



# Building on experience: connecting people for a sustainable urban future

PARENT final conference, 4-5 June 2019  
Les Halles Saint-Géry, Brussels

## Part 1. Tuesday afternoon 4 June 13:00 – 17:00. *Learning, sharing, building*

Exchange of practices among urban community initiatives and research projects

*In this interactive session, researchers from Brussels and beyond will gather and discuss (preliminary) results and experiences of their urban initiatives and projects.*

13:00 – 14:00	Registration and sandwich lunch
14:00 – 14:15	Introduction
14:15 – 15:15	<i>Love at first sight? Speed dating session to present projects</i>
15:15 – 15:30	Coffee/tea break
15:30 – 16:30	<i>Make or break? Post-it session to discuss project successes/challenges</i>
16:30 – 17:00	<i>What's next? Group session to formulate recommendations for research institutions and funders</i>

## Part 2. Tuesday evening 4 June 18:00-20:00. *Energetic Brussels*

Reception and dinner on energy transitions and policy developments at local level

*Over champagne and dinner, an inspiring keynote speaker and local authority representatives in the Brussels region will share their vision for a sustainable future.*

18:00 – 18:15	Introduction and champagne reception
18:15 – 18:30	<i>Towards a sustainable energy transition? Keynote by négaWatt (tbc)</i>
18:30 – 19:15	Buffet dinner
19:15 – 19:30	<i>Policy trends in Brussels. Interventions by PARENT commune partner</i>
19:30 – 20:00	Dessert



### Part 3. Wednesday morning 5 June 10:00-14:00. Sustainable, collaborative, smart city

Open knowledge space and citizen workshops

*In these co-creation workshops, citizens will learn, explore and discuss how we can reach common goals for a sustainable, collaborative and smart city.*

10:00 – 10:15	Registration and introduction
10:15 – 11:00	<i>The sustainable city. Co-creation workshop A</i>
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee/tea break
11:15 – 12:00	<i>The collaborative city. Co-creation workshop B</i>
12:00 – 12:15	Coffee/tea break
12:15 – 13:00	<i>The smart city. Co-creation workshop C</i>
13:00 – 14:00	Sandwich lunch

### PARENT project

Participatory platform for sustainable energy management

Sustainability, collaboration and technology: three terms which present a dilemma for decision-makers in urban settings. The [PARENT project](#) examined one way to square this triangle, by bringing together citizens, policymakers and researchers to understand what role technology can play in changing our behaviour in terms of electricity consumption in the home.

As we come to the end of our three-year [JPI Urban Europe Innoviris](#) project, we would like to share some of the results and reflections that we have made. Our final conference will bring together different stakeholders in the debates on urban sustainability, collaboration and technology to discuss how we can act in coherent, complementary and positive ways to increase awareness of and mitigate the impact of our environmental behaviour on the city we live and work in.

The conference will take place over one and a half days, and provide opportunities for policymakers, researchers, civil society organisations and citizens to share their thoughts on how to tackle environmental and energy challenges in urban settings.

We hope that you will join us on 4-5 June 2019 in Les Halles Saint-Géry! Register [here](#).

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