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To the members of the World Council

To the Secretaries General

To the Vice-Presidents of United Cities and Local Governments

To the Chairs of UCLG Committees, Working Groups, Communities of Practice and Fora

For information: To the Presidency

Launch of the “Smart Cities Study 2021”

Deadline: 31 May 2021

Dear members,

The UCLG Community of Practice on Digital Cities carried out three editions of the **Smart Cities Study** (in 2012, 2017 and 2019) about the situation of ICT, innovation and knowledge in cities.

Following this work, the Community would like to launch the **fourth edition of the study**, which aims to:

- Understand the **pre-pandemic situation** of cities, identifying their level of digitization and the "Smart" resources and tools they had;
- Analyse **what impact the pandemic had on the different areas of local governance and what new "Smart" measures or tools were used** to combat the negative consequences that were generated;
- Determine **to what extent these types of actions have served to increase the resilience of cities** and assess the usefulness of the new measures and tools for **combating future crises**.

A survey has been designed for the development of this study, addressed to the cities, having as goal the gathering of information, essentially qualitative one, on the situation and features of each city in these fields.

We encourage you to contribute to the study by filling the survey before the 31st of May 2021. You can access the survey by clicking on the following link: [Smart Cities Study 2021/Survey for the cities](#)

Should you have any problem accessing the online version, you can download the survey in Word format [here](#) and send it to the Secretariat of the Community of Practice at: info@uclg-digitalcities.org

Sincerely,

The UCLG World Secretariat



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