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Abbreviations and acronyms

Acronym	Description
D&C	Dissemination and Communication
PED	Positive Energy District
PC	Project Coordinator
WP	Work Package
WPL	Work Package Leader





Executive Summary

This deliverable D7.2 outlines the main sections and technical characteristics of the MAKING-CITY website. It also presents Twitter and LinkedIn, the key social media channels used in the project to build a project's community online and disseminate the MAKING-CITY results.

The MAKING-CITY public website was designed and developed to serve as a dynamic information and communication tool, as well as a platform for the project team. It acts as the main channel for news and updates with the aim to address the key questions that external visitors are expected to have, such as:

- what the project is about
- what the project is delivering, and why
- who the project partners are
- what the latest news and events of the project are
- where to find more information on the topic or related topics

In addition, the two main objectives set for Twitter and LinkedIn are to:

- maintain closer relationships and engage with the target audiences, as well as disseminate knowledge on the PED concept and its benefits.
- bring the research carried out in MAKING-CITY closer to citizens and policymakers (at local, national and European level), and inform them on the potential replicability of the PED concept in European and international cities.

Keywords

MAKING-CITY, energy efficiency, urban areas, energy transition, City Vision 2050, smart and low-carbon cities, PED concept, Twitter, LinkedIn, social media, website, communication and dissemination.





1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose and target groups

Communication and dissemination activities have become a top priority in European collaborative research projects funded under the EU's Horizon 2020 programme.

The main purpose of this deliverable D7.2 is to outline the main sections and technical characteristics of the MAKING-CITY website, plus presenting Twitter and LinkedIn which are the key social media channels used in the project to build a project's community online and disseminate the MAKING-CITY results. The target audiences that we are trying to reach through the activities carried out via the website and social media accounts are citizens and key stakeholders of the project at local, national and European levels (city representatives, policymakers, energy planners, large private and public companies, SMEs, entrepreneurs, universities and research centres...).

The MAKING-CITY public website and the project's Twitter and LinkedIn accounts will be continuously updated and tracked. Actions online and its results (number of followers, number of tweets...) will be presented and described in other deliverables such as D7.7 – Report of the dissemination and public communication activities, and D7.14 – Analysis of impacts generated by MAKING-CITY C&D activities (initial and updated versions).

1.2 Contribution partners

In WP 7, Cap Digital (CAP) and LGI lead the MAKING-CITY communication and dissemination activities: LGI focuses on the global communication of the project and its results, whilst CAP is in charge of disseminating the results and progress of work carried out in MAKING-CITY to key stakeholders (city representatives, policymakers, energy planners, large private and public companies, SMEs, start-ups, entrepreneurs, universities and research centres, NGOs...).

The daily management of the MAKING-CITY website and the Twitter and LinkedIn accounts (technical updates, publication of news, announcing events, sharing pictures, designing visuals for social media...) will be handled by LGI as described in the following table:

Partner	Contribution
31-LGI	 Task 7.1 – Public Communication: Communication & dissemination Plan Visual identity: logo, presentation and document templates Promotional materials: flyer, roll-up Digital tools and channels: website and social media accounts Content: factsheets, videos, success stories and testimonials
	 Task 7.3 – Events: Organisation of two workshops (Month 30 and Month 60). Organisation of two Innovation Camps in the two "Lighthouse cities" of the project (production of a policy toolkit including the output of the camps).
34-CAP	 Task 7.2 – Dissemination: Identifying relevant events (conferences, fairs, forums) and coordinating the consortium's participation.





	 Coordinating publications in specialised magazines and open access journals and online repositories. Electronic newsletters. Webinars to disseminate the results Strong cooperation with WP8 to collaborate with existing initiatives and related projects. 	
Lighthouse	Task 7.1 – Public communication:	
Cities	Organisation of local actions to engage local actors: events, conferences	
	All tasks	
	 Support to translate in key European languages communication and dissemination content, promotional materials when needed. Support to relay news and results produced in the MAKING-CITY project. Support to produce the project videos. 	
Other partners		
	 Support to translate in key European languages communication and dissemination content, promotional materials when needed. Support to relay news and results produced in the MAKING-CITY project. Support to produce the project videos. 	

