

"Smart City Workshop": Join Bavarian-Israeli Cooperation Project

From 8 to 11 November, 2021 the Bavarian Ministry of Economic Affairs will be conducting a "Smart City Workshop" with Bavarian and Israeli students in cooperation with the Israeli Consulate General, the Hanns Seidel Foundation, the German-Israeli Future Forum, and Youth Exchange Bavaria, the newly established foundation to promote international youth exchange in Bavaria.

The Workshop **aims to** bring together people of all generations from Israel and Bavaria to develop ideas and proposals for smart cities and municipalities in Israel and Bavaria. The "fresh" and open-ended approach seeks to **support a large number of initiatives already launched to jointly shape local spaces and places.** In order to develop new concepts, a variety of formats can be used, ranging from workshop processes with students to **discussion panels, and including business-to-business events with startups and local governments.** Ideally, the Workshop will kick-start a **continuous dialogue on improving cities and making them fit for the future.** The Munich workshop venue is the Munich Urban Colab.

Thematic Background

We demand a great deal of our cities and municipalities. We've lost many things or are at risk of losing them: **lovable homeland, community, identity, sustainable economic activity.**

Municipal and local themes also include climate change and conservation of biodiversity.

Concepts of the ideal city have long existed. Today, people want to live in communities that provide, in addition to all the services of general interest, green spaces, enable social cohesion and participation, and encourage inventiveness. **In all cases, modern city concepts put residents centre stage.**

Themes of particular topicality and urgency include **traffic** (key drivers mobility change / carfree cities), **sustainable construction, architectural technology and "green city" planning** (roof and facade greening, fresh-air corridors and urban farming, inter alia), **e-governance and digital health.**

For further information please consult

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