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5th EuroIndia Summit on “Smart, Sustainable and Innovative Cities” at Leuven, Belgium, on 13-14 October 2011

After four successful EuroIndia Summits, two at Goa (India), one at Valladolid (Spain) and last one at Halle (Germany), the 5th EuroIndia Summit on **Smart, Sustainable & Innovative Cities** will be held at Leuven, Belgium on 13-14 October, 2011. The Summit is being hosted by the *City of Leuven*, the *Katholieke Universiteit* of Leuven and *Imec* Leuven in collaboration with the *EuroIndia Centre* and the *Confederation of Indian Industry*. Leuven is located 30kms from Brussels

Participation

Top leaders of Indian and European cities as well as their parent countries, federating states and regions will attend the Summit bringing to the table their respective visions of urban governance. Further, the debate at the Summit will be enriched by top representatives of leading Indian & European companies, academic & research institutions and NGOs as well as eminent professionals related to the chosen themes. The Indian federal Minister for Urban Development, Mr. Kamal Nath, is expected to inaugurate the Summit together with the President of the Flanders region of Belgium, the President of the European Committee of the Regions and the Mayor of Leuven.

Indian Mission

*The Summit will be the culmination of a high level Indian Mission led by a leading representative of the Indian Government and consisting of corporate leaders; senior representatives of the national, federating States and civic governments; scientists and academicians; leaders of autonomous organizations and professionals in the sphere of urban governance. The Indian Mission will visit select European cities where civic Governments and European companies will showcase their best urban practices from 5th to 12th October ending with the Summit on 13th and 14th October, 2011. The visited cities will be Geneva (Switzerland), Grenoble (France), Brussels (Belgium), Paris (France) and Eindhoven (Netherlands). Indian delegates will also attend the inaugural plenary session and selected workshops of **Open Days 2011 in Brussels**, the largest annual gathering of European regions, cities and companies with over 6000 participants on 10th and 12th October.*

Summit Highlights

The Summit on *Smart, Sustainable & Innovative Cities* will focus on a few key themes:

- a. Smart Cities: The role of ICT and integrative strategies as applied to **developing cities into knowledge hubs** with special focus on *Healthcare & Biotech* and



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facilitating citizens' efficient access to services, permissions and entitlement permissions from city Governments.

- b. Sustainable Cities: *How Cities can become sustainable through better **Energy Management** based on smart grids, energy efficient housing cum institutional buildings and observance of progressively refined standards on the one hand and better **Water Management** through provincial hydro plans and water conservation on the other hand.*
- c. Innovative Cities: *How cities can benefit from innovation in the spheres of **City Planning** through synthesis of tradition and modernity with focus on heritage preservation; **Affordable Housing** through cross subsidization models and Public Private Partnership based in situ city rehabilitation on the one hand and **Inclusive Economic Growth** through linkage of technology with social economics and experimental programmes like the Jawaharlal Nehru Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) on the other hand.*
- d. ESCA: *With a view to promoting **Environmental Sustainability at the city level**, the first **Environmentally Sustainable City Award (ESCA)** will be awarded to one European and one Indian city alongwith their partners. *An ESCA city partner can be a company, public authority, academic cum research institution or environmental NGO/professional, named by the city, which/who was associated with the innovative strategy adopted by a given city.**
- e. The Summit programme has been **structured on the case study method** which is *expected to enrich the debate with in-depth and proven down-to-earth expertise.*
- f. **Knowledge Hub**: *The theme, timing and venue of the Summit have been chosen to reflect upon the unique renovation paradigm of the host city of Leuven, an ancient centre of knowledge in Flanders, that has managed to leverage its cultural, architectural, academic and scientific heritage to turn itself into a vibrant 21st century knowledge hub and a modern city, while remaining true to its traditions.*

Opportunities

The Summit on Smart, Sustainable & Innovative Cities at Leuven, as well as the preceding Indian Mission to selected European cities is expected to offer the participants unique opportunities:

1. **Leaders and senior officials** *belonging to national, regional and federating states* will get an opportunity to examine how national or regional plans can be effectively dovetailed into innovative city plans.
2. **Civic leaders and municipal officers** will get an opportunity *to examine multiple city visions with a view to refining their own city vision cum strategy.*
3. **European and Indian cities and their stakeholders** will get an opportunity to *share their best practices in the sphere of urban governance and services* in a mutually beneficial atmosphere of learning from each other.
4. **Companies** will get an opportunity to *showcase their landmark projects* with a view to **accessing Indian and European markets** as well as spawning joint ventures.
5. **Scientists and academicians** will get an opportunity *to share cutting edge research*



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and development as well as examine how research can lead to setting up of new business ventures.