Table 1: Contribution of partners in WP7

1.3 Relation to other activities in the project

Contributions from the MAKING-CITY partners are strongly encouraged in the form of engaging written content and/or pictures for the public website and the social media channels. When disseminating their results and/or organising an event related to the project, the MAKING-CITY partners must use the online form available on the digital workplace and outlined in section 5.2 of the deliverable D7.11 – Communication & Dissemination Plan (Initial version).

In addition, they can participate to build a project's community online and to give the largest possible visibility to the project by sharing and retweeting content and posts published on the MAKING-CITY website and social media channels. To help them, LGI and CAP designed a special handbook with a list of hashtags to use, among other (see section 5.2 of D7.11).

2 Public website

2.1 Context & objectives

The MAKING-CITY public website (task 7.1) was officially launched in April 2019: www.makingcity.eu

It will be continuously updated and will evolve with the lifecycle of the project, according to **the initial version of the Communication & Dissemination Plan** (D7.11 submitted in March 2019). As the main information entry point and delivery channel for results and progress achieved in MAKING-CITY, the public website will also disseminate the key messages to the target audiences, inform on events, publications or activities of interest for the MAKING-CITY community (project's deliverables, reports...), and foster participation and engagement among the consortium members. In addition, any stakeholder can access it to gain information or to contact relevant partners. Lastly, the public website will promote the **European and international visibility** of MAKING-CITY.





To make useful and relevant information available to the website's visitors, it was decided that the website should address the needs and the questions that would most likely interest external stakeholders such as:

- what the project is about
- what the project is delivering, and why
- who the project partners are
- what the latest news and events of the project are
- where to find more information on the topic or related topics

For MAKING-CITY, the public website will contribute to achieving the objectives in terms of public communication previously detailed in D7.11:

- **communicate and disseminate the project's activities and objectives** and contribute to maximising its results and impacts.
- **promote and ensure the visibility of MAKING-CITY** and its associated actions at diverse levels: local, regional, national and European.
- highlight and describe the work done in the 2 Lighthouse Cities and the 6 Follower Cities chosen to be part of MAKING-CITY.
- **centralise and make available** all possible relevant public reports and results of the project.
- ▶ inform and educate citizens and policymakers about MAKING-CITY and the benefits of the Positive Energy District (PED) concept.
- **foster collaboration and achieve synergies** with other EU projects, networks, stakeholders and experts in the field of urban energy efficiency systems.
- **explain and ensure the visibility of the City Vision 2050,** the long-term vision developed in MAKING-CITY to boost the replicability of the PED concept in the largest number of cities.
- ▶ support the implementation of PED concept through two Innovation Camps (organised during the last six months of the project) and the participation of key stakeholders (city representatives, policymakers, energy planners, large private and public companies, SMEs, start-ups, entrepreneurs, universities and research centres, NGOs...). The outputs of the Innovation Camps will feed into the design and publication of a policy toolkit (best practices and recommendations for implementing PEDs).

Browser compatibility: the website is compatible with the common web browsers on all common operating systems. These include various versions of Internet Explorer, Firefox, Safari, Opera and Chrome. The layout of the website is also responsive: it adjusts the design display based on the screen size of the device it is viewed on, regardless of whether it is viewed on a desktop, tablet or mobile phone.





