

Dear Mr. Mika Hakosalo,

It is our great pleasure to invite you to join the **Delegation of European Cities** in the upcoming **4th edition of the Meeting of Municipalities for Sustainable Development** (*Encontro dos Municípios com o Desenvolvimento Sustentável*), which will take place in **Brasilia from 24th to 28th April 2017**. This biannual event is the largest gathering of local governments engaged with sustainability in Latin America, and it is organized by the National Front of Mayors (FNP) in partnership with the Brazilian Micro and Small Business Support Service (Sebrae), and with the support of the European Union (EU) and the World Resources Institute (WRI). For this edition, over 9,000 participants, including 500 mayors, are expected.

In the framework of its strategic partnership with Brazil and FNP, the European Union —in collaboration with Smart City Expo World Congress—, is inviting a delegation of European Cities to showcase successful models and initiatives of Sustainable Smart Cities in the EU to Brazilian mayors, municipal technicians, government officials, academics and business stakeholders. The focus is to explain concrete and tested solutions that address public issues, in relation to the efficient use and transformation of existing resources, infrastructures, and spaces through collaborative actions between municipal stakeholders. The aim is to encourage emulation and action in the transition towards low carbon urban settings, and to incite partnerships between EU and Brazilian cities on related smart city initiatives. In this regard, how EU funding mechanisms support the development of Sustainable and Smart Cities are of particular interest, such as the Horizon 2020 Lighthouse Projects, The European Innovation Partnership on Smart Cities and Communities, as well as many others.

As part of the Delegation of European Cities, you are invited to **participate in panel discussions and dialogues** with Brazilian cities and representatives as well as other EU cities. Additionally, you are offered a **space in the EU Smart Cities pavilion to showcase projects**, initiatives and strategies from your cities related to sustainability.

The organizers of the Delegation of European cities would be grateful if you could confirm your availability to participate as soon as possible, by sending an email response to our Technical Office: congresos@firabarcelona.com in order to discuss further details of your attendance. **Kindly note that the organizers will cover the expenses for travel and accommodation.**

We look forward to hearing back from you and greeting you personally in Brasilia.

Kind regards,

Smart City Expo World Congress,
on behalf of the European Union



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