

SPARCS FINAL CONFERENCE

AGENDA

Event hosts for both days: Elina Wanne, City of Espoo, and Sami Kazi, VTT Technical Research Center of Finland

SPARCS Final conference Day I:
Wednesday 11th September 2024: SPARCS in the spotlight
 Venue: [Hanaholmen](#), Hanasaarenranta 5, 02100 Espoo, auditorium Celsius

Time	Title of the slot	Intro
08:30	<i>Registration</i>	
09:00	Official opening of SPARCS Final Conference	
09:05	Greetings from Espoo	
09:25	SPARCS Legacy: A Snapshot of Project's Highlights and Achievements	Short project summary and highlights of achievements
09:45	Cities in the Spotlight	SPARCS Cities share their journeys from the past 5 years for positive energy districts, energy transition and smart city development. How far did they get? What were the challenges they faced? Listen to their stories about their journey from obstacles to successful solutions and their plan for replication and upscaling beyond SPARCS.
11:15	<i>Coffee break and posters showcasing solutions at the auditorium lobby</i>	
11:40	Impactful and climate-neutral innovations	This session will feature interviews with the companies at the forefront of demonstrating Positive Energy District (PED) solutions to talk about key learnings and challenges in PED implementation on the ground.
12:10	The real data behind PED demonstrations	We delve into real data derived from Positive Energy District (PED) demonstrations. This session will explore the relationships between data, monitoring, and impact assessment to illuminate the true impacts of SPARCS demonstrations. Participants will gain a comprehensive understanding of how data-driven approaches can drive positive change and enhance the success of PED projects.
12:20	<i>Lunch at Restaurant Plats, Hanaholmen and posters showcasing solutions at auditorium lobby</i>	
13:30	From pilots to large-scale transformations	An engaging session where partners share their inspiring journeys of replication and upscaling within the SPARCS project. Hear success stories

		from the project's pioneering cities and companies, highlighting the power of collaboration, innovation, and knowledge exchange in driving sustainable urban development.
14:00	Driving sustainable business in PEDs	What are the key factors to consider if you want to make a profitable business in PEDs or support the creation of PED business ecosystems in your city? Join this session to get familiar with SPARCS Ecosystem Business Model Assessment Framework and to hear more about service and business ecosystems around SPARCS demonstration areas.
14:10	Stage Takeover: Smart and sustainable cities and projects sharing stories	Various European projects and cities take the stage to share their experience with energy transition, PEDs and climate neutrality in cities.
15:15	<i>Coffee break and posters showcasing solutions at the auditorium lobby</i>	
15:45	The role of Positive Energy districts in climate neutral and smart cities	How important is the role of Positive Energy Districts in fostering climate-neutral and smart cities? What are the key recommendations for changes in the policy framework for PEDs? Join the session to learn about the latest scientific advancements and the evolution and impact of energy transitions in our cities.
16:30	<i>End of the presentations - free time to walk around and enjoy the environment</i>	
16:30-17:00	Exclusive for City representatives: Peer-to-peer exchange	We invite municipal experts and city visitors to join to this exchange and change to discuss with the SPARCS cities about sustainable urban development, learnings and experiences and exchanging of knowledge.
18:00	Networking dinner at Restaurant Plats, Hanaholmen <i>Get together, informal event with dinner from buffet table</i>	

SPARCS Final conference Day II:

Thursday 12th September 2024: **SPARCS meets Scalable Cities**

Venue: Technopolis, Innopoli 2, Tekniikantie 14, 02150 Espoo, meeting room Edison 1 & 2

Time	Title		Intro
08:45	Registration		
09:00	Welcome to the 2 nd day		
09:10	Plenary session – Scalable cities	Results from 2 expert groups: AI and Urban Digital twins	
09:30	Parallel workshops for Scalable cities task groups:		
	Monitoring and evaluation – workshop	Energy Communities – workshop	Joint workshop between tasks groups for City-to-City Group, Replication, and Business Models and Financing

				<i>(ends at 11:45)</i>
11:30	<i>Lunch at Restaurant Tastory, Innopoli 2</i>			
12:45	Parallel sessions on sharing of learnings:			
	AI & Urban digital twins	Climate-neutral cities	New European Bauhaus – Does NEB make a difference and can it contribute to climate neutrality	Engaging residents
13:45	<i>Coffee break</i>			
14:15	The adventure continues... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European Smart Cities Collaboration • Scaling up PED innovations • City transformation • Site visits: seeing is believing 			
15:00	SPARCS site visit to Sello OR Lippulaiva demonstration site			

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