Abstract

**Smart Cities and Communities – Activities at EU level**

The process of getting our cities smarter is clearly local: decisions as well as implementation actions are to be taken by local agents, however a set of complementary activities at EU level could help accelerating the process . The range is broad from exchanging best practices to agreeing on common standards for cross border procurement. The presentation will focus on three EU activities: the Green Digital Charter, the European Innovation Partnership on Smart Cities and Communities and the Horizon 2020.