2.2 Homepage

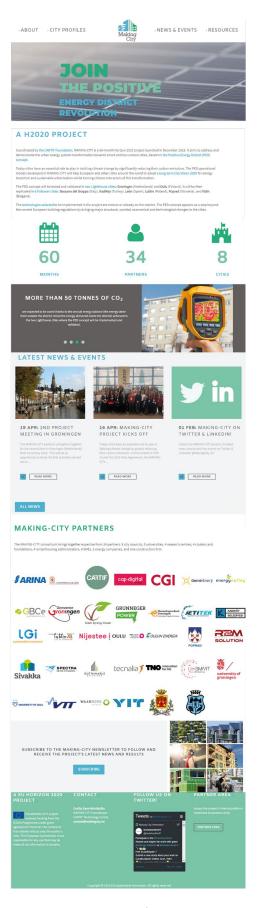


Figure 1: Screenshot of the homepage





All the important information on the project can be directly found from the homepage under the header and/or the different sections. Therefore, visitors have direct access to general information on:

- ▶ the project and its context (starting date, coordination, main objective...)
- ► "Lighthouse" and "Follower" cities involved in MAKING-CITY
- ▶ key definitions such as what is a Positive Energy District (PED)
- the activities carried out
- the latest news and upcoming events
- ▶ all published reports, newsletters, and promotional materials produced in the project (flyers, press releases, videos...)
- ► the expected impacts and objectives
- ► the related projects and networks
- ► the link to the partner area

In the footer (all pages and not only on the homepage), users can find the EU funding emblem and acknowledgement, name of the coordinator, project's email, access to the restricted internal platform (allows partners to share documents and work in a collaborative way), plus the project Twitter feed.





2.3 About MAKING-CITY

2.3.1 The project

The "MAKING-CITY project" page describes:

- ► the project in general and its approach
- ▶ the "Lighthouse" and "Follower" cities involved in MAKING-CITY
- ► the PED concept developed in MAKING-CITY
- ▶ the City Vision 2050 followed in MAKING-CITY
- ▶ the applications and technologies covered by the implementation and/or replication of the PED concept







A H2020 PROJECT BASED ON

THE PED CONCEPT

Launched in December 2018 and coordinated by the CARTIF Technology Centre, MAKING-CITY will address and demonstrate advanced procedures and methodologies based on the Positive Energy District (PED) during 60 months. A PED is defined as "a district with annual net zero energy import and net zero carbon emissions, oxiving towards an annual local surplus production of renewable energy" in the European Strategic Energy Technology Plan (SET Plan).

Derived from the Positive Energy Block (PEB) definition established by the European Innovation Partnership on Smart Cities and Communities (EIP-SCC), a PED is a delimited urban area composed of buildings with different typologies and public spaces where the total annual energy balance must be positive. Therefore, the district will have an extra energy production that can be shared with other urban zones. The total energy balance is the energy taken from outside the district.

Even if all energy carriers can be considered as potential energy inputs and/or outputs, only primary energy units make a suitable calculation of energy flows to establish the total energy balance. Finally, achieving PEDs means that the amount of energy delivered by the district must be higher than the amount of energy supplied from outside.



ENERGY TRANSITION TOWARDS

A CITY VISION 2050

For a successful PED implementation, the MAKING-CITY project is considering a series of key sectors and applications which will ensure a long-term vision for energy transition. A structural shift from a system mainly based on finite energy sources such as fossil fuels, towards a system using more nerwables been energy sources is considered as energy transition. This significant change also leads to a better management of energy demand in addition to an increase of energy efficiency.

Currently, city energy plans for energy transition are designed within a 2030 horizon, which can be considered as a mid-term strategy (part of the 2030 Climate & Energy Framework in Europe). Nevertheless, learning from the past to plan the future of cities for more than the next twe years appears to be a real need. In MAKING-CITY, the City Vision 2050 is used as a longer timescale to address the urban energy system transformation towards low-carbon cities, bringing appropriate energy planning tools as well as reconsidering municipal organisation (creation of City Planning Offices for instance).







Figure 2: Screenshot of the "MAKING-CITY project" page





2.3.2 Objectives & expected impacts

The "Objectives & expected impacts" page presents the 10 objectives of the MAKING-CITY project plus the 8 key expected impacts. Icons and a styled list were used for a more visual appearance and a quick understanding of them.



