

Aradippou Municipality – Press Release

**Successful Conclusion of the 1<sup>st</sup> INNOVATE – Smarter Together Workshop focusing on  
'One-Stop-Shops for Deep Energy Retrofits'  
and 'Holistic Refurbishment in Smart Cities', organized in Aradippou, Cyprus**

Aradippou, Larnaka District in Cyprus, 31<sup>st</sup> May – 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2018



Mayor of Aradippou Mr. Evangelos Evangelides, welcomes delegates from INNOVATE and Smarter Together projects with a family photo at the Workshop's venue

INNOVATE and Smarter Together project delegates successfully concluded their joint Workshop in Aradippou, Larnaka District, Cyprus. The Workshop was under the auspices of the Mayor of Aradippou Mr. Evangelos Evangelides.

The Smarter Together Club of Cities –Horizon 2020 project ( <https://www.smarter-together.eu/> ) of the European lighthouse cities Vienna, Munich and Lyon, the follower cities Santiago de Compostela, Sofia and Venice and the observer cities Kiev and Yokohama, was represented in the Workshop by the City of Munich, by Ms Hana Riemer and Ms Verena Stoppel and by the City of Vienna, by Dr. Bojan-Ilija Schnabl.

Smarter Together representatives presented on the specialized, common theme of interest: "Holistic refurbishment in Smart Cities".

The INNOVATE - Horizon 2020 project ( <http://www.financingbuildingrenovation.eu/> ) which aims to develop and roll out attractive deep energy retrofit packages through One-Stop-Shops, coordinated by Energy Cities ( <http://www.energy-cities.eu/> ), brings together experienced and learning partners from 11 different EU countries: Energy Cities, Vesta Conseil et Finance (FR), Aradippou Municipality (CY), Brussels Environment (BE), AGENEX (ES), Frederikshavn Municipality (DK), Heerlen Municipality (NL), KAW (NL), Linnaeus University (SE), Litoměřice Municipality (CZ), Mantova Municipality (IT), Parity Projects (UK) and Riga Energy Agency (LV).

An Overview of the INNOVATE project was presented by the Head of Projects and Campaigns of Energy Cities Ms Jana Cicmanova.

The initiation and planning of the meeting was jointly performed by Dr. Panayiotis Michael [https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Panayiotis\\_Michael](https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Panayiotis_Michael) (Aradippou - NT Univ. Athens), Mr. Bernhard Klassen <http://www.muenchen.de/europa> (City of Munich - SMARTER TOGETHER) and Ms Jana Cicmanova <http://www.energy-cities.eu/-Team-> (Energy Cities - INNOVATE).

The Workshop was also attended by the Network of 31 Greek Cities 'Sustainable City' <http://www.sustainable-city.gr/de.html> represented by the Network's Director Mr. Ioannis Georgizas and the Larnaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry <http://www.larnakachamber.com.cy> represented by the Chamber's Director Mr. George Psaras. Dr. Mathaios Alambritis, Secretary General of Aradippou Municipality also attended the Workshop.

During the constructive dialogue that followed and the exchange of main conclusions and positions by the representatives of the projects the following points can be highlighted:

**INNOVATE project** delegates submitted the following feedback based on the presentations of Smarter Together representatives (a list of highlights, with more detailed reports to be published separately):

1. The strong legal framework in Munich for EE measures is very interesting. INNOVATE partners may need to research the existence of similar legislation to their own countries.
2. The very broad approach of Vienna based on projects, participation from Citizens, Citizen awareness and population surveys is very interesting promoting the City's Image. Interesting also is the existence of a global sustainability policy and a 40 years of experience in "soft urban renewal" especially through Vienna's "Urban Renewal Office" and specific financing tool in partnership with private, non profit and public partners. Actions include energy efficient refurbishment and mobility. Vienna's holistic policy will be presented at the Housing for All Conference on 4th and 5th of December 2018.
3. The Energy-check toolkit of Munich is an interesting way to communicate with home owner associations.
4. Both INNOVATE and Smarter Together projects recognize difficulty in decision making by homeowners to implement Energy Efficiency measures due to different societal reasons.

**Smarter Together project** representatives submitted the following feedback based on the presentation of INNOVATE:

1. The model of INNOVATE which presents two layers for moving household projects from concept to implementation (free of charge advice at "orientation" stage and market based services at "accompaniment" stage) is very interesting.
2. The White certificate (or EE certificate) financing is also very interesting to be examined.

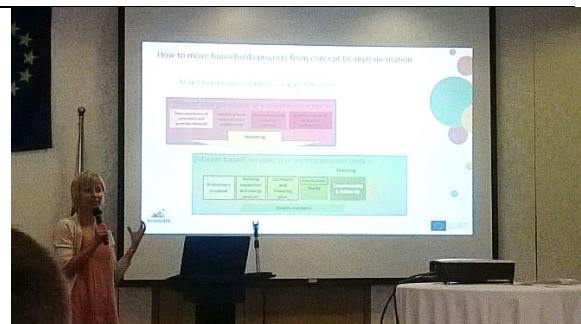
3. Both projects (INNOVATE and Smarter Together Munich) face common market distortion/competition problems.
4. Many outcomes of the INNOVATE project can be integrated in the Strategy Roadmap of Smarter Together Munich project.

**‘Sustainable City’ Greek Network Director** found the whole Workshop enlightening and seeks to receive assistance on replicating Smarter Together actions and One-Stop-Shops by the 31 Greek Cities it represents.

**Aradippou Municipality and the Larnaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry representatives** already working on ‘Smart City Aradippou’ actions for the last 3 years and currently co-designing their INNOVATE One-Stop-Shop in Aradippou, have expressed their commitment for sustaining the Conference on a permanent yearly basis.



Mayor of Aradippou welcomes the Smarter Together and INNOVATE representatives



Ms Jana Cicmanova of Energy Cities - INNOVATE coordinator - presenting an Overview of energy retrofit packages through One-Stop-Shops



Ms Hana Riemer of Smart City Munich presenting on ‘Holistic refurbishment in Smart Cities’



Dr. Bojan-Ilija Schnabl of Smart City Vienna presenting on ‘Holistic refurbishment in Smart Cities’





Ms Françoise Refabert of Vesta Conseil and Finance (INNOVATE) exchanging views with Ms Hana Riemer of Smart City Munich



Mr. Hans van der Logt, Heerlen Municipality (INNOVATE) while summarizing the feedback from INNOVATE partners on Smarter Together presentations



Dr. Panayiotis Michael receives a gift from the City of Munich by Ms Hana Riemer and Ms Verena Stoppel



Dr. Panayiotis Michael, Aradippou Municipality advisor on Smart Cities, NT Univ. Athens in a conference photo with Dr. Bojan-Ilija Schnabl of Smart City Vienna



A family photo of the conference delegates outside the Aradippou Town Hall before the cocktail and the Tour at the traditional villages of Lefkara and Vavatsinia kindly sponsored by the governmental organisation, Cyprus Tourism Organisation





**Old Aradippou house**  
Photo courtesy of Dr. Bojan-Ilija Schnabl, Smart City Vienna



**Conference family photo at Ayia Napa harbor**



**The 1100 years old church and the tomb of Saint Lazarus in Larnaca**

Photo courtesy of Dr. Bojan-Ilija Schnabl, Smart City Vienna



**Dinner offered by the Mayor of Aradippou to the conference delegates at a traditional tavern in Aradippou**

**Cyprus views as seen from the Conference delegates**