

SMART CZECHIA: AN INTEGRATED APPROACH TOWARDS SMART CITIES

EUKN webinar for Czechia

Date: 28 July 2020

Time: 14:00 - 17:00 CEST

Platform: Zoom

Language: English with interpretation in Czech

Organisers: European Urban Knowledge Network (EUKN) EGTC and the Czech Ministry of Regional Development



The webinar for Czechia is part of the EUKN **'Thinking beyond the crisis'** series. The webinar series explores the impact of the coronavirus outbreak on cities in EUKN member countries and the solutions implemented in response to it.

The series asks: How can national strategies and structures **support local capacities** and (new and existing) pathways towards more just, green and productive cities in a post-COVID-19 Europe?

The goal of the webinar for Czechia is to engage representatives of Czech cities and European experts in a **discussion on the 'SMART Czechia' principles**, which have been drafted by the Czech Ministry for Regional Development in response to the pandemic and its implications for local authorities. The main cross-cutting area of these principles is the concept of **resilience** at the level of municipalities, cities and regions, which lies in the integrated use of technological tools and innovative solutions. The principles are further based on three pillars, which represent the three pillars of sustainable development. These are: **people and communities** (1), **local economy** (2), and **environment for life** (3).

The webinar will be held on Zoom with simultaneous interpretation between Czech and English. Registered participants will receive the login details and preparatory material in advance.

Programme

- 14:00 -14:15 'Reception' in Zoom and technical check
- 14:15 -14:20 Welcome on behalf of the Czech Ministry of Regional Development
Věra Karin Brázová, Head of Urban Policy and Strategies Unit
- 14:20 -14:25 Welcome by the EUKN and programme explanation
Mart Grisel, Director EUKN EGTC
- 14:25 -14:55 Keynote speech:
The role of smart cities in light of the current crisis
Dominic Weiss, Head of Smart City Agency, Urban Innovation Vienna
- 14:55 -15:05 Smart cities: part of the Czech urban policy
Věra Karin Brázová, Head of Urban Policy and Strategies Unit
- 15:05 -15:35 The 'SMART Czechia' concept
Rut Bízková, ISFOR, Institut pro společnost 4.0
- 15:35 -15:45 Break
- 15:45 -16:50 Discussion on strategic approaches to smart cities in Europe
Alain Chateau, Smart City Project Director/Head of Metropolitan Centre of Excellence, Metropole Nice Côte d'Azur
Daniela Patti, Director of Eutropian
Nikolaus Summer, Senior Expert at Smart City Agency, Urban Innovation Vienna
Petr Štěpánek, Urbanist and researcher, Czech Technical University
- 16:50 -17:00 Closure and final remarks