





Smarter Together.

The Smarter Together project and its area in Vienna's district of Simmering

The project

Smarter Together is a project funded by the EU under the Horizon 2020 programme, launched in February 2016 and implemented in a partnership comprising the cities of Lyon, Munich and Vienna, the 'follower cities' of Santiago de Compostela, Sofia and Venice and the 'observer cities' of Kiev and Yokohama. Smarter Together is part of the EU network of 80 lighthouse cities and contributes its experience to the common European smart city vision.

The 5-year project provides for a 3-year implementation phase (completed in February 2019) and a 2.5-year monitoring and evaluation phase (scheduled for completion by the end of July 2021).

Focal points of the project are largescale energy-efficient renovation of residential buildings, energy savings, e-mobility and information and communication technology.

EU funding

The EU funding for the project amounts to a total of €25 million, €7 million of which are for Vienna's share of the project. In Vienna alone, total investment of more than €80 million (initially only €46 million was

expected) was generated, providing an important catalyst for urban renewal in Simmering.

Thus, the EU funding has done exactly what it is supposed to do: provide an impetus for a wide range of further activities.

The project area

The Vienna Smarter Together urban renewal area is located between Simmeringer Hauptstraße and the Eastern railway line (i.e. the districts of Geiselberg, Enkplatz and Braunhuberviertel). In total, about 21,000 Viennese benefit from smart solutions. Through the involvement of numerous schools throughout the district in the context of mobility game Beat the Street and the first Simmering Research Festival or, for example, through cooperation with Caritas, residents from the entire district, which has approximately 100,000 inhabitants, were able to participate in the project.