Figure 3: Screenshot of the "Objectives & expected impacts" page





2.3.3 Consortium

The "Consortium" page gathers all the MAKING-CITY partners' logos:



Figure 4: Screenshot of the "Consortium" page





2.3.4 Related projects & networks

The "Related projects & networks" page is dedicated to all the Horizon 2020 projects in the field of energy, plus the smart cities initiatives, projects and networks related to the MAKING-CITY project. By clicking on "read more" buttons, visitors can directly access the related projects & networks' official websites.



Figure 5: Screenshot of the "Related projects & networks" page





2.4 City profiles

The "City profiles" page presents the 2 "Lighthouse cities" and the 6 "Follower cities" involved in the MAKING-CITY project. A map allows visitors to easily locate each city.

From this page, visitors can also access a page per city presenting for both the "Lighthouse" and "Followers cities" the main city's features and key applications and technologies that will be used to implement and/or replicate the PED concept developed in MAKING-CITY.



Figure 6: Screenshot of the "City profiles" page





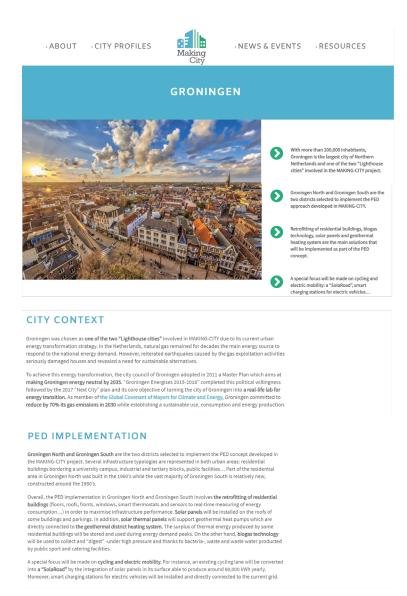




Figure 7: Screenshot of a Lighthouse city page: Groningen example





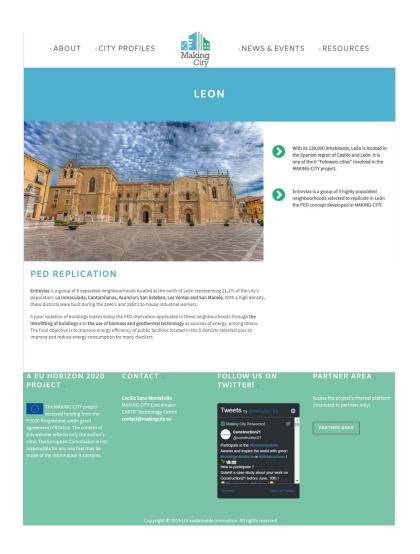


Figure 8: Screenshot of a Follower city page: León example





2.5 News & events

2.5.1 The newsroom

The 'Newsroom' section reports on the news and events relating to MAKING-CITY and its related projects, as well as news and events of interest to the project's key stakeholders.

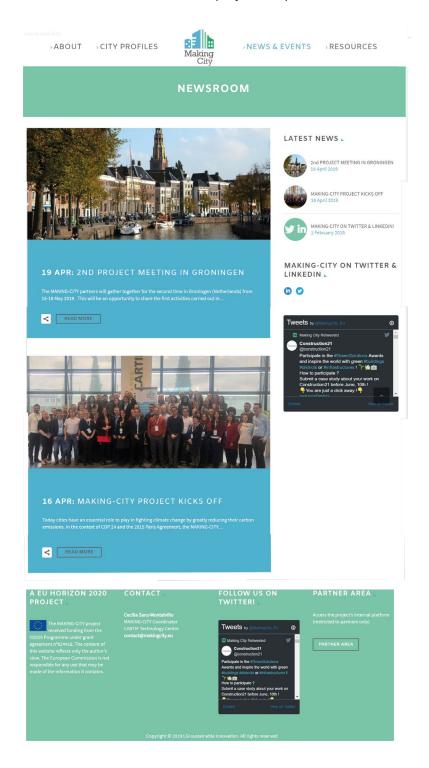


Figure 9: Screenshot of the MAKING-CITY newsroom





2.5.2 The events calendar

The "Events calendar" is a useful tool, presenting by month, or by list, all the past and upcoming events relating to MAKING-CITY.

