Sustainable Smart Cities Profile and the survey

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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.
• …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 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_2FyupM1a09AsnPhCZIuJAKjRIJ4hQD0T)

- 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.
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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