Italy)

[EUROPEAN MOBILITY WEEK](#)
16 - 22 September 2017 - Global

[Cities and Climate Conference 2017](#)
19 - 21 September 2017 - Potsdam (Germany)

[EU PASTA Final Conference](#)
20 September 2017 - Mannheim (Germany)

[GREEN SURGE International Conference 2017](#)
20 - 21 September 2017 - Malmö (Sweden)

[CIVITAS FORUM Conference 2017](#)
27 - 29 September 2017 - Torres Vedras (Portugal)

[Procura+ Awards Ceremony](#)
17 October 2017 - Tallinn (Estonia)

[Circular Procurement Congress](#)
19 October 2017 - Tallinn (Estonia)

[Amsterdam International Water Week](#)
30 October - 3 November 2017 - Amsterdam (The Netherlands)

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