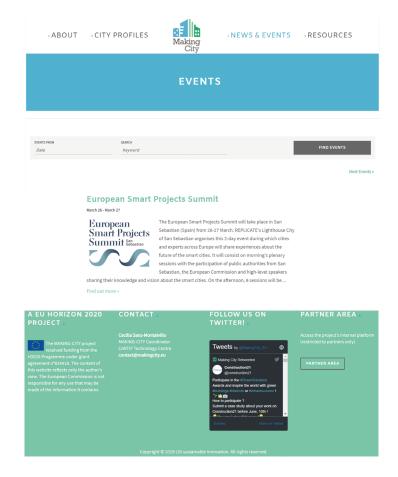


Figure 10: Screenshot of the MAKING-CITY events calendar

2.6 Resources

The "Resources" section gives access to the results of the project and public reports/deliverables, the upcoming policy toolkit, the MAKING-CITY electronic newsletters, and all the communication and promotional materials produced during the project (flyers, press releases, fact sheets, videos, and photos).





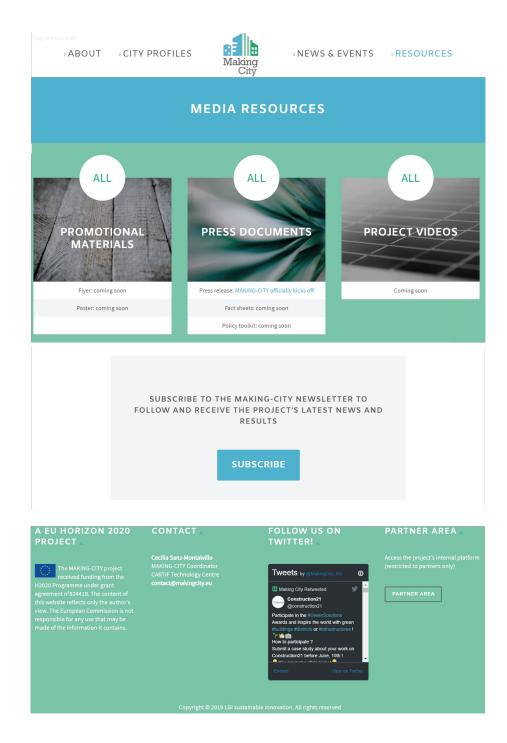


Figure 11: Screenshot of the "Media resources" page





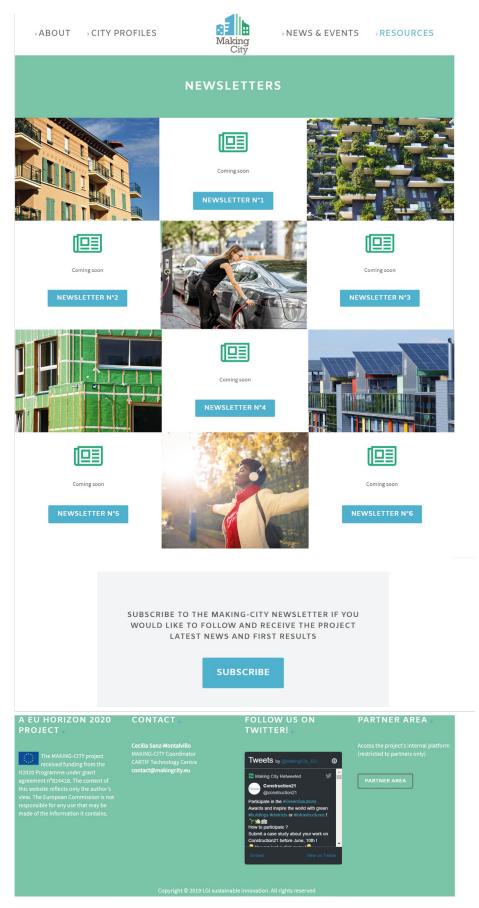


Figure 12: Screenshot of the Newsletters page





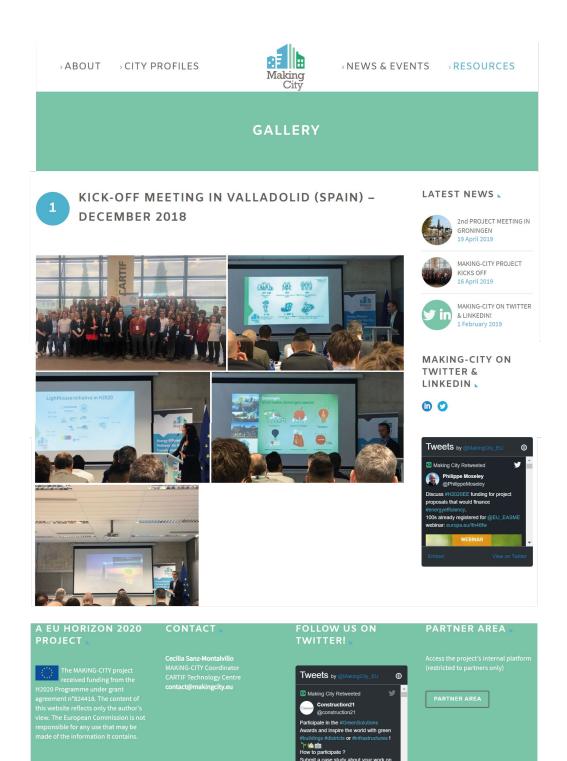


