



UPSIDE at EUREKA Innovation Week 2016

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Abstract: Kista Science City and Bevel represented UPSIDE during the EUREKA Innovation Week. Åke Lindström presented the project and its network of clusters. A large Canadian delegation also attended the event. Collaboration between Montréal and Stockholm was further strengthened. In particular, Mayor of Montréal Denis Coderre met with Mayor of Stockholm Karin Wanngård to discuss smart cities, Mayor Coderre expressing a wish to stage a Stockholm Week in Montréal to highlight synergies between the two cities.

Report: The theme of the EUREKA Innovation Week 2016, held in Stockholm on 26-29 April 2016 was Smart Cities. Close to 1100 participants represented 44 countries with 24 of these taking part in the 871 bilateral industry matchmaking meetings organized by the conference for more than 300 companies. The matchmaking event, arranged by Enterprise Europe Network, focused on many smart city themes, including ICT, new materials, energy, transport and life sciences.

A major part of the week centered on international collaboration. Continuing the exchanges between Sweden and Canada, and between Stockholm/Kista and Montréal in particular, a large Canadian delegation participated. UPSIDE was represented by Kista Science City and Bevel. Åke Lindström, ICT Director at Kista Science City presented UPSIDE within the Smart Cities Initiatives Networks and R&D Enablers session. Kista's newly set up Urban ICT Arena was also discussed in the context of this Canada-EUREKA Smart Cities Partnering event. The Urban ICT Arena is an open testbed and co-creation arena now open for companies wanting to test products and services. The session chair was Mark Burbidge, Senior Advisor International Relations, NRC and deputy NPC EUREKA.

The last slide presented by Åke Lindström showed the result of numerous and fruitful discussions between Stockholm/Kista and Montréal: a photo taken at the mayor-to-mayor meeting earlier that same day between Mayor of Montréal, Denis Coderre and Mayor of Stockholm, Karin Wanngård. Exactly where this will lead is anyone's guess, but this meeting further solidified the link between the two smart cities. The two mayors pledged to continue their cooperation. Mayor Coderre, who was also a keynote speaker at the Canada-EUREKA Smart Cities Partnering Event, expressed his wish to stage a "Stockholm Week" in Montréal in order to highlight the many points in common and potential synergies between the two cities.





More on the overall impressions and results of the entire Innovation Week at

<http://www.eurekanetwork.org/content/smart-cities-global-landscape-%E2%80%93-eureka-innovation-week-2016>, and

<http://www.vinnova.se/en/EU-and-international-co-operation/News/2016/160503-Eureka-Innovation-Week-2016/>

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