

The Smart Communities Network

Profile Member State expert:

The Member State experts are the source of rich, detailed knowledge of the national smart cities & communities’ ecosystem of their member state. At least 5 years of relevant and proven experience will be required of Member State Representatives as one of the key actors within the Smart Communities Network. They need to be able to network, to engage, to inspire, to be good in storytelling and negotiating. They have a thorough understanding of cultural nuances, local linguistic needs, outreach strategies and inclusivity measures relevant to their member state.

Their tasks:

- Serve as liaison and central point of contact to the relevant networks, organisations and initiatives in their respective member states;
Join the Smart Communities Network on a voluntary basis;
- Help collecting the information of the member state networks, organisations and initiatives and their representatives in the Smart Communities Network;
- Support in establishing the country specific action plan, the country specific calendar of events, the dissemination of information, requests and surveys related to the different activities of the contract to their national ecosystem;
- Establish country specific working groups, with support of the consortium, to oversee the evolution and implementation of the activities in their member state. This group will create, follow up, oversee and report about the country specific action plan, containing the actions in their member states on the activities of the contract;
- Support and help facilitate local events, specifically the organisation of the national information session and the promotion and the support of the LORDIMAS assessment tool in their member state;
- Participate in the Member States Representatives Group, established after the first online workshop (January 2024), as a touchpoint, gathering in periodic meetings every four months (from February 2024 until August 2025) to allow for the exchange of information and experiences between the Member State Representatives in executing their roles and detecting potential problems and hindrances related to the country specific action plans.
- Unblock local hindrances regarding the activities of the contract.

Skills and capabilities Member State Expert:

| Goal | Skills / Capabilities | Measure |
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| Evangelisation: inform and incite policymakers to consider LDT technologies | Be able to convince and instill enthusiasm through (public) speaking skills. | Demonstrate experience through public speaking and/or sales activities. |
| | Have access to political players in the local and regional governments, preferably through personal contacts, but also through national policy networks. | List contact and networks. |

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| | Be perceived as knowledgeable and trustworthy in the topic. | Demonstrate previous engagements/projects with local or regional governments. |
| Advance LDT knowledge in local communities' administrations | Have access to the member states' local communities mid-level management and ICT professionals, be it through regional governments, national ICT networks or policy networks. | Provide a strategy of how to reach mid-level management and ICT professionals and list national networks. |
| | Be knowledgeable about applicable LDT technologies and data-related challenges within communities. | Demonstrate experience in relevant ICT topics, through CV or contacts. |
| | Have knowledge and expertise on national/regional smart communities context. | |
| Networking and community building (smart communities ecosystems on local, regional and national level) | Stakeholder engagement Local, regional networking Engage the (local) communities in their member state. | Demonstrate previous engagements/projects with local or regional governments. |
| | Language skills | Mention level of English and any other EU language in CV |
| Organisation of workshops / dissemination sessions | Organisational skills, teamwork | Demonstrate experience in (co-) organising network meetings, workshops, ... |
| | Ensure a wide uptake by covering local needs e.g. translations, locally known speakers, carefully selecting the location, promotional tools and other instruments for the workshops / dissemination sessions. | |