DRIVING THE CHANGE IN SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT

“ORGANISATION BROCHURE 2021”

CITIES FORUM
Cities Forum is a global organisation that aims at being catalyst, working with cities and companies to solve their sustainable urban development challenges.

- Assist local authorities and governments in the challenge of designing and implementing successful sustainable urban development policies and projects.
- Empower all the actors involved in creating a more sustainable future for our cities by creating a community where to foster cross learning, networking and joint initiatives and projects.
- Promote urban and regional sustainable initiatives for resource efficient, low-carbon, smart and liveable cities.
- Facilitate public-private partnerships aimed at building smarter cities for a higher quality of life.
- Participate in multi-disciplinary research projects that support sustainable urban development and innovation within cities and metropolitan regions.
WHAT WE DO?

We work with cities, companies and organisations to drive the CHANGE in SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT

- Provide Strategic Advice
- Drive Sustainable Growth
- Facilitate Matchmaking
- Highlight Best Practices and Enable Cross City Learn
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1. **Support**

We accompany cities and provide them with support in the designing of sustainable urban development policies and strategies.

2. **Strategic Consultancy Services**

CITIES FORUM provides strategic consultancy services to cities, organisations and the private sector in the smart city field: Urban mobility & transport, digital transformation, environment, sharing cities, governance and knowledge society among others.

3. **Advice to cities**

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We aim at carrying out and getting involved in projects, initiatives and policies focused on providing people and industry the proper tools and aid to enable sustainable development around cities and territories’ needs.

1. CITIES FORUM is participating as partner in large and relevant Smart City projects in Europe (H2020 EU funded projects), Latin America, Asia and Africa. The organisation provides added value by connecting cities, boosting the communication and dissemination outreach of the project results and by providing key expertise thanks to our interdisciplinary and experienced work teams and global associated experts.

2. The organisation is leading several public private partnerships in Middle East, Asia and Africa aimed at enabling the development of key projects to improve urban infrastructures and smart city services.

3. CITIES FORUM plays and active role on shaping a more sustainable future for our cities by getting involved in different global initiatives focused on international cooperation. The organisation has actively participated in relevant initiatives such as the COP25 in Madrid.
Create strategic partnerships and synergies with the different kinds of actors found within urban development, facilitating a matchmaking process between them with the aim of supporting cities to successfully face their sustainable development challenges. Cities Forum has the responsibility to be a driver in making our cities and territories more sustainable and equitable by accompanying them in that process.

1. Due to its profound knowledge of the public sector and cities’ needs, CITIES FORUM is capable to identify which areas on each cities’ portfolio services must be strengthened and addressed. CITIES FORUM enables matchmaking between the demand and offer of smart city services, solutions and products, serving as a bridge, and always keeping its neutral position.

2. Create **strategic partnerships** and synergies with the different kinds of actors found in the urban development scenario setting the ground to joint projects and initiatives between the public sector and the industry.

3. CITIES FORUM can be an audit and monitoring organisation for smart city projects and initiatives due to its neutrality and the expertise of its associated experts on large, complex and multi stakeholders projects.
The organisation is constantly in contact with city managers across many countries and cities and is supporting them by offering a wide range of technical assistance and providing bespoke capacity training within the Smart City services, technology and initiatives.

CITIES FORUM develops courses, workshops (COP25 Madrid 2020 for instance) and thematic events where to train and disseminate best practises on the smart city field and where to connect the stakeholders of this industry and enable networking. Besides, the organisation holds strategic meetings and offers study visits tours for city officials and delegations in order to foster cross city learning and to create long term links and relationships between them.

CITIES FORUM is partnering with the most relevant and prestigious events of Smart City topics worldwide. We help to design the program, get involved by bringing international speakers and suitable attendees and by providing them with visibility and reputation.

Spread the word and disseminate all kinds of sustainable development and urban initiatives across the world, to help cities to learn from each other and support them in the designing process for a better joint future.
Cities Forum was born from the willingness of a group of multidisciplinary experts who met at the Oxford University and decided there to create and launch this organisation by joining forces and taking advantage of their skills, experience and common background in making cities more efficient, resilient and sustainable.

Through our Global team of experts, we have skills to review, analyse and prioritise city development projects that can create a catalytic economic impact for cities and Regions. Our team brings international best practices and experience, combined with local resources and knowledge. We combine in-depth technical excellence and strong capabilities in research and technology implementation in managing cities.

Visit www.citiesforum.org to get to know who else is on board.
We are building a vibrant network of experienced consultants who have joined CITIES FORUM to operate under the structure of the organisation taking on technical assignments, providing advice and getting involved in projects and activities where they can contribute with their proven expertise and experience. They are the associated experts' community of CITIES FORUM that is accomplishing the mission of assisting cities and governments worldwide to promote urban and regional sustainable initiatives for resource efficient, low-carbon, smart and liveable cities. We all together are stronger and reach further.
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- **Knowledge Society**
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CITIES FORUM wants to give credit to those who are shaping the future of our Smart Cities. As part of our commitment to disseminate best practices, we created the “Meet the City changers work programme” in order to share worldwide our bespoke interviews to the top leaders of the smart city industry and to the sustainable urban development protagonists.