



The Visegrad Countries (Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia)

Expert Roundtable and Conference

„Smart Cities: The Pathway to Sustainable Development of Cities”

Date, Venue and Objectives

7th – 8th April, 2016 / Ostrava, Czech Republic

Objectives:

- to introduce Smart Cities and Communities initiative in the context of V4, incl. the position of the European Commission;
- to identify pitfalls within the implementation of Smart Cities;
- to outline ways of strengthening the implementation of the Smart Cities concept, incl. the possibility of using ESIF and other funding, with the emphasis on sustainable development of cities and municipalities;
- to share experience, good and bad practice, both at the level of national public administration and the cities themselves;
- to identify common ground and further steps to be taken in V4 countries in the context of development in the EU.



Programme

First day: 7th April, ROUNDTABLE – expert workshop (by invitation only)

Venue: [Compress Hall](#), Dolní Vítkovice, Ruská 2993, 703 00, Ostrava - Vítkovice, Czech Republic

13.30 Registration

14.00 Opening speeches

- **Ms. Klára Dostálová**, Deputy Minister of Regional Development, Ministry of Regional Development, Czech Republic
- **Mr. Vladislav Smrž**, Deputy Minister for Section of Environmental Policy and International Relations, Ministry of the Environment, Czech Republic
- **Mr. Tomáš Kotyza**, Director, Regional Authority – Moravian-Silesian Region, Czech Republic
- **Ms. Kateřina Šebestová**, Vice-Mayor of City of Ostrava, Czech Republic

Moderator: **Ms. Anna Pasková**, Head of Unit of Environmental Policy and Strategies, Ministry of the Environment, Czech Republic

14.30 Outline of main topics/challenges

Key speakers:

- **Mr. Miroslav Svítek**, Dean of Faculty of Transportation Sciences, Czech Technical University in Prague, Czech Republic
- **Mr. Petr Jan Kalaš**, Former Minister of the Environment and Chief-advisor to the Minister of the Environment, Czech Republic
- **Mr. David Bárta**, the Transport Research Centre, Czech Republic and Editor in Chief of the Smart City Magazine
- **Mr. Jonas Tolf**, Head of Energy & Climate Unit, Environment and Health Administration, City of Stockholm, Sweden
- **Mr. Michal Postránecký**, Expert on urbanism, architecture, and design, Florida, USA

Discussion

Moderator: **Mr. František Kubeš**, Head of Urban Policy Unit, Regional Policy Department, Ministry of Regional Development, Czech Republic

16.00 Coffee break

16.30 V4 countries - insight

Current situation in context of Smart Cities, Contributions to selected topics/challenges, Introduction of outstanding projects¹

Presentations:

- **Czech Republic** - **Ms. Anna Pasková**, Head of Unit of Environmental Policy and Strategies, Ministry of the Environment and **Mr. David Koppitz**, Director, Regional Policy, Ministry of Regional Development
- **Slovakia** - **Ms. Kamila Gejdošová**, Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development
- **Hungary** - **Mr. Szemerey Samu**, Lechner Nonprofit Kft.
- **Poland** - **Ms. Agnieszka Siłuszek**, Ministry of Economic Development

Discussion

Moderator: Mr. David Škorňa, Head of Strategy Unit, Ministry of Regional Development, Czech Republic

18.00 Conclusions, formulation of joint recommendations for further action

- **Mr. Miroslav Svítek**, Dean of Faculty of Transportation Sciences, Czech Technical University in Prague, Czech Republic
- **Mr. Petr Jan Kalaš**, Former Minister of Environment and Chief-advisor to the Minister of the Environment, Czech Republic
- **Mr. Tomáš Kotyza**, Director, Regional Authority Moravian-Silesian Region, Czech Republic

18.30 Dinner under the auspices of the Moravian-Silesian Region and on-site visit of Dolní Vítkovice for participants of the expert roundtable

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¹ Detailed information about selected projects might be potentially presented at the conference the following day.

