

## ICLEI in Europe News



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### 1. COP23 commitment sees local and regional governments raise ambition

The small island nation of Fiji held the presidency of the 23rd annual "conference of the parties" event, which took place in Bonn (Germany) from 6 to 17 November. For the first time, an island nation at immediate and profound risk from climate change was in charge of the annual meeting of global leaders to discuss climate mitigation. For Fiji, climate change is a pressing threat, with sea-level rise and the increase in extreme weather liable to cause tremendous damage. The London School of Economics estimates that across the Pacific Islands, up to 1.7 million people could be displaced due to climate change by 2050. For Fijians, success at COP23 was not simply a diplomatic imperative, but vital for safeguarding the future of the country.



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### 2. ICLEI Member News

#### UNDP Belarus delegation visit Freiburg to gain insight into 'green growth' measures



A delegation from UNDP Belarus visited ICLEI Member Freiburg (Germany) for a week-long study tour at the end of October, 2017 to see good examples of green urban development in practice. Coordinated by ICLEI Europe, the twenty-member delegation was welcomed to Freiburg at the City Hall by Günter Burger from the city's International Relations department, and Ruud Schuthof, ICLEI Europe's Deputy Regional Director.

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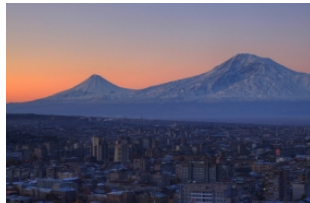
#### City of Lahti switches to biodegradable de-icing agents to protect groundwater

The City of Lahti (Finland) will replace salt in de-icing agents with biodegradable "EcoMelter" products in a move to protect groundwater. The products are used in street maintenance, not only for the purpose of de-icing and anti-icing, but also for dust control in winter and summer. The EcoMelter product was used for the first time in Lahti on 23 October 2017, and will be used across the city centre this winter.

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#### Yerevan works with residents to plant 10,000 trees in citywide campaign



Yerevan (Armenia) organised a citywide tree planting and clean-up campaign on 11 November. The campaign brought together state and municipal employees, students, NGO workers, members of the Council of Elders of Yerevan (the legislative body responsible for the city of Yerevan), and residents of the city to plant trees and clean-up public areas.

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### 3. Nilüfer wins Transformative Action Award 2017

Nilüfer (Turkey) was announced as the winner of the [Transformative Action Award 2017](#) at a ceremony held at the European Committee of the Regions in Brussels (Belgium). The award, organised by ICLEI, the Basque Country and the City of Aalborg (Denmark), rewards current or concluded Transformative Actions that address the pathways of the [Basque Declaration](#) related to three categories: socio-cultural transformation; socio-economic transformation; and technological transformation.

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#### 4. ICLEI's SMR project website takes home .eu Web Award



The [Smart Mature Resilience \(SMR\) website](#), developed and managed by the ICLEI European Secretariat in Freiburg (Germany), was awarded the [.eu Web Award 2017](#) in "The Laurels" category at a prestigious ceremony in Brussels (Belgium) on 21 November. The award ceremony was organised by EURid, the registration system for the .eu domain name on behalf of the European Commission.

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#### 5. European cities join with global partners at EU-backed City to City event

New partnerships between European cities and cities across the world were formally launched on Friday 10 November in Brussels (Belgium) under the European Union's International Urban Cooperation (IUC) programme. The one-day event saw more than 120 delegates attend from the EU, Asia, and North and South America.

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#### 6. Cities set new targets at Global Lead City Network on Sustainable Procurement during COP23

Mayors, Deputy Mayors and other political representatives from the cities of Auckland (New Zealand), Budapest (Hungary), Cape Town (South Africa), Denver (USA), Ghent (Belgium), Oslo (Norway), Seoul (South Korea) and Tshwane (South Africa) came together at the 3rd annual High Level Assembly of the [Global Lead City Network on Sustainable Procurement \(GLCN on SP\)](#) on 11 November 2017 at COP23 in Bonn (Germany). The cities presented their [sustainable procurement commitments](#) and achievements, and shared their knowledge and experience. In leading by example, participants of the Network aim to accelerate the implementation of sustainable purchasing worldwide.

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#### 7. Urban Pathways towards low carbon development launched in Berlin

The Urban Pathways project was launched on 16 October 2017 in Berlin (Germany) by UN-Habitat, together with partners the Wuppertal Institute and UN Environment. Urban Pathways aims to support cities in designing and implementing Low Carbon Plans for basic services within the context of the UN's New Urban Agenda

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#### 8. Applicants for the European Green Capital 2020 and European Green Leaf Award 2019 revealed



The names of the cities and towns competing for the European Green Capital 2020 and European Green Leaf 2019 awards have been officially announced. In total, 28 towns and cities from across 21 European countries are in the running to win the coveted awards.

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## 9. New cities join the Smart Mature Resilience project at Thessaloniki launch event

19 cities and municipalities met in Thessaloniki (Greece) on 7 November for the [Smart Mature Resilience \(SMR\)](#) project's Stakeholder Dialogue. At the event, nine new cities joined the SMR project's seven cities, who have been working for over two years on tools for strategic resilience development in cities.

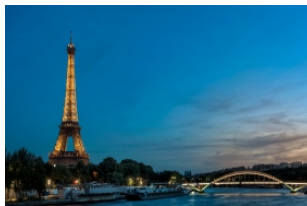


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## 10. Paris to host "One Planet Summit" to step up fight against climate change

Paris (France) will host [One Planet Summit](#), an international summit on climate on 12 December, the second anniversary of the adoption of the Paris Agreement. The summit, co-organised by the United Nations and the World Bank, will seek to mobilise the international community, the financial sector, local governments, the research community and civil society to step up the fight against climate change.

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## 11. Event News

### 10th EcoProcura Conference - Sustainable and Innovation Procurement

European Green Capital Nijmegen (The Netherlands) and ICLEI are pleased to announce the 10th edition of the EcoProcura Conference on Sustainable and Innovation Procurement, taking place from 3 - 5 October 2018. The conference will bring together over 400 procurers, policy makers, businesses, researchers and international organisations in Nijmegen to discuss the latest developments in sustainable and innovation procurement.

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## 12. Event Calendar

### [ENABLE Webinar: How can urban green be more accessible? Using data to make public space more inclusive](#)

7 December 2017, 11:45 - 12:30 (CET) – Online

### [Bertelsmann Foundation Cities Congress on Sustainability](#)

7-8 December 2017 – Düsseldorf (Germany)

### [The 15th Procura+ Seminar](#)

21-22 March 2017 – Oslo (Norway)

### [Open European Day at Bonn Resilient Cities](#)

25 April 2018 – Bonn (Germany)

### [10th EcoProcura Conference - Sustainable and Innovation Procurement](#)

3-5 October 2018 – Nijmegen (Netherlands)

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