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Light in the City project off to a good start

The European Commission has approved funding for a joint project involving four European cities entitled "Light in the City". The application for EU funding was submitted by the City of Jyväskylä, whose partners in the project are the Swedish city of Eskilstuna, Hasselt in Belgium and the City of Tartu in Estonia. Funding was granted for a two year joint project coordinated by Jyväskylä from the Europe for Citizens programme's aid scheme intended for thematic networks among municipalities.

The aim: lighting in accordance with sustainable development

The project makes use of the City of Jyväskylä's thinking on environmentally friendly lighting. The main aim is also to promote energy efficiency, which is one of the Europe for Citizens programme's most important goals in 2012. The project will encourage the construction of a quality urban environment, where lighting in times of darkness is not only energy efficient but also pleasant, contributing to a feeling of safety. The aim of the project is also to boost citizens' knowledge and debate over the European Union's environmental legislation concerning lighting. A particular subject of examination is the EcoDesign directive, which obliges municipalities to conduct an extensive overhaul of lighting over the next few years.

Ideas, support and tools for development work

In order to achieve these aims lighting branch conferences will be arranged in the partner cities for municipal decision-makers, lighting experts, property owners, enterprises in the lighting field as well as citizens. The content of the conferences, consisting of seminars and workshops, will be tailored to correspond to partner cities' needs. Staged in parallel to the conferences will be Guerrilla Lighting light stunts, which will challenge ordinary people to get involved in the development of urban lighting.

The project's initial event took place 20.-22.9.2012 in Jyväskylä in connection with the LUCI City under Microscope event. The LUCI Association will continue to be involved in the project as a communication associate.

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