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To the members of the World Council

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

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Publication of the “Smart Cities Study 2021”

Dear members,

As you are already informed, from the UCLG Community of Practice of Digital Cities, which is chaired by the City of Bilbao, we have been working during the past months in the elaboration of the fourth edition of the “SMART CITIES STUDY 2021” which was officially presented during the World Congress held in November in Barcelona.

In this new edition **35 cities from 20 countries from Europe, Latin America, Africa and Asia** have participated, begin the largest participation achieve until date for the elaboration of the study.

Taking into consideration the current world situation, this new edition focuses on a subject of great importance: the **impact of COVID-19 on cities' Smart resilience**.

It aims to understand the **pre-pandemic situation of cities**, identifying their level of digitization and the “Smart” resources and tools they had. It analyses 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. Finally, the study determines to what extent these types of actions

have served to **increase the resilience of cities**, and to assess the usefulness of the new measures and tools for combating future crises. It also seeks to promote the **exchange of knowledge** including best practices developed by the cities.

Now after all the work that has being done, we are glad to inform you that the study is available in [Spanish](#) and [English](#).

We hope you find it interesting and useful.

For further information you can visit the Community of practice website <http://www.uclg-digitalcities.org/en/smart-cities-study/2021-edition/>.

Sincerely,

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