



Smart cities chair

Master Class 7

Inclusive Smart Cities



We have a new master class coming up on inclusive smart cities. This master class, hosted by promotor Prof. Dr. Pieter Ballon, will take place:

Friday 20th of April (!!! Not April 19th as communicated earlier)

2pm to 5pm

Pleinlaan 9, 1050 Brussel

Meeting room Weber, first floor

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This seventh Master Class in our series will deal with the **following question**: How can we involve all citizens - also those who may be socially, digitally, cognitively and/or physically challenged - into the everyday life and the future of smart cities?

The master classes are open to any one who works on or is interested in Smart City initiatives. They are primarily intended for representatives of cities and municipalities in Belgium, but those who (wish to) collaborate with cities are also welcome.

Participation is free. It just requires registration via the link below. As seats are limited, please notify the organizer (lbleumer@vub.be) if you cannot make it anymore so that space can be freed up again.

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Program

- **James Thurston** – Supporting city leaders in making cities smart & inclusive
- **Ilse Mariën** – Involving stakeholders in policy preparation
- **Karen Boers & Cedric Swaelens** – Addressing the gap in coding skills: BeCode
- **Pierre-Bernard Van Acker** – Taking rural municipalities on board of the digital revolution: Happy Hageland app
- **Katrien Dreessen & Pablo Calderon** – The Other Market: Cocreating the future of work

You can see we have a great line-up looking at the topic from different angles!

This includes a **unique contribution from our international speaker, James Thurston**, vice president of G3ict. G3ict strives for more inclusive ICT worldwide. Together with World Enabled, they developed a toolkit that helps city representatives, policy makers, and IT professionals make smart city technology more accessible and inclusive.

Upcoming master classes

SAVE THE DATE:

7/06/2018 – Master class XL (9am to 6pm) on Local Economy

Preliminary dates for the master classes in September and November:

- 6/09/2018 – 2pm to 5pm – Data & privacy
- 8/11/2018 – 2pm to 5pm – Smart city monitoring

The [Smart Cities chair](#) is organized by the Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Faculteit Economische en Sociale Wetenschappen and Solvay Business School, & SMIT (VUB) together with private partners Joyn International, Thanksys and Belfus.

Kind regards,
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