

UPSIDE News

Now there is an open digital test bed and co-creative arena in [Kista](#)

The test bed and collaboration arena for digital development in Kista will come true. This is decided since several operators in industry, government, research institutes and universities jointly endorsed the initiative and has signed the cooperation agreement. The arena is called **Urban ICT Arena** and is starting up in 2016.

Urban ICT arena is an open testbed and co-creative arena in Kista, where the possibilities of digitization will be developed, tested and showcased in an urban environment. Within the Urban ICT Arena academia, industry and the public sector together will develop new digital opportunities and solutions for the future of society and business.

In March / April [Stokab](#) will start the construction a new fibres-based infrastructure to connect lamp posts, bus shelters and buildings with fibre. This summer the dark fibre infrastructure and parts of the connected wireless IT-networks will be inaugurated.

Original News: <http://kista.com/newsroom/#/pressreleases/klart-med-digital-testbaedd-i-kista-1320827>

UPSIDE Events

UPSIDE Cluster2Cluster workshop: High Capacity Digital Society-Making it happen! - Kista

The Montreal-Stockholm Cluster2Cluster webinar and workshop on **February 4th**, targeted opportunities and needs in Industry, Research&Development and Society. The objective was to identify and pursue necessary actions in the areas of research, societal and business development, in particular, actions prior to the [EUREKA](#) event in Stockholm in April 2016. A second goal was to identify one company wishing to establish its business abroad (in either Stockholm or Montreal) to assess what would be desired services for internationalization.

A high-level series of presentations offered insight into the Canada-EU Comprehensive Economic & Trade Agreement and how it has the potential to impact business, research, and society, in particular for smart cities and the next generation 5G networks. A total of 50 participants joined from several cities in Canada, Sweden, as well as from the UK, France, and Germany.

[Learn more](#) about it!

Upcoming UPSIDE Innovation Workshops – Eindhoven

Eindhoven University of Technology (UPSIDE partner) and the [Metropole Region Eindhoven](#) announce a series of [UPSIDE Innovation Workshops](#) on **March 21st, April 29th, May 27th, June 27th and August 1st 2016**. The workshops aims to find and develop innovative solutions to a set of challenges related to the "[Bereikbaar Zuid-Nederland](#)" ('Reachable South Netherlands') program.

[Learn more](#) about the events!



[EUREKA Global Collaboration Day @EUREKA Innovation Week - April 26th - Stockholm](#)

During the EUREKA Innovation Week in Stockholm at the end of April, Kista partners (Bevel and Kista Science City) are organizing an UPSIDE workshop, to continue the work and exchanges with Montreal. Follow program updates here:

<https://www.delegia.com/app/attendee/default.asp?PagelId=43579&MenuItemId=39306&ProjectId=7272>

UPSIDE Connects**Municipality of Maribor - Study visit to the city of Freiburg, Germany**

Within the framework of UPSIDE project, Municipality of Maribor (MOM) established [Smart City Maribor initiative](#), a network of stakeholders of Podravje region in Slovenia. With the aim of sharing good practices and knowledge a number of study visits in Slovenia and other European countries are being organised. Thus Municipality of Maribor seized the opportunity to visit a sustainable oriented city of Freiburg in Germany. The visit took place between 1st and 3rd February 2016 and was held in the light of exchange of experiences and the design of joint potential smart city project. During the visit, team from MOM met with representatives of the Fraunhofer Institute (Fraunhofer ISE), representatives of the Institute of ICLEI (Association of Local Governments for Sustainability) and representatives of the city of Freiburg. [Learn more](#) about this event!

CyberForum meets Silicon Valley!

Dr. Annalisa Zuccotti from CyberForum e.V. organized and attended a full-day tour in Silicon Valley on February 29th, an event fully financed by another European project (www.be-wiser.eu). The first stop was a visit to [Stanford University](#) which opened its doors on October 1st 1891. Participants were excited to see a replica of Google's first server rack, encased in LEGO, as their team considered it a more cost-efficient way to secure 10 x 4GB hard drives. The tour continued to [Singularity University](#), where the vice-president Thomas Kriese, took us on a visit across the NASA Park to their Innovation Lab to showcase their current projects which seek to address humanity's grand challenges. The afternoon focused on start-up incubators and accelerators, which shared some perspectives on the attitude differences between Europe and Silicon Valley at the [German Accelerator](#) and [Plug&Play Tech Center](#). Where our hosts described their strategic ecosystems and programmes which included: startups, corporates investors and inventors in collaborative networks. [Learn more](#) about the event!

[UPSIDE Final Conference: SAVE THE DATE!](#)

High Capacity Digital Societies – Make it happen! 21st June 2016, Bled, Slovenia

