

EDDIE PROJECT PARTICIPATED AT SMART CITY DAYS

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EDDIE representatives participated at the "Smart City Days", organised by City of Herne together with IWARE Foundation e.V., the ruhrvalley Cluster e.V and the IDEASFORUM. On 21 and 22 September 2023, guests from business, research, innovation and society met for the Smart City Day at the Mulvany Villa in Shamrockpark in Herne, Germany. The city of Herne encouraged networking beyond the city borders for an exchange on digitalisation, innovation, and smart city aspects.

The two-day event made the topic areas of artificial intelligence, modern mobility and smart energy tangible and designable for the 21st century. The event included the German-speaking FIWARE network meeting, the "Digital Herne Business" event, the "Smart City Summit" of the Ruhrvalley innovation network, as well as exhibitions and information for citizens and students on projects and current plans. Also, EDDIE Project was part of the exhibition and displayed the LEGOS model, which was also deployed in the pilot activities "Gymnasium Workshop", "Workshop on Data Platforms for the Energy Infrastructure and "Science Night at RWTH in the Aachen pilot site.



More than 400 participants, over 30 partners, around 600 square meters of exhibition space and over 20 speakers on several stages: the first Smart City Days in Herne were a complete success. "The Smart City Days prove that Herne is capable of digitalisation: Herne has truly developed a milestone for the Ruhr metropolitan region", says a delighted Mayor Dr. Frank DUDDA. "We will repeat this event in the coming years and happily involve other neighbouring municipalities."

A new cooperation between ruhrvalley Cluster e.V., IDEASFORUM and FIWARE was also agreed at the event. The agreement includes the promotion of technology transfer from science and research into real-world laboratories as well as event cooperations to support this technology transfer and market adoption. In particular, the cooperation partners will be focusing on the further development of open-source applications, for example via the citizen science approach, hackathons and accompanying scientific research.

Pierre GOLZ, Head of the Digitalisation Department underlined: "The strategic cooperation between FIWARE, ruhrvalley and IDEASFORUM goes far beyond the usual Smart City events. The close connection of the players from science, society, art, administration and business has created something unique in our region: a citizen-oriented event that is a real novelty in the Ruhr region."

"The best ideas are born when people from different backgrounds come together and work on today's challenges and tomorrow's innovations," explains Cristina BRANDTSTETTER, Chief Marketing Officer of FIWARE. "With 39 FIWARE centers worldwide, so-called FIWARE iHubs, we bring open collaboration and open-source technologies close to the people who want to work together on digital innovations with startups, universities, medium-sized companies, internationally operating corporations and standardisation institutions."

