

## Localizing UN Habitat's guidelines on people-centred smart cities — assessment by partner cities of the ISCN

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09:30 – 11:00 CEST  
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### SUMMARY

UN-Habitat developed guidelines on people-centred smart cities. They will be a non-binding framework to guide the development of national and local smart city regulations, plans, and strategies, which will ensure that digital urban infrastructure and data contribute to making cities and human settlements sustainable, inclusive, and prosperous and respectful of human rights.

Yet, these efforts are a great opportunity to share our vision and ideas on issues that are detrimental to developing futureproof settlements on a global level. This event wants to encourage municipal decision makers to assess their efforts taken in developing their towns and villages into smart cities in the light of the UN-Habitat Smart City Guidelines. Furthermore, a discussion on the challenges and opportunities will take place. Municipal decision makers will be given guidance on how to proceed in their respective cities, towns, and villages. Representatives from German as well as European cities, that have been engaged in the project #connectedinEurope via the exchange platform of the International Smart Cities Network will share their ideas and visions emerged from their daily work in driving an inclusive, future-fit, and human-centric urban development – supported by digital solutions. The guiding questions of this event are:

- Where do we stand integrating digital aspects into urban development and how can these new guidelines assist to close any gaps?
- What do these guidelines mean for my city that has already started the process of becoming a smart city?
- How can these global guidelines be implemented and help to enhance existing planning frameworks?
- What methods are to be integrated and ease the daily workload?

## AGENDA

Time (CET)	Item	Speakers
09:30 – 09:35 AM 5'	<b>Welcome Address</b> <i>“Priorities of the UN Habitat process and guidance for implementation”</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Renate Mitterhuber</b>, Head of Division Smart Cities and Regions, Federal Ministry for Housing, Urban Development and Building (BMWSB), Berlin, Germany</li> </ul>
09:35 – 09:45 AM 10'	<b>Insight Talk #1</b> <b>Reflection on standards and guidelines in Smart City developments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Milou Jansen</b>, Project Coordinator: International Guidelines on People-Centred Smart Cities, Innovation Unit, External Relations, Strategy, Knowledge, and Innovation Division (ERSKI) UN-Habitat, Barcelona, Spain</li> </ul>
09:45 – 10:05 AM 20'	<b>Insight Talk #2</b> <b>The importance of the Smart City Guidelines across different levels of administration – how to enable seamless implementation on local level</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Karen Laßmann</b>, Head of Smart City and Data Management, Senate Chancellery, Berlin, Germany</li> </ul>
10:05 – 10:45 AM 40'	<b>reports by partner cities of the ISCN</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>City Representative 1/MPSC: Arnsberg/GER</b></li> <li>▪ <b>City Representative 2: Arezzo/ITA</b></li> <li>▪ <b>City Representative 3: Hamm/GER</b></li> <li>▪ <b>City Representative 4: e.g. N.N./LAT (tbc)</b></li> </ul>
10:45 – 10:55 AM 10'	<b>Germany’s international approach and the importance of European and global coordination – the role of the International Smart Cities Network (ISCN)/CIE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Anna Sophie Herken</b>, Managing Director, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, Berlin, Germany</li> </ul>
10:55 – 11:00 AM 5'	<b>Joint Closing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Gudrun Schwarz, Peter Sailer</b></li> </ul>

## MODERATION

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## LANGUAGE

The event will be held in English.

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