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Committee of Digital and Knowledge-based Cities

<u>Update:</u> Working meeting "SMART LOCAL GOVERNANCE: The challenge of good governance in local administrations"
6 - 7 November 2014, Bilbao

Dear Committee members,

From the Committee we are organizing in collaboration with UN-HABITAT, the Committee on Descentralization and Local Self Government, the LSE Cities Program and the upcoming working meeting that will be focused on:

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

The meeting will represent a unique opportunity for the **exchange of knowledge and debate about some of the main challenges that local governments** face to achieve good governance, such as: strategic local public management; transparency and citizen participation; City intelligence: Big data + open data; and the modernization of public Administration and online Public Services

During the meeting, diverse **experts from international organizations and academic world** such as the Norwegian Nord-Trøndelag University College (HiNT), the George Washington University, the European Institute of Public Administration, Transparency International, the OECD and Microsoft among others, will share their vision regarding these challenges.

The meeting will also enable participants to learn about the **experiences carried out by cities** such as Bilbao, Mannheim, Sant Cugat del Vallès, Tampere, Barcelona, Durban, the Provincial Government of Barcelona and also form **Associations and Networks of Cities and Municipalities** such as EUDEL, FLACMA and Citynet.

One of the main objectives of the meeting is the **identification of collaboration projects**. This is why, besides getting to know the projects already in progress such as the "**Governing Urban Futures Study**", carried out by the LSE Cities Programme, UN-Habitat and the UCLG Committee on Decentralization and Local Self-Government and the "**Uría Platform Project**" of UN-Habitat, there will be a space reserved in the meeting to **propose and identify new potential collaboration projects**.

We remind you that the **registration deadline is:** October 24. You can register on-line in the following link or by sending the registration form to the Committee Secretariat. Registration to the meeting has no cost.

You may find all the updated information of the meeting in the Committee website in the following \underline{link} .

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

- Meeting Program (Updated: 26/09/2014)
- Registration form

The working language will be **English** and there will be simultaneous translation to **Spanish** available.

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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