



# Single Market Programme (SMP SME)

## MONITORING REPORT

Intelligent Cities Challenge  
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## HISTORY OF CHANGES

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### 1. TITLE OF THE ACTION

Renewal of the 100 Intelligent Cities Challenge initiative

### 2. DESCRIPTION OF IMPLEMENTED MEASURE

The Intelligent Cities Challenge (ICC) aims to speed up the digital and green transformation of SMEs and industry, through policy intervention at the level of cities. ICC supports 136 smaller European and 10 international cities to leverage cutting-edge technologies to drive a green and digital recovery and societal resilience. It mobilises cities to set up local green deals, support their local businesses, better engage with citizens, reskill their workforce and strengthen their supply chains.

The services range from information on EU policies, awareness raising, communication campaigns, one-to-one strategic guidance and expert support (high-level conferences, workshops, webinars, etc.) access to advisory services (e-learning, on-line toolkits, thematic action group discussions and city networks meet ups (stakeholder engagement events and peer to peer learning) and capacity building tools (transversal services on access to finance, procurement and open data).

The initial service contract of the Intelligent Challenge (funded under COSME) ended in November 2022. A renewal of 30 months planned in the initial contract should ensure the continuity of the action.

The renewed contract builds on the successful results achieved so far as well as on the consequent need to counterbalance the impact of the pandemic on local economies and strengthen support to cities with the implementation of their recovery plans.

### 3. INFORMATION ABOUT THE FUNDED PROJECTS

The contractor is:

1. Technopolis Consulting Group Belgium (leader of the joint tender)
2. McKinsey Solutions
3. Burson Cohn & Wolfe
4. Web Architecture and Technologies Ltd (terminated as of 20 December 2022)

Duration: 30 months

### 4. CURRENT IMPLEMENTATION STAGE OF EACH FUNDED PROJECT

Initial contract duration: January 2020 – 30 November 2022

Renewal entered into force: 1 December 2022

Interim reports: 3 in total, the first one planned in April 2023

### 5. MAIN RESULTS AND IMPACT ACHIEVED TO DATE

Not available at this stage.

## **6. INDICATORS**

Not available at this stage.

## **7. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PROJECT/MEASURE**

Not available at this stage.

## **8. NEXT STEPS AND FOLLOW-UP**

The inception meeting takes place on 31 January 2023. The draft inception report is under assessment.

The call for expression of interest to extend the Intelligent Cities Challenge network is planned to be launched in February 2023.

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