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Transition of EU cities
towards a new concept of
Smart Life and Economy



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Introduction

Léa Brenguier from the French radio channel “Euradio” has accompanied the mySMARTLife project partners during their 5th periodic meeting in Nantes from 5th to 7th March 2019. The radio broadcast is available in French on the mySMARTLife website. Please find below the English translation of the radio broadcast from 5th March.

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Back to France now: It is today, that a week full of meetings between several European cities begins in Nantes with the aim to exchange within the framework of the European mySMARTLife project. Léa Brenguier will follow them throughout this week during the meetings and discussions. This morning, she gave us an overview.

The mySMARTLife project is part of the European Horizon 2020 programme, which focuses on research and innovation. The project is planned over five years with a budget of €18 million. Gabi Kaiser, responsible for the communication of this project in Germany, explains:

”mySMARTLife focuses to reduce carbon emissions and to increase the use of renewable energy sources.”

Benoit Cuvelier, coordinator for Nantes, presents the project partners: “In this project, we have three demonstrators, Nantes, Helsinki and Hamburg, and in total, we are about thirty partners, and this includes cities, research organisations, industry, associations and SMEs. The aim is to carry out several actions concerning energy, mobility and digital technology.”

Interventions include the development of renewable energy through the installation of photovoltaic panels on the Ile de Nantes, the expansion of charging stations for bicycles and electric cars in Hamburg and the creation of a building with 167 apartments equipped with intelligent thermostats to reduce energy consumption by 10 to 15% in Helsinki.

For Marja Vuorinen, project coordinator for the Finnish capital, the project helps to find effective solutions for reducing CO2 emissions in line with Helsinki's ecological objectives.

Citizen involvement is at the heart of the project. They will benefit in particular from the development of the Carbon ego app.

“Carbon ego application aims at how people can think of their CO2 emissions in everyday life, as sort of how they live, how they care for themselves in the city.”

An ambitious project, a budget in order to develop ideas and respect the environment.

And after Nantes, Helsinki and Hamburg, this year, we already know the three future cities that will take over: Bydgoszcz in Poland, Rijeka in Croatia, and Palencia in Spain.