



SMART. SECURE. GREEN.
CITY SOLUTIONS

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

A WESTERN BALKANS REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Mayors, Municipality Leaders &
Leading Technology Companies

September 20-21th 2022
Tirana, Albania



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September 20th 2022

THE RISE OF SMART CITIES IN WESTERN BALKANS - RISKS & OPPORTUNITIES

9:30 – 9:45 **Registration**

CONFERENCE OPENING

9:45–10:30 am **SMART CITIES ARE THE FUTURE****Welcome Speech & Conference Introduction***Mr. Enio Jaço, President of the American Chamber of Commerce in Albania***Keynote Speech** *Ms. Pamela Ward, Minister Counselor and Regional Senior Commercial Officer for Southeast Europe U.S. Department of State***Keynote Statements** *Ambassador Christiane Hohmann, Embassy of European Union*
Ambassador Yuri Kim, Embassy of the United States of America
*Mr. Mark Bowman, Vice President for Policy and Partnerships - EBRD*10:30–10:50 am **INTRO: SMART CITIES 101**

THE TECH GIANTS ARE BUILDING SMART CITIES. WHY SMART MAYORS FROM THE MOST DEVELOPED CITIES IN THE WORLD ARE JOINING THEM?

*Mr. Kevin J. Krizek, Senior Advisor, U.S Department of Energy**(Office of the Under Secretary for Economic Growth, Energy and the Environment)**Senior Representative, AWS Amazon Web Services**Ms. Lara Fernandes, Senior Business Development Manager, Customer Experience Public Sector South EMEA, Cisco**Mr. Andy Palanisamy, Director/Head of Practice, Parsons***Moderator** *Mr. Kevin J. Krizek*

FIRST SESSION:

10:50–11:20 am **"SUCCESS STORY – PROJECT ATHENA: A Collaboration with ATCOM and Microsoft, Making Things Easier, Faster and more Reliable".****Executive Panel:** *Mr. Frederic Sitbon, Partner Technology Advisor for Eastern Europe Microsoft Corporation*
*Mr. Dimitris Stamatis, ITC Manager, Municipality of Athens***Moderator:** *Mr. Kevin J. Krizek*11:20– 11:45 am **NETWORKING BREAK: Coffee and Snacks**
25 min

SECOND SESSION:

11:45- 12:30 pm **"SMART IS NOT ALWAYS SECURE!**
"Cybersecurity risks and mitigations for smart and connected cities"

First Executive Panel: *Senior Representative, Academic Speaker (TBC)*
Ms. Evanna Hu, Executive Director, OMALAS
Ms. Sheena Greitens, Associate Professor at the LBJ School of Public Affairs at UT-Austin

HOW TO AVOID RISKS AND MALIGN INFLUENCES FROM NEW TECHNOLOGIES

Case Study in Madrid: *Mr. Kostyantyn Steblovskyy, End User Video Account Executive for the EMEA region, Motorola Solution*

Second Executive Panel: *Mr. Milos Hrncar, VP for Public Sector EMEA & LATAM, Palo Alto*
Albion Malaj, Regional Sales Manager, NES

Moderator: *Ms. Evanna Hu*

12:30 -14:00 pm *NETWORKING LUNCH*

THIRD SESSION

14:00 -14:50 pm **"CONNECTED CITIES"**

Executive Panel: *Mr. Erion Veliaj, Mayor of Tirana*
Mr. Oliver Duroyon, Government & Cities Segment Business Developer, Nokia
Mr. Gábor Kerpel-Fronius, Deputy Mayor of Budapest

Optional **Moderator:** *Mr. Blendi Salaj*

FOURTH SESSION:

14:50 -15:30 pm **"THE DIGITALISATION OF PUBLIC SERVICES"**

Executive Panel: *Ms. Donjeta Sahatciu, Deputy Mayor of Pristina*
Mr. Timco Mucunski, Mayor of Aerodrom
Martin Dolny, EMEA Industry Strategy and Transformation Director, Oracle Corporation
Zoran Ilic, Government Sales Lead-Adriatic Region, SAS Company
Mr. Stefan Ivic – Head of Data & AI and Strategy, Analytics, and M&A Portfolio Leader for Deloitte Central Europe

Moderator: *Mr. Stefan Ivic*

FIFTH SESSION:

15:30 -16:10 pm **"HOW TO PAY FOR SOLUTIONS AND THE IMPORTANCE OF ACCESS TO FINANCE"**

Key Speeches: *Mr. Hubert Perr, Head of Cooperation, EU Delegation*
Mr. Carl Kress, Regional Director for the Middle East, North Africa, Europe & Eurasia, USTDA
Senior Representative, EIB (TBC)
Senior Representative, EBRD (TBC)

Moderator: *Mr. Damir Vukotic Partner, FSI Risk and Regulatory Advisory, Deloitte Croatia*

16:15 pm *END OF FIRST CONFERENCE DAY*

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September 21th 2022

TRANSFORMING SMART CITIES THROUGH GREEN SOLUTIONS

Opening session

10:00 am Opening session

Keynote Speech: *Kay Killmann*, The U.S. GREEN Building Council Representative

ROUNDTABLE WITH MAYORS – SESSION ONE

10:10 am BEST PRACTICES

"THE TIME FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT THROUGH GREEN INVESTMENTS"

Key Highlights

Mr. Bedri Hamza, Mayor of South Mitrovica*Mr. Sotiraq Filo*, Mayor of Korça*Ioannis Kirkinezis*, Director, Business Development, Hill*Mr. Kostadin Kostadinov*, Mayor of Strumica*Mr. Ronan Kelly*, CTO for the EMEA region, Adtran GmbH**Moderator:** *Mr. Kevin J. Krizek*

11:00 am NETWORKING BREAK & B2B

30 min

ROUNDTABLE WITH MAYORS – SESSION TWO

11:30 am BEST PRACTICES:

POWERING THE GREEN ENERGY – NET ZERO CARBON CITIES

(electric cars / solar panels / eco solutions)

EXECUTIVE PANNEL

Key Highlights

Ms. Anja Margetic, Deputy Mayor of Sarajevo*Mr. Erion Vellaj*, Mayor of Tirana*Ms. Milada Sukalo*, Advisor to the Mayor, Municipality of Banja Luka**Moderator:** *Mr. Mihallaq Qirjo* – Director at Resource Environmental Center – Albania

ROUNDTABLE WITH MAYORS – SESSION THREE

12:00–13:00 pm **BEST PRACTICES:**
AIR POLLUTION, WASTE MANAGEMENT & RECYCLING IMPORTANCE

Key Highlights

Ms. Dragana Sotirovski, Mayor of Nis

Ms. Donjeta Sahatciu, Deputy Mayor of Pristina

Mr. Apostolos Mourgos, Chairman, Envipco

Gert-Jan Bakkenes, EMEA Commercial Director Thermofischer

Optional Moderator Mr. Blendi Salaj

13:00–14:00 pm **SUCCESS STORY: ASTYPALEA CASE STUDIES**

EXECUTIVE PANNEL

“HOW AN ATTRACTIVE TOURIST DESTINATION CAN BE POWERED BY GREEN ENERGY SOLUTIONS”.

Key Highlights

Mr Nikolaos Komineas, Mayor of Astypalea

Vladimir Jokic, Mayor of Kotor

Dusan Raicevic, Mayor of Bar

Mr. Mario Kordić, Mayor of Mostar

Moderator *Ms. Evanna Hu*

CONFERENCE CLOSING REMARKS

14:00 pm *Mr. Enio Jaço, President of American Chamber of Commerce*
*5 min

NETWORKING LUNCH

14:05 pm