The Knowledge Center Flemish Cities (Kenniscentrum Vlaamse Steden) is an interlocal association of the 13 major Flemish cities and the Commission for the Flemish Community in Brussels.

We support our partners in multi-annual programs with themes (important challenges for city in Flanders) selected by the management teams of our partners (i.e. the cities). For the multi-annual program 2017-2021 the cities chose Smart Cities as an important challenge and this track is continued in the program 2022-2026.

Another important part of our multi-annual Smart City Program is the yearly excursion to an influential Smart City or Smart Region in Europe. In the recent past we organised excursions to Barcelona (2017 and 2018) and Eindhoven (2019) and last year we organised a digital visit to the city of Porto. For our next excursion the steering committee of the Smart City program nominated the city of Bordeaux.

For the excursion to Bordeaux the participants are specifically interested in the following topics:

- Bordeaux Digitalisation and Smart City Strategy and Vision
- Bordeaux's 'City as a Platform'-path
- The importance of the "French Tech" brand for Greater Bordeaux
- Bordeaux's Start-Up Ecosystem: How to get there
- Best Practices: Projects & Real-life implementations (open urban platform, use cases, etc)

Composition of the delegation

Participants to this excursion are typically the smart city managers in our cities, and their colleagues responsible for the coordination and implementation of Smart City strategies and projects in our cities (all civil servants).

Additionally, we invite five colleagues from the Flemish administration and a representative of the Association of Flemish Cities and Municipalities with whom we are working together closely.

The delegation is lead by the Director of the Knowledge Center, Linda Boudry, and the staff member responsible for the Smart Cities Program.

Bordeaux Métropole
Mrs Delphine JAMET Councillor of Bordeaux Metropole in charge of Digital affairs
Mr. Antoine BIDEGAIN, Deputy director general, Digital and connected Territory
Mr. Christophe COLINET, Senior officer in charge of Smart city
Mrs Sophie WOODVILLE, Policy officer in charge of Digital
Mrs Marie-Elisabeth SAPIN, Senior officer in charge of international affairs (+33.6.42.39.23.45)

October 12th

13h15   Arrival of the delegation in Bordeaux - Bordeaux-Saint Jean station

14h30   Welcome café

15h00   Welcome address, Bordeaux Metropole headquarters
By Mrs JAMET

15h10   Knowledge Center Flemish Cities: Presentation and expectations

15h45   Bordeaux Digitalisation and Smart City Strategy and Vision
By Mr BIDEGAIN

16h30-17h00 Presentation of platform path
By Mr BURAY

Location   ***Bordeaux Métropole, rue Jean Fleuret, Bordeaux***
(salon d'honneur)

17h30-19u00 Check-in Hotel

19h30   Dinner and evening

October 13th

8h45   Welcome café

9h00 – 12h00 Best Practices: Projects & Real-life implementations (open urban platform, use cases).
By Mr Monceyron, Mrs Mareschal, Mr Buray, Mr Dos Santos

    9h00 ITS (Mr Eric Monceyron): "Smart Urban Mobility : Experimentation of large-scale Cooperative ITS and contribution to the challenges of the mobility, energy and environmental transition plan"

    9h45 Digital tourism (Mr Arnaud Buray): "Bordeaux European Capital of Smart Tourism 2022: How understanding tourists expectations thanks to digital".

    10h00 Urban Heat Islands (Mrs Yann Mareschal):"How IoT implementations contributes to improve public spaces facing climate change"

    10h45 Bordeaux data platform (Mr Gabriel dos Santos): "A urban data platform dedicated to public policies and citizens"

Location   ***Bordeaux Metropole, rue Jean Fleuret, Bordeaux***
(salle des commissions réunies)

12h30-13h30 Picnic bags lunch on the go

14h-18h   NAIA.R: AI and Robotics forum

Location   ***Cité numérique, EPA Bordeaux Euratlantique,***
              140 Rue Terres de Borde, 33130

19u30   Dinner and evening

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8h45   Welcome café

9h00-10h30   Meeting with the Bordeaux French Tech and Mr Philippe METAYER, Director

              The importance of the "French Tech" brand for Greater Bordeaux

Location :   ***Bordeaux Métropole, rue Jean Fleuret, Bordeaux***
              (salle des commissions réunies)

11h00-12h30   [Site seeing Bordeaux harbour and digital twins modelling of the river](#) Fabrice Klein

12h30   Picnic bags lunch on the go

15h00   Train station Bordeaux St Jean

15h45   Departure of the delegation from Bordeaux-Saint Jean station

Participants	
City/Organisation	**Name**
Antwerpen	Rebecca Beeckman
Brugge	Ide Vandenbroucke
Brugge	Lode Nulens
Gent	Kim Bombeke
Hasselt	Karine Symons
Kortrijk	Hans Verscheure
Kortrijk	Simon Stock
Leuven	Saartje Verhoogen
Leuven	Elke Van Hamme
Oostende	Guy-Paul Libin
Oostende	Mathijs Dewaele
Roeselare	Gino Dehullu
Roeselare	Bo Vanbesien
Sint-Niklaas	Jolien De Boodt
Sint-Niklaas	Els Podevyn
Digitaal Vlaanderen	Simon Vanderelst
Digitaal Vlaanderen	Sam Renders
Digitaal Vlaanderen	Willem Geelen
Stedenbeleid Vlaanderen	Ken Daems
Stedenbeleid Vlaanderen	Ronald Hermans
VLAIO	Nils Walravens
VVSG	Dorothee De Ganck
Kenniscentrum Vlaamse Steden	Linda Boudry
Kenniscentrum Vlaamse Steden	Joris Voets