

## Information on the

# International Smart Cities Network

## ISCN Data at a Glance

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## About the ISCN

Cities and municipalities should play an active role in the design of their own 'Smart City' in order to shape the digital transformation together with the citizens, for the benefit of the public interest and common good. Essentially, the question is how the digital transformation of cities can be designed in a socially, economically, ecologically sustainable and responsible manner to prevent undesirable developments and secure benefits for citizens.

Despite different contexts, cities worldwide face similar challenges of sustainable digital transformation. The Division Smart Cities of the German Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community therefore initiated the International Smart Cities Network (ISCN), in cooperation with the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH.

The ISCN is dedicated to promoting international exchange and knowledge transfer at national and local level. The exchange between cities, ministries of urban development and science broadens the discussion, promotes a common understanding and strengthens common learning processes, as well as the position of cities in the international framework. Through international dialogue, the network promotes the shaping of urban digital transformation in the sense of sustainable and integrated urban development. It supports the integration of digital solutions in citizen-centred development processes and facilitates the exchange of best practices and lessons learned between cities and urban actors worldwide.

## ISCN Partners

Currently the network comprises 5 partner countries, each assigning 1-2 national representatives from the responsible ministry for urban development and up to 3 representatives from the municipal level as well as representatives of science. The current core member countries of the ISCN are:

- Brazil (Campina Grande, Fortaleza, Hortolândia)
- Germany
- India (Bhubaneswar, Coimbatore, Kochi)
- Mexico (Guadalajara, Zapopan)
- Peru (Chiclayo, Miraflores, Trujillo)



## ISCN Key Topics

The ISCN activities are geared towards current key topics and demands of the participating network partners such as digital participation for resilient cities or digital solutions for local economic recovery. As response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the ISCN initiated an international, digital ideas competition #SolutionsForCities at the end of 2020, to support its partner cities in their search for innovative, digital solutions to their current local challenges.

## ISCN Work Formats

### Knowledge Transfer

Within the ISCN, existing knowledge and information of the members will be compiled and made accessible online for all members in an internal forum. This way, the network becomes a valuable knowledge resource and can serve all members in their various activities.



### Peer-to-Peer Learning

Based on the existing and provided knowledge within the ISCN, the members can benefit from peer consultations on concrete projects. They can support each other in their strategic planning, incorporate various experiences in the processes and continuously obtain feedback.



### Meetings of the ISCN

The ISCN uses the possibilities to stay in constant exchange through digital meetings and to contribute to a mutual getting to know each other. As soon as circumstances allow, face-to-face meetings, joint conferences and study visits will be planned again.

