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Committee of Digital and Knowledge-based Cities
URAÍA Platform capacity building activity: **the impact of SMART technologies in the municipal budget**
19 – 20 April 2016, Nicosia, Cyprus

Dear committee members,

We inform you that as founding members of the Uraía Platform for the innovation in the municipal management, from the Committee we are collaborating in the organization of the second capacity building activity of the Uraía Platform (Citizenship series).

The workshop will be held on **19 and 20th of April 2016 in Nicosia (Cyprus)** in the framework of the CEMR Congress.

This year, the activity focus its work on **the impact of SMART technologies in the municipal budget**, and more specifically how, through technological innovation, municipalities can increase their revenue by improving local tax collection, while reducing expenditure thanks to energy efficiency policies.

The objective of the workshop is to **exchange experiences on initiatives that used SMART technologies to improve tax recovery and increase energy efficiency and how these experiences produce an impact on municipal budget** and are transformed into better services to all citizens.

The workshop will result in a document that will seek to capitalize on the exchanges, case studies, challenges, opportunities and views shared by decision makers who face similar situations regarding the pressing need to address the citizen’s demands in more innovative ways. Getting more resources yes, but also spending less, and better.

The workshop will combine plenary sessions and more in-depth debates in working groups, as well as a technical visit to SMART experiences of the Municipality of Nicosia.

The most intense part of the activity will take place on the 19th April and will count on with the part of the Uraía Partners, but being open, with no cost, to other cities interested in taking part previous approval by the Uraía’s Secretariat. **Uraía will be able to finance**
the travel and three nights’ accommodation for 10 participants from developing countries. To request your registration and make a petition for scholarships you may contact directly mariana.nascimento@uraia.org

The 20th April will take place as part of the CEMR Congress, and will be open both for the registered participants to the workshops and the registered participants to the Congress which will begin on the 20th in the afternoon. You may find all the registration information to the CCEMR in the following link www.cemr2016.eu.

The workshop is addressed to representatives from local governments, network of cities, research centres, international organizations, and private sector companies. The working languages of the workshops are French, English and Spanish.

Please click on the links below to access the following reference documents:

- Registration form
- Concept note Nicosia Workshop

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Committee Secretariat: infor@uclg-digitalcities.org

Sincerely,

The UCLG World Secretariat
on behalf of the Committee of Digital and Knowledge-based Cities

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