



## Welcome to the 7th edition of the R2CITIES newsletter

R2CITIES has started its final phase. In November, the Genoa demo site team held its final conference as part of the Genoa Smart Week. The conference looked at the outcomes and achievements of the retrofitting which was carried out in Genoa's Lavatrici district, and included a training workshop on designing renovation projects for residential districts. We are proud to report that 89% of the residents there are satisfied with the project and 82% have experienced improvements. The final conferences for the Kartal and Valladolid demo sites are set to take place in late spring.

During EUSEW 2017, our project experts delivered two webinars about avoiding the pitfalls of residential district retrofitting. You can view them on the [R2CITIES web site](#). And as the project nears its end, other interesting material, results and guides will be made available.

I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year,

Cecilia Sanz Montalvillo  
Member of the Coordination Team

## News articles



### [Lavatrici district demo team at Genoa Smart Week](#)

Members of R2CITIES Italian demo team took part in this year's Genoa Smart Week in November



## [The "washing machines" district smartens up to halve energy consumption](#)

A peripheral district in Genoa, Italy, has become a smart city lab. The project has improved apartment conditions, reduced waste and lowered the energy bill, all with the help of citizens.



## [Starting the R2CITIES home run](#)

In late October, the R2CITIES team met in Kartal, Turkey, for its second-to-last project meeting. As we look ahead to the final months of the project, our attention is on the monitoring of the works.



## [For EUSEW 2017, R2CITIES organised two webinars about avoiding the pitfalls of residential district retrofitting](#)

Many pitfalls lie in wait for the unwitting district renovator. Not only is it crucial to be cost-effective and environmentally sustainable, but you have to involve stakeholders and take on board social aspects too. Many variables. Many wrong turns possible.



## [Solar energy: "googling" your roof](#)

Internet users can assess the solar potential of their roofs through a platform developed by Google. The online "calculator", which was only accessible in the US, has now reached Europe, starting in Germany.



## [High-tech and low-cost solutions to handle urban waste](#)

Innovations in waste management systems need new regulations for the management of sustainable landfills.

# Partners in the spotlight



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# News from our network

## Fellow project ZenN ended in October 2017

Interesting outcomes and reports can be found on [zenn-fp7.eu](http://zenn-fp7.eu)



## Cartif Cecilia Sanz at EeB-PPP Impact Workshop

On 17 May, Cecilia Sanz of Cartif who is leading R2CITIES attended the annual Impact Workshop that brings together project coordinators and selected partners from the same project calls to share ideas, discuss challenges and assess the real impact of their endeavours.



## Fellow project EU-GUGLE: workshop on lessons learnt in Smart City Projects in May

What does it mean to be a smart city? This was the question set for the EU-GUGLE project workshop held in the Basque capital Bilbao on 19 May



# Recommended events



**World Sustainable Energy Days**  
28 February – 2 March 2018, Wels/Austria

## WSED2018

Taking place in Wels (Austria) from 28. February until 2 March 2018.

Meet R2CITIES Partner ECODENGE who will present a poster about our LCA study completed in Kartal Demo Site including main studies and results of LCA.



**SUSTAINABLE ENERGY WEEK**

An initiative of the  European Commission

## EUSEW 2018

Taking place in Brussels (Belgium) from 5-7 June 2018. The R2CITIES project will organize a final dissemination workshop on near zero energy district renovation during the week.



**SUSTAINABLE PLACES 2018**  
June 27 - 29 2018  
Aix-les-Bains, France

## Sustainable Places 2018

Taking place in Aix-Les-Bain (France) from 27-29 June 2018. R2CITIES partners ECODENGE and RINA participate and contribute to the event.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

R2CITIES Final Conference in Valladolid in May 2018.

R2CITIES Final Conference in Kartal Istanbul in May 2018.

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