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the project

WHAT: The Platform of Local Authorities and Communicators Engaged in Science (PLACES) is a four-year EU-funded project to define and develop the European City of Scientific Culture.

WHY: It's time for Europe to expand its use of science for tackling fundamental socioeconomic issues. And it makes perfect sense as science is pervasive and impacts everything we do as human beings. PLACES focuses on the Europe 2020 targets: Employment, research and development, climate change and energy, education, and poverty.

HOW: Sixty-nine science communication institutions and other stakeholders in European cities will partner with regional and municipal policymakers to design Local Action Plans addressing controversial issues from a scientific perspective.



the process

Local Action Plans will establish **concrete actions targeting key challenges** in cities based on scientific problem-solving.

Pilot Activities will test **innovative approaches** to science-based solutions in cities.

Annual Conferences, Science Cities Workshops, training opportunities and Thematic Working Groups will bring PLACES stakeholders together in a **united effort**.

It all comes together at the **PLACES OPEN web platform** (www.openplaces.eu) – the workspace where all parties gather to plan, develop and exchange.

Surveys, reports and assessments will document how social participation and science interact and yield **recommendations for future policies**.

PLACES will conclude in 2014 with local and EU-level blueprints on how to build **European Cities of Scientific Culture**.