

Newsletter

THE EPIX PROJECT

What is about the EPIX Project?

Eco-system Partnership for Interclusters and smart cities eXchanges, EU COSME Programme.

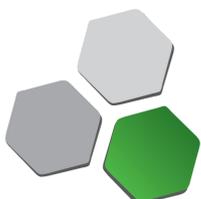
The EPIX project is co-financed under the EU COSME Excellence Programme and kicked-off its activities on 1st February 2022.

The main objective of the EPIX project is to empower and enable its project partners for identifying and exploiting opportunities that will change the outlook of cities by making them smart and sustainable and providing added-value services and new governance for the creation of data-sharing communities formed by cities and businesses.



List of EPIX project partners:

- RETE DI IMPRESE LUCE IN VENETO (Italy) - Italian lighting cluster of Veneto Region - COORDINATOR
- ELCA (IT) - European Lighting Cluster Alliance - Smart lighting
- HABIC BASQUE HABITAT, WOOD, OFFICE & HOSPITALITY CLUSTER (Spain) - Smart infrastructure
- Sustainable Infrastructure Cluster (Poland)
- MoWiN.net e.V., Cluster Mobility, Regionalmanagement Nordhessen GmbH (Germany) - Smart mobility and transportation
- Science, Technology and Educational Platform for Photonics (STEPP) Cluster (Hungary) - Photonics platform, smart data



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While the EPIX specific objectives are following:

- to increase skills and competencies of 15 clusters managers on five projects technological trajectories (smart energy; smart mobility and transportation; smart data, smart IoT devices; smart infrastructures) as well on main project topics (sustainable smart cities, data sharing communities, public finance, and investments) that will make them smart cities champions and will smooth the creation of data-sharing communities formed by city managers and SMEs;
- to promote cross-cluster value chain interconnections to seize new growth opportunities emerging from smart cities technologies and data sharing communities and enhance SMEs' practical collaboration in joint projects for public procurements bids;
- to develop 6 comprehensive and focused clusters' strategies, with related implementation roadmaps for effectively interconnecting clusters, their SMEs, and cities in the long term. The strategies and roadmaps will include long-term upskilling and reskilling activities, new data sharing services, and public financing opportunities;
- to actively contribute to the successful implementation, promotion, and further deployment of the COSME ClusterXchange professional program through sound management, tailored outreach and awareness-raising campaign, and execution of 80 high-quality short-term exchanges.



Links to the project website:

EPIX project
<https://epixproject.eu/>

COSME Programme for competitiveness of Enterprises and SMEs
https://single-market-economy.ec.europa.eu/smes/cosme_en

ClusterXchange - European cluster collaboration platform
<https://clustercollaboration.eu/clusterxchange>

EPIX profile on the ECCP platform
<https://clustercollaboration.eu/eu-cluster-partnerships/escp-4x>



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Latest news and events



1° EPIX INTERNATIONAL FOCUS GROUP 20 of July 2022, hosted by Luce in Veneto



EPIX 1st International Focus Group

On 20-21. July 2022 - 1st International EPIX Focus Group meeting held in Piombino Dese, Italy hosted by the Coordinator Luce in Veneto.

Following the project discussion from the kick-off meeting, on 20-21 July 2022 was organized the project Steering Committee meeting along with the 1st on-site transnational Focus Group in Italy at the premises of Luce in Veneto.

On the first day of the event's agenda was for the First International Focus Group meeting, started with a plenary meeting with city managers of engaged municipalities, where we could learn more about LIV cluster's ecosystem and other EPIX partners' organisations, specialisations and members network. We learned more about the This first session was followed by in-depth presentation of the Federation of Municipalities of Camposampierese and their Strategic Plan "Agenda 2030" promoted jointly by 10 municipalities collaborating within the federation. Furthermore, we had a great opportunity to share knowledge with the City of Barcelona, on their best practices in the framework of smart cities projects developed by the Municipality of Barcelona. After these valuable performances, the same day followed the visit to the Federation of Municipalities of Camposampierese where had a succesful networking meeting with the Municipalities belonging to the Federation of Municipalities of Camposampierese: Borgorico, Campodarsego, Camposampiero, Santa Giustina in Colle, San Giorgio delle Pertiche, Loreggia, Massanzago, Piombino Dese, Villa del Conte, Villanova di Camposampiero).

Followed this programme was held the meeting with local stakeholders: B2C meetings with mayors and technical offices of the Federation of Municipalities of Camposampierese to discuss their urban strategies and smart city investments.



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EPIX 1st ClusterXchange visit

In July 2022 EPIX consortium realised also its **first CxC group exchange** hosted by LIV at its headquarters in Italy.

The 3-day exchange took place on **19-20-21-22 July 2022**.



