

## EUROPEAN PATHWAYS TO SMART CITIES

### EERA Joint Programme on Smart Cities SPECIAL ISSUES SERIE

Since their creation eight years ago, the EERA Joint Programmes and their participating institutions have accumulated important knowledge on the specific topic of each of the several programmes they carried out. This includes **Smart Cities**, which refers to the main outlines of the **EERA JPs on Smart Cities Workplan**, focusing on innovative solutions based on interdisciplinary approaches, as needed to face the highly complex structure of a future smart energy system at urban scale.

A shared definition for **Smart Cities** might still lead to extensive discussions among experts, covering many areas related to energy technology development, environmental issues, politics and socio-economic aspects. However, following the outlines of Smart Cities and Communities Initiative of the European SET-Plan, “Smart Cities” are clearly characterized by the extensive use of low carbon technologies, combined with a smart energy management based on innovative design and operation of the entire system at city level as well applied innovation, better planning, participatory approaches, higher energy efficiency, better transport solutions, intelligent use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT), etc.

**Techne Special Issue 1/2018 on “European Pathways to Smart Cities”** sits in this framework, as a first step of the cooperation between EERA JPSC - *European Energy Research Alliance Joint Programme on Smart Cities* and SITdA - *Società Italiana della Tecnologia dell'Architettura*, with the objective to highlight the different researches and approaches emerging in the European transition towards the Smart Cities. In line with the research areas identified by EERA JPSC and SITdA, the papers proposed for this Special Issue are expected to focus on one of the following topics:

#### 1. **Energy in Cities and Simulation Tools**

For the design and planning of smart energy systems the detailed understanding of the energy performance characteristics of urban areas is of crucial importance. New tools and methods have been developed based on deep knowledge of the urban morphology such as building density, typology and end-use mix. These tools shall be further used for future holistic energy master planning.

#### 2. **Energy Networks**

Smart energy grids will be responsible for the intelligent management and operation of energy networks in cities by utilizing the potential for shift between thermal and electrical loads. Furthermore, the integration of decentralized renewable energy sources into existing energy grids brings up some major

technical issues that have to be treated. The interaction between mathematical modeling techniques, numerical simulation environments and advanced communication infrastructure is a powerful tool in this research area. This also holds for the potential storage capacity for both electrical and thermal energy within energy networks which can be achieved by intelligent demand side management.

#### 3. **Buildings**

The building stock represents an essential part in the existing energy system of cities being responsible for almost 40% of the entire energy consumption according to European statistics. Current research focuses on the further development of building automation control systems that enable the increase in energy efficiency by including smart control strategies (considering the dynamic parameters such as weather, user behavior, Energy/spot prices,...), as well as on the overall energy performance of buildings with respect to new innovative building design concepts (architecture, shape, envelope, ...) and the role of urban design (building density, orientation, functionality,...).

In the context of a smart energy grid buildings cannot be treated as stand-alone objects but have to be fully integrated into the overall network. Once integrated, they provide energy storage capacities supporting the smart management of the entire energy system. In addition, buildings will soon provide energy generation services supporting the overall energy supply of the entire system. This interaction between building and the smart grid is one key aspect for future research where ICT plays a major role. Summarizing, the transition from single passive building technologies to fully integrated buildings, Zero Energy/Emission D and/or Positive Energy Blocks (PEB), acting as active hubs in the energy grid and as booster of smart services is one of the main missions future research has to accomplish.

#### 4. **Supply Technologies**

In the field of energy supply technologies research has to deal with the smart integration of on-site renewable energy sources and smart appliances/services into buildings and networks, the cascade use of resources or poly-generation. Furthermore, the interaction between cities and their neighboring industries will have to be examined in order to maximize synergies (e.g. industrial waste heat used as energy supply for cities). Scientific tools for the optimal use of hybrid supply systems will play a crucial role in this research field combined with large-scale experimental testing and the development of new procedures and standards.

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