

## Smart City

### Sources and additional information:

[www.klimafonds.gv.at](http://www.klimafonds.gv.at)

[www.smartcities.at/](http://www.smartcities.at/)

### Section:

## Austria is a frontrunner



Austria:

Internationally recognised location for quality of life and smart cities

For years, Austria has been a key pioneer in smart city technologies. It is about rethinking a city as a living space with a view to energy and mobility, planning it innovatively and integrating it. 10% of all EU Smart City projects are based in Austria.

Vienna was once again voted the city with the highest quality of life (Mercer Study 2015). Smart Cities help to intelligently link technical and social innovations to maintain and improve the quality of life for future generations.

The most important approaches to design urban regions "smart" include: increasing energy efficiency, increasing the share of renewable energy sources, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The use of energy from renewable sources, energy-saving buildings and environmentally friendly transport require an intelligent interaction of innovative technologies and of integrated solutions that network individual technical systems wisely.

Austria has internationally recognized expertise in areas such as 'sustainability of buildings', 'intelligent energy systems and infrastructures' and 'network-integrated use of renewable energy sources'.

With the establishment of a European innovation partnership (EIP) for intelligent cities and communities (SCC) in July 2012, the European Commission will continue to promote the development and implementation of intelligent urban technologies in the future.

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