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Committee of Digital and Knowledge-based Cities

Working meeting "SMART LOCAL GOVERNANCE: The challenge of good governance in local administrations"

6 - 7 November 2014, Bilbao

Dear Committee members,

With the aim of boosting the exchange of knowledge and collaboration between cities, and most of all, to focus the work developed by the UCLG Committee on Digital and Knowledge-based Cities, it is scheduled the organization thematic and operative working meetings that allow having a "real" exchange and debate through the use of new networking methodologies that can facilitate the interaction between the participants, but also the identification of collaboration projects.

In order to keep a focus and center the worked to be developed in the working meetings, they will be centered in one of the key areas of performance identified during the elaboration of the "Smart Cities Study", which incorporates a "holistic" vision of Smart City, bringing together 6 key Areas of performance that affect the development of cities: economy, governance, people, mobility, environment and living.

The first working meeting took place in May 2013 in Bordeaux and was focused on the "Smart Local Economy" axis. On this occasion, the Committee in collaboration with UN-HABITAT, the Committee on Descentralization and Local Self Government, the LSE Cities Program and EUDEL is organizing the upcoming working meeting that will be focused on the:

"Smart Local Governance: the challenge of good governance in local administrations" and will be held in Bilbao from 6-7 November 2014.

The Smart Local Governance includes political and active participation, citizen services as well as the smart functioning of the administration. All of this with the support of new technologies, which enable the introduction of a new relationship between Local Governments and citizens; in particular regarding the introduction of public on-line services

and the use of New Technologies to improve the participation of citizens in public decision-making.

Taking into consideration the new reality faced by the local governments, the working meeting is structured in 4 thematic sessions where discussions and knowledge exchanges on priority issues within the smart «Local governance» will be carried out:

- 1. Strategic local public management: Challenges and keys to success.
- 2. Transparency and citizen participation
- 3. City intelligence: Big data + open data
- 4. Modernization of Public Administration and Online Public Services

There is a limited number of places available, therefore, in case you would like to participate in the meeting, please send the Registration Form to the Committee Secretariat before: 24 October 2014

The working language of the meeting will be **English**.

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

- <u>Draft programme</u> (Updated: 4/09/2014)
- Registration form

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Committee Secretariat: promotion@bilbaointernational.bilbao.net

Sincerely,

The UCLG World Secretariat

on behalf of the Committee of Digital and Knowledge-based Cities

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