6. **Urban planners and municipal officers** will get an opportunity to highlight innovative aspects of their Master Plans and how implementation has led to inclusive economic growth.
7. **One-to-one meetings will be arranged** at the request of participants with companies, civic authorities, research institutions or professionals at Leuven, Brussels, Geneva, Grenoble, Paris or Eindhoven.

Co-Organizers

- **Leuven City:** Leuven is a city famous for innovation & high-tech entrepreneurship. It is situated at the heart of Belgium and Europe, only 25 kilometers from Brussels and a stone's throw from the national airport. Few cities appeal more to the imagination than this university city, where history, culture, architecture, gastronomy, modern science and innovation form a compelling cocktail. Since its foundation in 1425, the Leuven university has continuously played an important role in the history of the city. Many historic buildings bear witness of this prosperous history. A strong and dynamic triple helix cooperation between industry, knowledge institutes and government has led to a very favorable entrepreneurial climate in this region. Leuven has a long tradition of high-tech business development and plays a leading role in the European knowledge economy as it provides the key ingredients for innovation and high-tech entrepreneurship: cutting-edge science and technologies, a long tradition of technology transfer and an innovative business climate. Together with the knowledge regions of Eindhoven (The Netherlands) and Aachen (Germany), Leuven forms a strong cross-border network ELAt (Eindhoven-Leuven-Aachen triangle) that constitutes one of the top European technological regions. www.leuven.be





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- **Katholieke Universiteit, Leuven**

K.U.Leuven, founded in 1425, is Belgium's largest university. As a leading European research university, it offers a wide variety of academic programmes in Dutch and English, nurtured by high-quality interdisciplinary research, both at the university and at its internationally acclaimed university hospitals. More than 6,000 researchers from over 120 countries participate in curiosity-driven and strategic frontier research, as well as targeted and demand-driven research. The university's interaction and co-operation with external partners is very intense.

www.kuleuven.be

- **The Confederation of Indian Industry:**

CII is the Indian partner of the Centre, a non-government, not-for-profit industry led and managed organization, playing a proactive role in India's development process. Founded over 116 years ago, it is India's premier business association, with a direct membership of over 7800 organizations from the private as well as public sectors, including SMEs and MNCs, and an indirect membership of over 90,000 companies from around 396 national and regional sectoral associations. With 64 offices in India, 9 overseas in Australia, Austria, China, France, Germany, Japan, Singapore, UK, and USA, and institutional partnerships with 221 counterpart organizations in 90 countries, CII serves as a reference point for Indian industry and the international business community.

www.cii.in

- **The EuroIndia Centre:**

The Centre is a not-for-profit association founded by two Co-presidents: Late Mr. Raymond Barre, former French Prime Minister, and Dr. Manmohan Singh, current Indian Prime Minister. It focuses on **bringing Europeans and Indians together again for a shared future** and on restoring their historical partnership through concrete and novel initiatives.

When in 2006 Dr. Singh launched the *Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission* to modernize the 63 largest cities of India, he offered the Centre to play a part in this ambitious programme: *"This challenging mission [J.N. N.U.R.M.] would be greatly facilitated if our cities could imbibe the wealth of experience and the state-of-the-art and know-how that European cities have developed over decades of being confronted to similar social and economic pressures"*. The Centre then transformed itself into a platform for Euro-Indian exchanges at the local level of Cities, Regions or States, following the **Green K.I.T.E. strategy** of focusing on Knowledge management, Investments, Tourism & Excellence in urban governance. Since, the Centre has completed four Euro-Indian conferences/summits, five Indian civic missions to Europe and three city partnerships.

www.the-euroindia-centre.org