Figure 13: Screenshot of the MAKING-CITY gallery





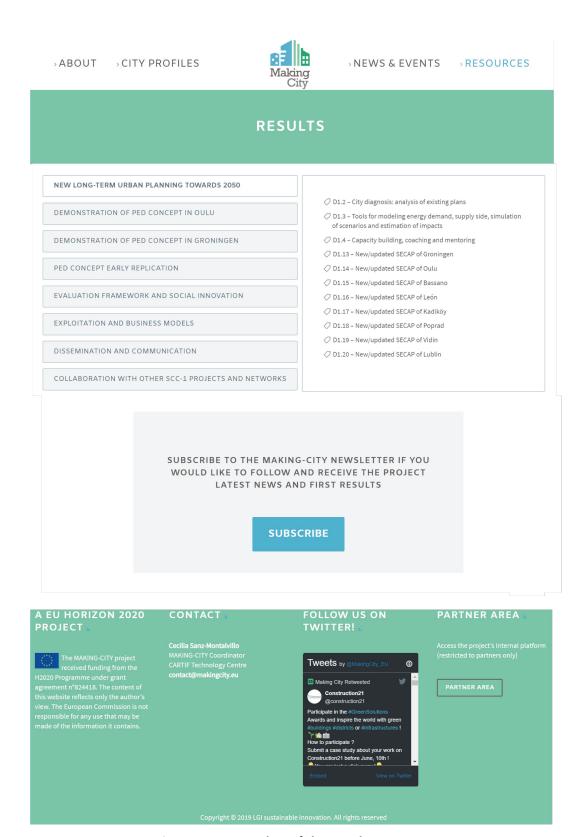


Figure 14: Screenshot of the Results page





2.7 Partner area

Accessible from the footer, the 'Partner area' is dedicated to the MAKING-CITY partners. This platform allows them to share documents and work in a collaborative way. It provides an online repository for information about the management of the project, contacts, results from the meetings, as well as internal work documents related to the different WPs, that are required to be shared. All documents and files are saved and organised in one place, and can be shared at any time, and from any location or device.

