

# Smart City - summary of a short guide to the local governments in Serbia: Examples from Smart Vienna

Every year we have one very significant date that hardly gets any space in the media. Last year, 2018, it was August 1st. This date represents the day when humanity drains all the raw materials that can be recovered within a year. We produce more pollutants than the sea and the oceans can decompose, cut more trees than they can grow, etc. It has long been clear to everyone that we are using more than we have. Still, the devastating fact is that this date has shifted from November to mid-summer in less than two decades.

Those trends can be counteracted, some examples are given through the 11 points in this guide, of course, all of these examples should be understood conditionally, more as guidance or inspiration than as something to be applied exactly as applied in Vienna. In this sense, we can also understand “smart city” as a concept that requires our creativity, smartness, and desire to live in a way that will lead to the prosperity of both individuals and the community.

The Vienna - Smart City Framework Strategy is based on three basic elements:

- 1) Above all, Vienna - Smart City is committed to finding responsible access to natural resources. In order to drastically reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 2050, authorities have promised to meet ambitious targets in key areas such as electricity supply, transport, and renovation of existing facilities.
- 2) Protecting resources does not have to mean asceticism - on the contrary! Vienna offers a high quality of life to all its citizens, regardless of their income or origin.
- 3) To achieve these goals, Vienna is using one important tool: developing new, creative solutions. Vienna - Smart City is based on the results of cutting-edge scientific research and innovative ideas.

Smart City should be much more than just a political agenda. It must answer critical questions as: How do we know what to do in a decade, two or three? For Smart City to succeed, we need to think smarter and beyond politics and administration. So, for a city that wants to develop responsibly and be an attractive place for future generations, one simple ingredient is necessary – people and their inspiration, spontaneity, and creativity.

