

## Intelligent Approaches for Smart Cities

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### Intelligent Approaches for Smart Cities

Due to the rapid development of technologies many countries have ideas to establish smart cities based on high

technologies where technologies should support citizen friendly and secure environment for sustainable city life.

Several European universities together with universities from Kazakhstan, Mongolia, and Russia are working on joint project: SMRTCITY – “Innovative Approach towards a Master Program on Smart Cities Technologies”. Main aim of this project is to develop a double Degree Master Program with focus on technologies for smart cities. The duration of the project is 3 years, between 2018 and 2021, it was started in 2018. During project time in a pilot phase, the students from the partner universities from Kazakhstan, Mongolia and Russia study at European universities in Riga, Athens and Chemnitz.

The coordinator of the project is the Technical University of Sofia (TUS), Bulgaria, partner universities are: International Hellenic University (IHU), Greece (former Alexander Technological Educational Institute of Thessaloniki (ATEITH), Chemnitz University of Technology (TUC), Germany, Rigas Tehniska Universitate (RTU), Latvia, Asociatia Pentru Tehnologia Informatiei Si Comunicatii Din Rom (ATIC), Romania, Yuri Gagarin State Technical University of Saratov (SSTU), Novosibirsk State Technical University (NSTU), The Russian Union of CIOs (RUCIO), National University of Mongolia (NUM), Mongolian University of Science and Technology (MUST), Intec LLC (INTEC), Al-Farabi Kazakh National University (KazNU), L.N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University (ENU), Kazakhstan Association for Engineering Education (KAZSEE). The current issue of our e-journal invites all types of

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## Embedded Self-organizing Systems

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contributions related to the application of embedded systems in technologies for smart cities.

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The paper should be at least 4 pages up to 8 pages.