

The Green Digital Charter (GDC), launched in 2009, offers a framework for cities to use Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) as the main driver to improve energy efficiency.

### The Green Digital Charter commits signatories to:

- exploit ICT as enabling technology for reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions;
- demonstrate leadership in adopting innovative technical solutions for delivering on climate change commitments; and
- build partnerships between the public and private sectors to use ICT to significantly reduce energy consumption and CO<sub>2</sub> emission.

### The Charter, currently signed by over 20 major European cities, entails three specific commitments:

- creating a partnership of cities on ICT and energy efficiency;
- deploying five large-scale pilots per city;
- decreasing ICT's direct carbon footprint per city by 30%.

*The commitment of cities to setting targets to reduce their own carbon footprint and also to deploy five large-scale ICT pilots for cities before 2015 is truly inspiring.*

Neelie Kroes  
European Commissioner for Digital Agenda

The Networking intelligent Cities for Energy Efficiency (NiCE) project aims to promote and implement the Green Digital Charter.

NiCE is structured in three key areas:

### 1. TOOLS FOR CITIES

Developing a common implementation framework, tools and information resources for cities to analyse, exchange, compare and improve their performance on ICT and energy efficiency.

### 2. CITY SUPPORT AND ACTION

Offering support to cities through a series of targeted exchange and learning activities.

### 3. OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT

Organising a series of networking and visibility events to increase the number of Charter signatories and showcase cooperation opportunities with relevant stakeholders.

Special attention will be given to the development of EU-China partnerships and close collaboration with the Covenant of Mayors. We will also work closely with the international Smart Cities community.

Cities are the primary beneficiaries of the NiCE project, which offers:

- knowledge transfer among cities;
- technical training & study tours;
- an implementation framework for city activities in ICT and energy efficiency;
- international visibility for city actions in these fields;
- reporting & action tools;
- an online library on GDC and funding opportunities;
- a GDC contact point: a central access point for information on the GDC;
- a dedicated web portal;
- e-updates for cities;
- support in the affiliation process for new GDC signatories, including the organisation of signing ceremonies;
- networking opportunities.

*Cities have a crucial role to play in achieving Europe-wide climate change targets in partnership with EU institutions and Member States.*

Sir Richard Leese  
Leader of Manchester City Council

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## NETWORKING INTELLIGENT CITIES FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY



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