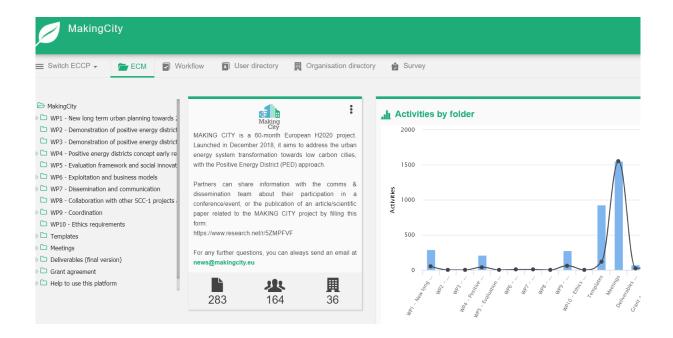


Figure 15: Screenshot of the Partner area section



3 Social media accounts

3.1 Twitter



Figure 16: MAKING-CITY Twitter account

A MAKING-CITY Twitter account was created on time for the kick-off meeting of the project, in December 2018 (Task 7.1): @MakingCity_EU

Twitter is used as one of the main channels to build the project's community online and disseminate the project results. The two main objectives set for Twitter are to:

- maintain closer relationships and engage with the target audiences, as well as disseminate knowledge on the PED concept and its benefits.
- bring the research carried out in MAKING-CITY closer to citizens and policymakers (at local, national and European level), and inform them on the potential replicability of the PED concept in European and international cities.

MAIN TARGETS

The following targets have been initially identified to follow, retweet, and mention:

- other related EU projects in the energy efficiency and sustainable urban planning sectors
- ► EU institutions
- ▶ associations, NGOs, clusters and networks in the energy efficiency and sustainable urban planning sectors
- energy providers and planners
- private and public companies, and start-ups specialised in energy efficiency and/or sustainable urban planning
- universities and research centres in the energy efficiency and sustainable urban planning sectors





- ► European policymakers in the field of smart cities and energy efficiency
- city mayors and representatives
- influencers in the energy efficiency and sustainable urban planning sectors
- general public/citizens

MAIN ACTIONS

The MAKING-CITY Twitter account will be managed daily and will:

- ▶ target at least one tweet/retweet a day on content published on the MAKING-CITY website or related stories with appropriate or trending hashtag(s), including the link to the tweeted content.
- reply to users who tweeted or mentioned @MakingCity_EU
- ► follow and engage communication with users who tweet specific words that relate to MAKING-CITY activities.
- track specific words, mentions and trending hashtags to be responsive, efficient, and pro-active on the channel.

HASHTAGS

A first list of hashtags related to the MAKING-CITY project has been established, and will be used to increase the project visibility on Twitter:

General	Specific
#H2020	#PED
#Horizon2020	#PositiveEnergyDistrict
#MakingCity_EU	#PositiveEnergyBalance
#UrbanPlanning	#EnergyStorage
#energy	#EnergySystems
#LowCarbon	#EnergyEfficiency
#SmartCities	#CityVision2050
#SocialInnovation	#LighthouseCities
#renewables	#FollowerCities
#heating	
#cooling	
#ClimateChange	
#ParisAgreement	
#CO2emissions	
#EnergyTransition	
#EuropeanCities	
#ResearchImpactEU	





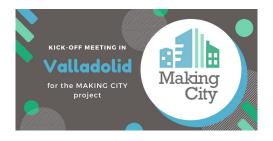








Figure 17: Examples of visuals specially designed for Twitter

Twitter will serve as a channel for the mass distribution of news published on the website, advertise events that will be attended by MAKING-CITY partners, and promote the engaging content generated by the project. The partners involved in the communication activities will closely monitor related content generated by other social media accounts to share and help disseminate it.

