



**8<sup>TH</sup> EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON  
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## **Call for contributions for the Innovation Market**

- **The Innovation Market will take place on Thursday 28 April, at the Euskalduna Palace, Bilbao.**
- **The call is open to local, national and regional governments; NGOs; scientific and research organisations, and other stakeholders working on sustainable urban development.**

**The 8th European Conference on Sustainable Cities & Towns Call for Contributions is now open for the Innovation Market section of the programme, which will showcase good practice examples related to sustainable urban development, stakeholder and citizen engagement, community empowerment, transformations towards sustainability, social innovation, smart technologies, and sustainable and innovation public procurement.**

***Freiburg, 1 February 2016.***- The call is open to the following types of organisations related to sustainable urban development: local, national and regional governments; non-governmental organisations; scientific/research organisations, and other stakeholders.

The proposals need to be related to good practice examples to sustainable urban development; initiatives, projects, guidance, and tools designed to enable sustainable practices, and sharing ideas on upcoming tenders and calls for projects.

The Innovation Market is set to take place on Thursday 28 April 2016 from 11.30 - 12.30, and will see various presentation formats, which applicants can choose from (round table dialogues – in-depth discussion in a small group of 6 people –, speed presentation – limited time –, and poster presentation).

The deadline for the submission of proposals is 28 February 2016. Those interested in taking part need to complete [a form](#) and send it to [innovation.market@iclei.org](mailto:innovation.market@iclei.org)



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### **The Basque commitment to urban sustainability**

Over 1,000 representatives from regional governments, European and international institutions, multilateral organisations, members of the research community, private sector and civil society are expected to take part in the 8<sup>th</sup> European Conference on Sustainable Cities and Towns. Together with around 100 speakers and international experts, those attending the conference will have the chance to exchange experiences and discuss issues such as local governance, urban potential, the productive city and the new Urban Agenda for Europe.

Following the UN Summit Meeting for adopting the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the COP21 Paris Climate Summit, this conference will be the flagship event in Europe in 2016 for discussion and experience exchange on local sustainability.

Further information and full details about the event are available at the official 8<sup>th</sup> ECSCT website: [www.basquecountry2016.eu](http://www.basquecountry2016.eu)

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