

CommuniCity

Innovative Tech Solutions Responding to the Needs of Cities and Communities Will Be Tested Across Europe

CommuniCity is a new 3-year project funded by the European Commission's Horizon Europe Framework Programme, building on recognised European and national innovation programmes, methods, living labs, and platforms. The project will launch 100 pilots using technology to address the needs of European cities and communities through co-creation and co-learning processes. As a result, CommuniCity will explore how innovative, digitally inclusive, and sustainable opportunities and ideas can meet the needs of marginalised communities.

CommuniCity will launch three funded Open Calls for projects in 2023 and 2024 at regional, national, and European levels. The first Open Call round with an estimated number of 18 pilots will open in February 2023. The first cycle will be run in Helsinki, Porto, and Amsterdam.

The pilots aim to create living laboratories where solutions can be tried out to improve the quality of life of vulnerable groups in order to empower them through co-creation and co-learning and facilitate their connection to their respective cities. CommuniCity will encourage companies, tech providers, organizations, and citizens from marginalised communities to work together and develop solutions for digital and urban challenges. Through virtual Learning Labs, the project will host open workshops, interactive learning sessions, and open debates for capacity building and citizen engagement. The expectation is that the approach to co-creation will be followed throughout Europe in other projects, even after the end of CommuniCity.

The project's consortium is made of twelve partners, with previous experience in community-centred practices, from six countries: Open & Agile Smart Cities (project leader, BE), University of Amsterdam (NL), City of Amsterdam (NL), Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences (NL), Forum Virium Helsinki (FI), Demos Research Institute (FI), Associação Porto Digital (PT), Domus Social (PT), European Network of Living Labs (BE), Centre de Visio per Computador (ES), Sociedade Portuguesa de Inovação (PT) and Engineering (IT).

CommuniCity commenced in September 2022, with an official kick-off meeting in Brussels, Belgium, which allowed the consortium partners to better define the activities and set up an action plan.

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