3.2 LinkedIn

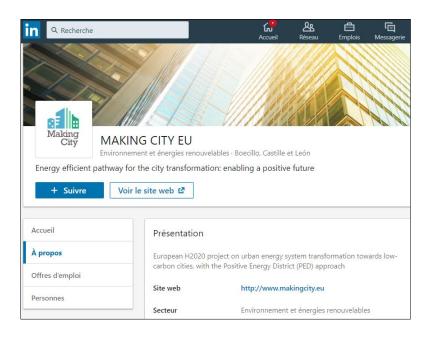


Figure 18: MAKING-CITY LinkedIn page





A MAKING-CITY LinkedIn page was created (Task 7.1): www.linkedin.com/company/making-city-eu

MAIN TARGETS

The following targets have been initially identified to follow, share, and mention:

- other related EU projects in the energy efficiency and sustainable urban planning sectors
- ► EU institutions
- ▶ associations, NGOs, clusters and networks in the energy efficiency and sustainable urban planning sectors
- energy providers and planners
- private and public companies, and start-ups specialised in energy efficiency and/or sustainable urban planning
- universities and research centres in the energy efficiency and sustainable urban planning sectors
- ► European policymakers in the field of smart cities and energy efficiency
- city mayors and representatives
- influencers in the energy efficiency and sustainable urban planning sectors

MAIN ACTIONS

The MAKING-CITY LinkedIn page is managed daily and will:

- share at least one post per day published on the MAKING-CITY website, or relevant content from another source, on the MAKING-CITY Twitter account or on appropriate LinkedIn groups.
- ▶ manage the followers' community and reply to messages and comments.
- look for LinkedIn groups to engage dialogue with experts and professionals of the energy and urban planning sectors, as well as build a strong energy and urban planning expert community.

LinkedIn will serve as a channel for the mass distribution of news published on the website, advertise events that will be attended by MAKING-CITY partners, and promote the engaging content generated by the project. The partners involved in the communication activities will closely monitor related content, generated by other social media accounts to share and help disseminate it.

4 Tracking & monitoring metrics

Publishing and sharing content on the MAKING-CITY website and social media accounts (Twitter and LinkedIn) is not enough to build a project's community online and disseminate the project's results. Thus, it is indispensable to regularly evaluate and improve communication and dissemination actions taken on the MAKING-CITY website and social media accounts through a series of selected tracking and monitoring metrics. Conclusions and possible areas of improvement will also help to optimise future content and actions online. In addition, they will be presented and described in other deliverables such





as D7.7 – Report of the dissemination and public communication activities, and D7.14 – Analysis of impacts generated by MAKING-CITY C&D activities (initial and updated versions).

To understand how the website is used by visitors, a Google Analytics account has been registered for MAKING-CITY. The upcoming monthly reports will give a clear idea on:

- how many users are visiting the website
- which pages are viewed the most
- the geographic location of online visitors

On Twitter & LinkedIn, an integrated advanced analytic statistics tool will give a monthly picture of:

- how many followers the MAKING-CITY Twitter & LinkedIn accounts have
- how many tweets/posts were published
- the top tweets/posts in terms of likes, retweets/shares, and impressions

5 Conclusion

The MAKING-CITY website has been prepared during the first stage of the project, and was launched in April 2019, according to specific needs and aims to maximise the impact of the project. Coupled with Twitter and LinkedIn, it aims to boost the awareness on the results and milestones to be accomplished during the project, to disseminate the key messages to the target audiences, to inform on events, publications or activities of interest for the MAKING-CITY community (project's deliverables, reports...), and to foster participation and engagement among the consortium members. The MAKING-CITY website and the project's Twitter and LinkedIn accounts will be regularly updated and tracked, remaining flexible tools to build a project's community online and to give the largest possible visibility to the project.

