

2<sup>nd</sup> Euro-Mediterranean Conference and Exhibition 2017

"Smart, Inclusive and Resilient Small and Medium-sized Cities and Island Communities in the Mediterranean: Exploring Current Research Paths and Experience-based Evidence"

> Heraklion-Crete, September 28-29, 2017 http://www.smartbluecity.com/

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Euro-Mediterranean Conference and Exhibition 2017 will be hosted by a Greek smart city, a small coastal and well known tourist destination in the periphery of Greece, **Heraklion Crete**, in September 28-29, 2017. The Conference will be under the auspices of Heraklion Municipality and the Region of Crete.

The Conference Theme is "Smart, Inclusive and Resilient Small and Medium-sized Cities and Island Communities in the Mediterranean: Exploring Current Research Paths and Experience-based Evidence". It incorporates a range of subthemes, touching upon different dimensions of smart city developments (see <a href="http://www.smartbluecity.com/papersubmission">http://www.smartbluecity.com/papersubmission</a>).

The Conference is organized by the:

- National Technical University of Athens, School of Rural and Surveying Engineering, Dept. of Geography and Regional Planning (http://www.survey.ntua.gr/en/);
- Urban and Regional Innovation Research URENIO (<a href="http://www.urenio.org/">http://www.urenio.org/</a>), Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Faculty of Engineering, Dept. of Architecture:
- University of the Aegean, School of Social Sciences, Dept. of Geography (<a href="https://geography.aegean.gr/index-en.php">https://geography.aegean.gr/index-en.php</a>); and
- SMART-MED Cluster promoting smart and sustainable small and medium-sized cities and insular communities in the Mediterranean (www.smartcitiesmed.com).

It aims at bringing together current research efforts and evidence-based results from the Mediterranean but also the international context, with the aim to create value for small and medium-sized cities and communities as well as island territories and bring them on board for reaping the benefits of smart developments. This will be accomplished by establishing an interdisciplinary interaction platform and motivating fruitful dialogue among academia, SMEs, industry and professionals as well as decision makers, regional authorities and city representatives.

Deadline for abstract submission: April 15, 2017

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