

9th Informed Cities Forum

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*How can cultural heritage and electric mobility be the common theme for a conference?
What brings these seemingly very different topics together, and how will they both shape our
cities in the future?*

The 9th Informed Cities Forum (ICF) invites dreamers, thinkers and doers from the fields of cultural heritage and mobility in an unconventional cross-sectoral discussion about Urban Sustainability. Experimenting with interactive digital tools and formats, the 9th ICF promises not to be “just another online conference,” but instead, a space for meaningful dialogue and intercultural exchange.

The programme features a **total of 13 sessions over 3 days, featuring 50+ speakers** including **European Commission** officers; local representatives from innovating pilot cities such as **Bremen, Barcelona, Venice** and **Vitoria-Gasteiz**; technological partners such as **Google** and **SINTEF**; social innovators such as **Eutropian** and **Platoniq**; and academic institutions including **Universities of Oslo, Uppsala, Campagna** and the **Metropolitan Research Institute in Budapest**. Theoretical frameworks and practical approaches will be presented through flagship interventions, inspiring stories of change and lessons learnt across Europe, from Athens to Newcastle, from Porto to Lviv and beyond.

Throughout the 9th Informed Cities Forum, **broadcasted from Germany’s green city Freiburg**, participants will have the opportunity to ask questions and interact with speakers and each other; “Networking Carousels” will be set up to enable random one-to-one virtual encounters.

Highlights of this virtual journey include the following sessions, divided into a Heritage Boulevard, a Mobility Avenue and an Urban Crossroads:

- **New European Bauhaus:** How can we adapt and reuse our cultural heritage to create more beautiful, sustainable and inclusive living spaces?
- **European Year of Rail:** How can obsolete rail infrastructure be transformed into creative hubs, cultural venues and ecological exemplars?
- **Accessibility of Cultural Heritage:** How does electric mobility impact or improve heritage sites, and how can we ensure access to culture beyond physical, technological and social barriers?
- **Rethinking energy sources for electric mobility:** How should transport planners and architects get to grips with buildings and mobility being inextricably linked in fuelling our transport future?

- **Using data to support sustainable mobility:** What drives decisions - political passion or data driven dictates? How can planners use this evidence to achieve long-lasting change?
- **Local experiences re-examined:** How are bottom-up initiatives using heritage to help their local communities overcome the pandemic?

This year, the Informed Cities Forum offers a chance not only to think about the way we physically move within our communities, but also to imagine how to move *forward* with cultural and technological transitions to sustainability.

This edition is led by [ICLEI Europe](#), co-hosted by the Horizon 2020 projects [OpenHeritage](#) and [GreenCharge](#) funded by the European Commission and organised in partnership with CIVITAS 2030.

The conference can be attended online, free of charge, in full or as a series of hand-picked sessions, taking advantage of a virtual platform with plenty of networking opportunities.

Ensure your virtual seat in the 9th Informed Cities Forum by completing the registration form [here](#).

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About Informed Cities

The [Informed Cities](#) initiative, which makes research work for local sustainability, is a European initiative driven by [ICLEI](#), the global network of 2500+ local and regional governments committed to sustainable urban development. The initiative aims to bridge the gap between research, policy-making and action in sustainable development, at and for the local level. The Informed Cities Forum (ICF) is an established “un-conference” enabling urban practitioners to learn from the present and collaboratively plan for the future in the most unusual spaces, offline and online. Sign up to the Informed Cities newsletter [here](#).



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