

## COMMITTEE OF DIGITAL AND KNOWLEDGE-BASED CITIES

### **1. Main activities of the Committee in 2016 organized according to the main components of the UCLG's work plan**

#### **A. Institutional relations and advocacy**

From the Committee we will seek in 2016 to contribute to the development process of the Global Agenda developed by UCLG. We will also seek to contribute in the process towards HABITAT III through the positioning of new technologies as an instrument for achieving more sustainable and competitive cities. From the Committee we will also work to collaborate in the organization of the upcoming UCLG World congress to be held in Bogotá from 12 to 15 October 2016.

#### **B. Intelligence**

In 2016 from the Committee we will continue with the task of boosting the exchange of knowledge among the members. In 2016 we will assess the possibility of elaborating the second edition of the "[Smart Cities Study](#)". From the Committee we consider that the study has served as an instrument to define the position of the Committee towards the Smart Cities. In regards to the possible elaboration of a new edition of the study from the Committee we will initiate contacts with diverse institutions and organizations with the aim of identifying possible collaborators for the elaboration of the study.

The Committee will also continue with its task of identifying and disseminating best practices and experience through the Committee website. We will also work as an "Observatory" for the identification of new tendencies and topics of interest for local governments in the field of new technologies, innovation and knowledge.

#### **C. Strengthening the network, leadership and governance**

The Committee is currently integrated by a President, the City of Bilbao which is the one that leads the Committee and boosts its activities. It also counts on with 4 vice-presidents (City of Bordeaux, The National Confederation of Municipalities of Brazil, the City of Ulan Bator and the Association of Municipalities of Morocco). The Committee has more than 88 members (cities and associations of cities and municipalities). One of the main objectives for the next year will be the strengthening of the Committee Governance; therefore during the first half of 2016 we will initiate a process for the renewal of the Committee Vice-presidencies.

Also, in order to strengthen the network, from the Committee we will continue with the implementation of the Committee Communication plan which includes the update of the website, community management, newsletters, and circulars, among others.

In order to give visibility to the work developed by the Committee and UCLG, we will seek to participate in International Forums related with new technologies and local governments.

## **D. Cooperation and learning**

One of the main activities developed by the Committee for the impulse of cooperation and learning is the organization of the "Committee Annual Event". In the beginnings of 2016 we will initiate a process for members to express their interest in hosting the Committee Annual Event. The Event is expected to be held in September or October 2016, as a preparatory event towards the UCLG World Congress in Bogotá.

In 2016 we will also continue the collaboration with diverse organizations that work in the field of new technologies and innovation, such as:

- UN-HABITAT
- OEA
- NYU Wagner Innovation Labs

We will also continue strengthening the collaboration with other Committees and Working Groups as well as UCLG Regional Sections.

### **2. Description of the leadership of the Committee and eventual updates**

The City of Bilbao holds the Presidency of the Committee. In 2015 as a result of Municipal elections in Spain, the City of Bilbao voted a new Mayor, being today Mr. Juan Mari Aburto the President of the Committee. Also, as previously mentioned, in 2016 a renovation process of the Vice-presidencies will be initiated.

### **3. Main results of 2015**

#### **1. Communication and promotion of the Committee**

In 2015 the Committee has worked in strengthening its Communication strategy. During the first half of 2015 the Committee Secretariat worked in the renovation of the Committee website, which was officially launched in July 2015 [www.uclg-digitalcities.org](http://www.uclg-digitalcities.org). The Committee has also continued with the management of the Committee profiles in the social networks: Youtube, Twitter y Flickr. Taking the opportunity of the renewal of the Committee website, we began again the sending of the monthly newsletter on the Committee activities. In 2015 we have also continued with the sending of informative circulars to the members as formal communication channel. All the circulars are available in the Committee website: <http://www.uclg-digitalcities.org/en/the-committee/circulars/>

#### **2. Committee Annual Event in Sao Paulo.**

In 2015, the Committee Annual Event was held from September 30<sup>th</sup> to October 2<sup>nd</sup> in the City of Sao Paulo, Brazil under the title "2<sup>nd</sup> Seminar on the Modernization of the Municipal Management". The event was organized in collaboration with the National Confederation of Municipalities of Brazil (CNM) which holds the Vice-presidency of the Committee for Latin America, the Organization of American States (OEA), the Development Bank of Latin America, the Presidency of the UCLG Committee –held by the City of Bilbao- and the Latin American Federation of Cities, Municipalities and Associations (FLACMA).

The Seminar gathered in the City of Sao Paulo more than 230 leaders of Latin America that debated on issues such as economy, governance, environment and quality of life.

More information: <http://www.uclg-digitalcities.org/en/seminar-modernization-of-the-municipal-management/>

### **3. Committee working meeting in Porto Alegre.**

The Committee organized a working meeting on June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015 on the occasion of the UCLG Executive Bureau held in Porto Alegre, Brazil. During the meeting, the Committee reported on the activities developed in 2014 and the first semester 2015. The Committee also informed on the scheduled activities for the second half of 2015.

More information: <http://www.uclg-digitalcities.org/en/committee-meeting-porto-alegre/>

### **4. Promotion of the Committee**

The Committee was invited to participate in this year's edition of the UCLG-Mewa Smart Cities Meeting which was held in the City of Konya, Turkey. Unfortunately, it was not possible for the Presidency of the Committee to attend the meeting, but it did not want to let the opportunity pass without sharing some words with the attendants through a video message [http://youtu.be/jopZH\\_qfq4](http://youtu.be/jopZH_qfq4).

The Presidency of the Committee has also received an invitation to participate in the launch event of the "Network Eleven - Digital Technologies for Sustainable Urbanization Network" to be held in November 16<sup>th</sup> 2015 in Barcelona in the framework of the Smart City Expo.

### **5. Collaboration with UN-HABITAT and its project "Uraía Platform"**

In 2015 the Committee has continued strengthening its collaboration with the Local government and decentralization Unit of UN-HABITAT in diverse issues related to the use of new technologies for achieving local sustainable development. The Committee has been an active partner of the Uraía Platform of UN-HABITAT and FMDV. The Committee collaborated in the organization of the first capacity building activity of the Uraía Platform held on 29-30 June 2015 in Oslo, Norway, on "Public-Private Partnerships Negotiation for SMART City Management" and in the resulting document "Public-Private Partnerships for SMART City Management. Recommendations for local governments to prepare and implement SMART PPPs".

More information: <http://www.uclg-digitalcities.org/en/projects/uraia-platform/>

### **6. Participation in the proposal of the "INSECT European Project".**

The Committee has participated in the beginnings of 2015 in the proposal of the European Project "INclusive Services through Emerging Computer Technologies". In October 2015 we were informed that the Project was not selected.

More information: <http://www.uclg-digitalcities.org/en/projects/insect-european-project/>