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## SMACITE project Newsletter #2

The **SMACITE** project aims to address the gap between the skills of **technicians and engineers** currently working in the field of **smart cities**, thanks to a new adapted educational programme that will combine technical and non-technical skills (entrepreneurship, environment, etc.)

### PROJECT PROGRESS

- **15/03/2023** Follow-up **face to face meeting** in Sofia
- **01/09/2023** Design of the pilots plan for upcoming SMACITE **project pilots**
- **20/09/2023** "Smart Development: Unleashing Skills for Future-Ready Cities & Communities" **online workshop**

### FACE TO FACE MEETING IN DERIO

On April 10th and 11th, the Politeknika Txorierrri school in Derio hosted a new face-to-face meeting for the SMACITE project. This gathering meant a significant step in our collaborative efforts to bridge the skills gap for technicians and engineers in smart cities providing a unique opportunity for project participants to share the project progress and outcomes, discuss challenges and outline the next steps in educating Smart City Technicians and Engineers.

#### Meeting outcomes:

- Design of learners training, assessment methodology and educational scenarios
- Design of learning resources for the upskilling and reskilling of SmartCities technicians and engineers
- Panel discussion about the MOOC and virtual worlds
- Design of the methodology for the certification of competences



### PROJECT PILOTS

After the design of the projects **pilot plan** that defined the **schedule** of the pilots, the **profile of the trainers** involved and the **open call** for HEI's, public sector and enterprises in september 2023, we are approaching the pilot implementation stage. There will be 4 national pilots in Greece, Bulgaria, Italy and Spain with an expected attendance of 160 people.

These 4 national pilots taking place from January to November 2024, are set to unfold across three consecutive stages:

- **Jan-March:** Self-paced asynchronous courses at the MOOC
- **April-June:** Synchronous training at the Virtual Worlds
- **Sept-Nov:** Online exams for "Smart Cities Specialization Certification"



### ONLINE WORKSHOP

The workshop, gathering more than 60 stakeholders in the smart cities sector, presented the latest findings on the skills needed to enhance the development of European Smart Cities and communities.

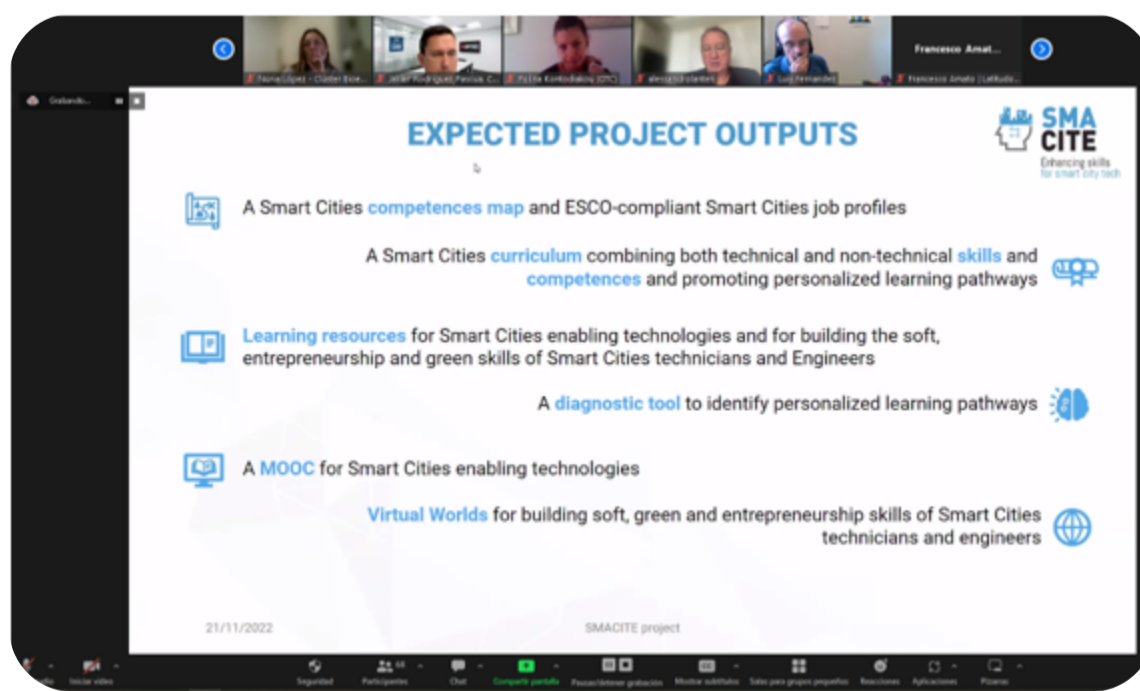
Besides, an overview of the policy framework towards sustainable smart cities and the LORDIMAS tool, a local digital maturity assessment instrument were presented.

Representatives of EU institutions, education providers, VET, public authorities and businesses (solutions providers) participated in the breakout sessions to facilitate connections among European peers.

These breakout sessions created synergies with other EU funded projects, through the presentation of AUORAL Project Pilots and the **Auroral Academy**.

Training providers, businesses and municipalities, including SMACITE partners, also had the chance to enhance new partnerships by presenting their organisations in the pitching session.

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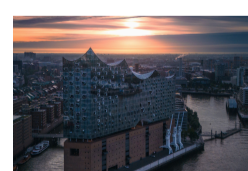
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