



COMMITTEE AND WORKING GROUP PLAN OF ACTIVITIES **2012**

Committee of Digital and Knowledge-Based Cities

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INTRODUCTION

The last few decades have seen rapid development in information and communication technologies (ICTs), innovation and knowledge, which has increased their presence in day-to-day life and made them basic elements for the social and economic progress of territories. The leadership provided by local authorities in implementing a sustainable local strategy to bring about an information, innovation and knowledge-based society is thus a key element for local development. There is currently a digital and knowledge divide not only between countries but also between local authorities all over the world. It is therefore essential that local authorities from less favoured countries should roll out strategies to take advantage of the opportunities offered by these new circumstances.

ORIENTATION OF THE COMMITTEE

On the basis of the change of orientation approved by the Committee by the end of 2010 and that was ratified with the renewal of mandate of the Committee for the period 2011-2013, the committee will focus in the next period as until today, in the **4 lines of work** already established and in the thematic areas, which include the elements that make up digital and knowledge-based cities.

ACTIVITIES TO BE DEVELOPED IN 2012

The plan of activities for 2012 continues the work that has begun in the previous period and includes:

- Reinforce the governance of the Committee by boosting and strengthening the role of the members in the committee.
- Boost the cooperation with other Committees and Working Groups: Urban Strategic Planning Committee, Committee on Urban Mobility, among others.
- Work together with other committees in the development of a mentoring programme between cities.
- Support the organization and development of events to heighten awareness and disseminate the importance of implementing ICTs, innovation and knowledge at local level with a view to achieving sustainable development and improving the quality of life of citizens in the various regions of the world.
- Continue working on the updating of the technical instruments rolled out, i.e. the website, the Forum and the TV channel.
- Continue using circulars a channel of communication between the Committee and its members.
- Promote the sharing of knowledge and experiences between local authorities through the website and the Youtube channel.
- Inform members on any news concerning the Committee and its members.
- Keep on working on the elaboration of the "Smart Cities Study: First study on the situation of ICT, Innovation and Knowledge management in UCLG Members."
- Participate in UCLG meetings and meetings of the committee secretariats.

More information: <http://www.cities-localgovernments.org/committees/cdc/>