



Welcome to the November newsletter of Startup Europe Regions Network. We would like to share with you interesting initiatives, news and events about EU regions, as well as information about SERN activities and upcoming events.

Enjoy your reading!



Digital Cities Mayors Summit

The Digital Cities Mayors Summit will take place on the **4th of December 2018** from 14:00 to 18:00. The Digital Cities Challenge is an initiative of coaching launched by the European Commission. It currently **helps over 40 European cities develop and implement policies for economic growth** while harnessing the benefits of Advanced Technologies. More information [here](#).



StartUp Europe Awards 2018

The final ceremony of the **StartUp Europe Awards** initiative, promoted by the European Commission and the Finnova Foundation in collaboration with Startup Europe, took place in Sofia, Bulgaria, within the framework of the Startup Europe Summit. StartUp Europe Awards **recognizes the best European startups in 18 categories**. More information [here](#).

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Athens named European Capital of Innovation 2018

The European Commission has awarded Athens the **title of the European Capital of Innovation 2018** for the innovative ways in which it has overcome social and economic challenges and turned them into new opportunities. Athens stands out as an example by **using innovation to turn around the economic and social crisis**. More information [here](#).



8th European Summit of Regions and Cities

The 8th European Summit of Regions and Cities, to be held in Bucharest, will gather EU, national, local and regional leaders from across Europe to discuss the future of the European Union and **how to involve the citizens more effectively in the European project** through local and regional authorities. More information [here](#).

Thematic Activity

How to become a global innovation hub?

Paris Region's support to startups and the innovation ecosystem

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December 2018,
Paris

SERN Webinar

On the **6th of December 2018**, the Île-de-France region and SERN will hold a webinar on **"How to become a global innovation hub? Paris Region's support to startups and the innovation ecosystem."** This webinar aims to present the regional policy in favor of startups with a focus on Wilco, a startup accelerator supported by Paris Region. More information and registration [here](#).