

## CyberForum Supports Macedonian Cluster MASIT

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One of the most important objectives of the research project UPSIDE is to support mentoring activities towards relevant clusters in the Baltic and Central European areas. MASIT is the ICT Chamber of Commerce in Skopje, Macedonia, and a leader in connecting the ICT sector in Macedonia, located. They want to set up a cluster structure to better connect Macedonian ICT companies and to support their members in internationalisation activities. CyberForum was invited to participate at a mentoring workshop on October 1<sup>st</sup>, and to teach MASIT how to set-up their vision and mission and how to define key objectives for the next years. Approximately 10 participants listened to best practices from Switzerland and Germany.

### **About UPSIDE**

The project UPSIDE – User-driven Participatory Solutions for Innovation in Digitally Centred Eco-Systems aims at delivering economic and societal benefits by fostering the emergence and development of User-driven Participatory Solutions for Innovation in Digitally-centred Ecosystems. The project aims at promoting the development of cooperation frameworks and synergy linkages between research, innovation activities within the companies, urban development policies and open user-driven innovation ecosystems “which are close to the interests and needs of cities and their stakeholders, including citizens and businesses, and which may bridge the gap between short-term city development priorities and longer term technological research and experimentation.”<sup>1</sup>

### **Project Facts**

Project Acronym: UPSIDE

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Web: <http://www.upside-project.eu/>

### **Project Partners**

- CyberForum e.V. (LEAD partner / coordinator)(Germany)
- Wirtschaftsförderung Karlsruhe - Economic Development Department Karlsruhe (Germany)
- inno AG (Germany)
- Stiftelsen Elektronikcentrum i Kista (Sweden)
- eGovlab, Stockholm University (Sweden)
- Interactive Institute Swedish ICT (Sweden)

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<sup>1</sup> Hans Schaffers et al.: Smart Cities and the Future Internet: Towards Cooperation Frameworks for Open Innovation. SpringerLink.com





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- Baltic Innovation Agency OÜ (Estonia)
- Tartu City Government (Estonia)
- E-Zavod (Slovenia)
- Mestna Obcina Maribor / City of Maribor (Slovenia)
- CityRegion Eindhoven (The Netherlands)
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