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1° ClusterXchange visit

Visit to LIV companies & meeting with regional stakeholders



20-21-22 July 2022
Piombino Dese, Italy



+ Participation in the Venetian Smart Lighting Award contest gala event



The general objective of this small group exchange was to explore the Veneto Region lighting sector, and in particular Rete di Imprese Luce in Veneto lighting market characteristics and collaboration and business prospects. Two lighting SMEs from France and CICAT lighting cluster from Spain took part in this ClusterXchange mission.



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EPIX at the Venetian Smart Lighting award

The 1st edition of the EPIX “Be SMART for your city” International Contest was organised by LIV on **21. July 2022** at its premises in Levada di Piombino Dese, Italy.



In order to increase the cluster collaboration, and give additional visibility to EPIX clusters' innovative companies operating in project value chains, LIV decided to introduce in the context of its regional Venetian Smart Lighting Award (<http://www.venetiansmartlightingaward.it/>) - a special international category for the best smart city project proposed by the EPIX companies - 5° category.

5. SPECIAL PRIZE: EPIX – BE SMART FOR YOUR CITY



For 2022, a special prize will be awarded to companies belonging to the industrial clusters – partners of the European project EPIX operating in the fields of lighting, furniture, construction, infrastructure and collective mobility. The participating companies will be able, in particular, to propose design products, technological solutions with a marked character of innovation, design elements and components designed for outdoor / indoor environments in the smart city framework concept.

This international category was open to all companies - members of the EPIX clusters (RI LIV, ELCA, DUTIREG, SIC, HABIC and MoWIN,net), operating in the lighting, furniture, construction and mobility with the focus on smart city solutions. The winners have been announced during the official award ceremony that took place on 21.07.2022 at the Luce in Veneto premises with participation of all EPIX partners. The EPIX category was won by the Basque SME B.LUX S.A. - member of the Habic cluster.

*Special Prize
EPIX: Be Smart
For Your City*



WINNER
C-BALL SYSTEM
B. LUX S.A.

It is a versatile lamp, iconic and pleasing to the eye. It allows the possibility of being declined in different compositions. It has a strong craftsmanship value and adapts to the needs of the user. We like the concept design and the quality of the production.

More photos about EPIX at the Venetian Smart Lighting award



Local news from EPIX partners

EPIX project presented at the V. Partium conference by DUTIREG



A multidisciplinary conference was held at the Partium Christian University in Nagyvárad on 19-20. May 2022, entitled Global challenges, regional responses in East Central Europe in the post-COVID period. The Partium conference is a two-day scientific meeting consisting of plenary lectures on many current topics, a scientific forum in which the work of researchers and research groups working in various institutions can be presented and learned about.

Before the plenary lectures at the two-day scientific meeting concerning many current topics, Dr. University associate professor Ferenc Szilágyi (PKE) greeted those present, then the greeting of the university rector was interpreted and the university associate professor of the Károli Gáspár Református University also greeted the host of guests who filled the amphitheater:

"This meeting is an opportunity to talk, to hold scientific presentations, to clash opinions, but most importantly, to build and further strengthen our community," said Dr. Andrea Zakar.

The afternoon continued with the Geopolitics round table, which can also be followed online, the Economics 1st section, the Geopolitics section, and the Regional Studies round table. On the second day of the event, after the plenary presentations, joint thinking continued in parallel sections, where in the Regional Science 2nd section, Éva Balogh, representing Dutireg Nonprofit Kft., gave her presentation entitled "Data-based collaboration with clusters in smart cities", in which she explained the details and advantages of the EPIX project to the interested parties.

link:

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#konferencia#PKE#Nagyvárad





Upcoming events

EPIX New ClusterXchange mission in Bracelona, Spain

Exciting news!

ELCA European Lighting Cluster Alliance within the COSME EPIX project organises a new ClusterXchange visit in Barcelona in cooperation with Barcelona City Council (our Host) and Smart City Expo World Congress - Fira Barcelona!

: 15-16-17 Nov 2022

It is a great opportunity for SMEs from lighting, building, mobility, and urban furniture sectors and upscaling entities to learn more about Barcelona **Smart City Strategy** and investments, discuss public-private business collaboration opportunities and explore new urban realities, new tech and new business models at SCEWC22!

i Contact EPIX Project partners and learn how to become our CxC Visitor and benefit from the CxC travel support voucher and free entry passes for the SCEWC22 fair.

Smart City Expo World Congress (Barcelona, November 15-17) is the leading international event for the smart city sector, a key meeting point for experts and leaders of the world's most innovative cities, companies, research centres and international organizations. Over 24,000 professionals are expected from more than 700 cities and over 400 international speakers that will share their vision on how to build a more sustainable and liveable urban future.

This year's event will focus on eight main tracks touching the most pressing issues facing cities: Enabling Technologies, Energy & Environment, Mobility, Governance, Living & Inclusion, Economy, Infrastructures & Buildings and Safety & Security.

After last year's success, the event will blend the physical venue with the digital space, allowing us to reach a wider audience while giving everybody the opportunity to experience the event in full.

More information at www.smartcityexpo.com