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Main Objectives of the Centre

- Support cities to assess their economic, environmental and socio-cultural performances and set priorities for action;
- Promote exchange of best practices among countries and cities engaged in the implementation of smart sustainable city activities;
- Encourage cooperation among international, national and local stakeholders;
- Ensure knowledge transfer and strengthen the capacity of national and local authorities to develop and implement policies and actions to improve the quality of life of people and efficiency of urban operations;
- Identify financing tools and mechanisms to accelerate progress of smart city projects;
- Support the achievement of the SDGs at the city level.

A wide, tree-lined path in a park, likely Central Park in New York City. The path is paved and stretches into the distance, flanked by tall, mature trees with dense green foliage. Sunlight filters through the leaves, creating dappled shadows on the path. Several people are visible: some are walking along the path, while others are sitting on green metal park benches. On the right side, there is a small kiosk or stand where a person appears to be selling newspapers or magazines. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and scenic.

„The smart city is ready to provide conditions for a healthy and happy community under the challenging conditions that global, environmental, economic and social trends may bring.“

Main activities implemented as Centre last year

- National Smart Sustainable City “Blueprint” Program Norway – Setup Support
- Marketplace – to coordinate CoE project development
 - Smart Danube Region / Innovation HUBs
 - Smart Government and Politics Certification
 - New value creations models for a digitally & electrically world
- Smart City Guidelines – for E-Government
- Urban Air Mobility recommendations for the next 5 years
- SDGs Knowledge Transfer and Training
- Organization and hosting of national and local meetings (symposiums, workshops, training programmes and seminars) to disseminate information on the Charter
 - Smart City EXPO (Barcelona, Spain)
 - Energy Globe days (Vienna, Austria)
 - 4 Gamechangers Festival (Vienna, Austria)

FUTURE PROGRESS & ACTIVITIES



Upcoming main activities of the Centre

- Promotion of the “SDGs Knowledge Transfer and Training” including the development of a digital way to deliver the services to cities as well as the private sector
- Publishing and spreading the Smart City Guidelines – for E-Government to cities within the UNECE member states
- Continuing the efforts in organizing and hosting of national and local meetings (symposiums, workshops, training programmes and seminars) to disseminate information on the Charter – mainly virtual
- Fundraising and preparation of the project proposals, organization of implementation of projects supporting the above-mentioned activities
- Development of best practice testing tools for cities and the private sector to better tackle the implementation of new solutions and for a faster evaluation and pre-monitoring process



Thank you

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