

Declaration of Intent

towards establishing a Smart City Forum for Central and Eastern Europe

Background

Smart City initiatives of the EU are intended to accelerate investment and the rate of innovation in European cities with the aim of achieving social, economic and environmental objectives. Therefore development of smart cities is one of the key elements of Horizon 2020 dedicated to generating excellent science, creating industrial leadership and tackling social challenges.

Studies have shown that, in the Central Eastern European region, people would like to accelerate the attainment of regional economies and prosperity to Western European levels. Smart city activities are among the areas where our region can improve the urban living conditions with relatively small investment.

Therefore,

the undersigned hereby declare that it is their intent to form a professional Smart City Forum for Central and Eastern Europe.

1. Objectives of the Forum

- a. To facilitate and develop a genuine and mutually beneficial co-operation in Central and Eastern Europe.
- b. To provide a forum for sharing the knowledge and good practices produced by the members of the Forum as well as cities involved in the members' activities.
- c. Promotion and implementation of smart city solutions in our respective cities.
- d. To foster exchange and collaboration between the academic community and municipal entities.
- e. Promote research, development and innovation activities in the field of smart cities in the Central and Eastern European region.

2. Activities of the Forum

- a. Set up a Smart City Forum website. Budapest University of Technology and Economics will assume the task of the creation and management of the website that will collect information from all members of the Forum.
- b. Organize at least two Forum meetings per annum. Budapest University of Technology and Economics will assume the task of organizing one of the yearly meetings, the other one will be organized preferably on a rotational basis.
- c. Inform the members about the possibilities of joint proposals or projects.
- d. Support the development of joint educational and training programs.

3. Members of the Forum

- a) The ambition is to create a broad Forum that includes a significant number of smart city stakeholders from the region.
- b) The members of the Forum are primarily institutions, municipalities and companies. Individual membership is accepted provided that the individual member has a track record in the smart city field.
- c) There is no membership fee or any other financial obligation for the members of the Forum. All costs of a member arising from the Forum activities are borne by the member.
- d) Any signatory party may terminate the membership with a prior written notice to all members.

This Declaration of Intent

- (a) is non-binding and does not impose any legal or financial obligations or liabilities on the signatory parties;
- (b) may require an approval from the institutional member's management.

Signed	
Dated	
Name, Job Title, Organisation	