Second day: 8th April, CONFERENCE

Venue: [The New City Hall Ostrava](#), Prokešovo náměstí 1803/8, 702 00, Ostrava, Czech Republic

9:00 **Registration**

9:30 **Welcome and opening speeches**

Ms. Karla Šlechtová, Minister of Regional Development of the Czech Republic

Mr. Vladislav Smrž, Deputy Minister for Section of Environmental Policy and International Relations, Ministry of the Environment, Czech Republic

Mr. Miroslav Novák, Governor of the Moravian-Silesian Region, Czech Republic

Mr. Tomáš Macura, Mayor of the City of Ostrava, Czech Republic

10:00 **PANEL 1 –Smart Cities as an approach**

Framing of the concept; Smart Cities in V4 countries; Smart Cities and ESIF and other funding (both public and private)

Key speakers:

Ms. Colette Maloney, Head of Unit Smart Cities and Sustainability unit at the European Commission's Directorate-General for Communications Networks

Ms. Anna Pasková, Head of Unit of Environmental Policy and Strategies, Ministry of the Environment, Czech Republic and **Mr. František Kubeš**, Head of Urban Policy Unit, Regional Policy Department, Ministry of Regional Development, Czech Republic

Mr. Daniel Havlík, Deputy Governor of the Moravian-Silesian Region, Czech Republic

Mr. Jonas Tolf, Head of Energy & Climate Unit, Environment and Health Administration, City of Stockholm, Sweden

Mr. Adam Pajgrt, Strategy and Development Specialist, Prague Institute of Planning and Development, Czech Republic

Ms. Veronika Korittová, Technology Centre of the of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic

11:30 **Coffee break**

Side event by invitation only: 11:30 Signature of The Adhesion of The City of Třinec to The Joint Declaration on Cooperation on Preparation of The Concept of Smart City and Smart Region with priority of improving the overall quality of life and environment in Ostrava and Moravian-Silesian Region (venue - room no. 206a)

11:45 **PANEL 2 - Energy**

Short introduction of sectoral dimension of Smart Cities (Energy) and examples of Smart Cities' projects/activities

*Key speaker: **Mr. Petr Jan Kalaš**, Former Minister of the Environment and Chief-advisor to the Minister of the Environment, Czech Republic*

Representatives of V4 cities:

- **Litoměřice** – **Mr. Jaroslav Klusák**, Energy Manager of the City of Litoměřice, Czech Republic
- **Bratislava** – **Mr. Miroslav Muška**, Unit of Strategies and Projects, Slovakia
- **Vrchlabí** – **Mr. Jakub Vít**, Smart Region Vrchlabí, Czech Republic

*Experts: **Mr. Jiří Tencar**, University Centre for Energy Efficient Buildings, Czech Technical University in Prague; **Mr. Vladimír Sochor**, Director of Department of Energy Efficiency and Savings, Ministry of Industry and Trade, Czech Republic*

13:00 **Lunch break**

14.00 **PANEL 3 – Transport and mobility**

Short introduction of sectoral dimension of Smart Cities (Transport and mobility) and examples of Smart Cities' projects/activities

*Key speaker: **Mr. Miroslav Svítek**, Dean of Faculty of Transportation Sciences, Czech Technical University in Prague, Czech Republic*

Representatives of V4 cities:

- **Písek** – **Mr. Josef Knot**, Vice-Mayor, City of Písek, Czech Republic
- **Třinec** – **Ms. Věra Palkovská**, Mayor, City of Třinec, Czech Republic
- **Miskolc** – **Mr. István Nagy**, Miskolc Holding Local Government Asset Management Corporation, Hungary

*Experts: Czech Republic; **Mr. Zdeněk Žák**, Advisor of the President of the Czech Republic, Mayor of the National Association for Electromobility,*

***Mrs. Anna Batulková**, Ministry of Transport*

15:15 **PANEL 4 – ICT and digitalization**

Short introduction of sectoral dimension of Smart Cities (ICT and digitalization) and examples of Smart Cities' projects/activities

*Key speaker: **Mr. David Bárta**, the Transport Research Centre, Czech Republic and Editor in Chief of the Smart City Magazine*

Representatives of V4 cities:

- **Ostrava** – **Mr. Ivo Vondrák**, Rector, VŠB – Technical University of Ostrava, Czech Republic

- **Brno – Mr. Jaroslav Kacer**, councilor, City of Brno, Czech Republic

Experts: **Mr. Bernhard Krabina**, Centre for Public Administration Research, Austria;
Mr. Jiří Štich, Atos IT Solutions and Services

16:30 **Final summary**, Closing Speech

Mr. Petr Kalaš, Former Minister of the Environment and Chief-advisor to the Minister of the Environment, Czech Republic

Mr. Tomáš Macura, Mayor of the City of Ostrava, Czech Republic