PRESS RELEASE: Tilburg signs the Green Digital Charter

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On the occasion of the spring meeting pf EUROCITIES Environment Forum in Antwerp, the city of Tilburg has confirmed its commitment to use information and communication technologies (ICT) in the fight against climate change.

Berend de Vries, deputy mayor of Tilburg signed the Green Digital Charter (GDC), which promotes the use of ICT solutions to reduce cities' carbon emissions, help them become smarter, nd 'green' their ICT equipment. The revised Charter commits cities to working together on the EU's objectives of expanding the use of digital technologies that improve the life of their citizens and addressing the challenges of growth, sustainability and resilience.

Tilburg is the 52nd signatory city of the Charter.

During the signing event, Berend de Vries said:

> "There is an interesting dilemma: With increasing ICT applications, we can create flexibility, avoid mobility and thus reduce CO_2. On the other hand, ICT is growing to be a large user of energy. The city of Tilburg will support the network of 52 signatories of the Green Digital Charter in looking for ICT-solutions which reduce the carbon footprint."

Notes

- EUROCITIES is the political platform for major European cities towards the European institutions. We network the local governments of over 130 of Europe's largest cities and 40 partner cities that between them govern some 130 million citizens across 35 countries. EUROCITIES leads the Green Digital Charter.

- The Green Digital Charter (GDC) is a EUROCITIES-led initiative committing cities to work together to deliver on the EU climate objectives through the use of information and communication technologies (ICT) http://www.greendigitalcharter.eu/

- The GuiDanCe project, funded by the Europen Commission's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme, seeks to support and guide the signatory cities of the Green Digital Charter and promote their progress towards a green digital agenda.

- A list of the GDC signatory cities can be found at: http://www.greendigitalcharter.eu/signatory-cities

- GDC on Twitter: https://twitter.com/GDCharter

- Tilburg: https://www.tilburg.nl/

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