

The Smart Cities in Smart Regions 2024 conference, focusing on regional and urban development, will be held at the LAB University of Applied Sciences campus in Lahti on October 9-10, 2024. This year's conference is the fourth one in sequence, with the previous event held in the Netherlands in 2022. Each of the previous conferences has attracted 150-200 attendees from over ten different countries.

The themes of the conference are:

- Solutions for Systemic Change
- Smart Health and Wellbeing Innovations
- Design for Sustainable Business and Responsible Consumption

Under each of the themes there are several subthemes. They focus on, for example, sustainable mobility, energy transition, safety of the environment, sport and wellbeing technology, climate-smart and circular solutions, and business models for circular economy.

We welcome presentations on good practices and practical case examples at the conference. Actors from the public sector, businesses, and organizations are invited to share practical examples of their experiments and successes in the field of regional and urban development. What solutions have been used to improve the livability and safety of urban environments? How can environmental goals and business be combined in a profitable way? How can wellbeing and active lifestyle be supported at the regional and urban level? What digitalization methods can be used to promote sustainable built environments?

Conference presentations do not need to be based on scientific research; instead, the goal is to share good practices and find intersections between research and practical work. The conference aims to foster collaboration among researchers, specialists, businesses, and regional and urban development practitioners. As a part of the conference, a matchmaking session will also be held where participants can present their project ideas and seek project partners with common interests.

The deadline for practical examples is April 30, 2024. Examples are proposed in the form of abstracts, and can be presented at the conference as oral presentations or posters. The language of the conference is English.

The conference is organized by LAB University of Applied Sciences and the City of Lahti in collaboration with The Regional Council of Päijät-Häme, LUT University, Lahti University Campus, buildingSMART Finland, Forum Virium Helsinki, and Avans University of Applied Sciences (NL).

For more information about the conference, please visit the website <https://lab.fi/smartcities2024>. The organizing team is happy to answer any questions and assist with presentation ideas via email: smart@lab.fi.