

Sustainable Smart Cities Profile and the survey

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Sustainable Smart Cities Profile



Sustainable Smart Cities Profile is a standard tool used by UNECE to demonstrate the contribution of a city to the realization of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and to accelerating progress towards SDGs.

The Smart Sustainable Cities Profiles:

- demonstrate the diversity of efforts to implement the 2030 Agenda and measuring sustainable development goals at the local level
- present and contextualize the outcomes of the verification of the cities performance against the Key Performance Indicators for Smart and Sustainable Cities (KPI4SSC)
- support evidence-based policy-making, including the development, review and implementation of sectoral and integrated urban development policies; development of projects and partnerships.

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- ...demonstrates the diversity of efforts to implement the 2030 Agenda and measuring Sustainable Development Goals, especially
 - Provides an opportunity to showcase “good practices” – impactful policies, projects, programs and partnerships; at an international level,
 - Allows telling a ‘story’ of a city
 - Includes references to flagship publications
 - Publicly available, in English language.

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- ...presents and contextualizes the outcomes of the verification of the cities performance against the Key Performance Indicators for Smart and Sustainable Cities (KPI4SSC), especially
 - Includes the outcomes of the verification
 - Provides ‘additional’ information (relevant policies, practices, projects) that allows to adequately contextualize the KPI4SSC, based on the input of cities (via survey)
 - Allows ‘putting things into a perspective’, to reflect upon how a city has progressed in terms of realisation of own/global objectives and targets.

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- ...supports urban action, for instance
 - Includes recommendations that focus on improving evidence-based policy-making (development, review and implementation of sectoral and integrated urban development policies); the development of urban infrastructure/services projects and partnerships.

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The webinar on Sustainable Smart Cities Profile (SSCP) – achievements



- Developed shared understanding about the importance of:
 - moving from KPI verification to policy innovation
 - connecting the development of the SSCP with policy-making processes at the local level and the review of the 2030 Agenda implementation (Local Voluntary Reviews)
 - connecting the development of the SSCP with the National Programme
- Structure of the Sustainable Smart Cities Profile presented and the cooperation with municipalities on the development of the Cities Profile agreed
- Structure of the Sustainable Smart Cities Profile agreed – positive feedback during discussion with no written comments submitted afterwards
- Ppts from the meeting, template of the SSCP and the template of the survey shared with municipalities
- Agreed participation in development of the Sustainable Smart Cities Profile and the survey.

The survey and its objectives



The survey is a tool that enables collection of data for the “Sustainable Cities Profiles”. It is designed to reflect the structure of the Sustainable Smart Cities profile and the KPI4SSC (divided into 3 areas: society, economy, environment and culture).

Through the survey the cities provide information about:

- Location, social, economic, environmental context of a city
- Progress in implementation of the 2030 Agenda to date and the key achievements
- Key past and planned activities in relation to three areas: society and culture, environment, economy (key policies, programmes, projects and partnerships);
- Challenges and opportunities for evidence-based policy process and decision-making (including finance).

Examples of questions



- “Please briefly outline the key characteristics of your municipality; e.g. geographical situation, administrative and political framework; population and demographic situation; socio-economic conditions (industry, public utilities, education and culture, healthcare, social inclusion, recreation and sport, historical and cultural heritage); environmental conditions (land use, fauna, flora, climate).”
- “Please briefly outline the local legal and institutional framework for urban development, including e.g. city structure (recent changes to administrative structure; inter-municipal collaboration), international collaboration.”
- “Please indicate the key achievements of your commune in improving economic prosperity (policies, projects, programs).”

Information about completing the survey



- Draft of the survey can be found here:
(https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Preview/?sm=opp9EmSVHrcDqzcW6PuQOf0Gr4aS2_2F445_2FyupM1a09AsnPhCZlujAKjRIJ4hQD0T)
- Do not hesitate to give us a feedback about the survey!
- You will receive a link to the survey and fill it out only once, in a browser.
- There is a limited space provided – important to focus on key issues and key messages (text of the sustainable smart cities Profile is 12 pages).
 - If you wish to add information used an ‘attach file’ option
- Please, provide sources for your information, where indicated.
- Survey will be sent out on 1 June 2020.
- Deadline for the completion of the survey is 15 June 2020.

Next steps



- We take your feedback on board!
- You receive the survey link
- Completion of the survey will be followed by the production of a draft of Sustainable Smart Cities Profile
 - We use the KPI4SSC verification report
- We share with you draft of the Profile for your comments and reviews!
- In case of any questions or comments, please, do not hesitate to contact Ms Agata Krause, via email: agata.krause@un.org

Thank you!

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