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Smart City Expo World Congress is the world's leading event for cities, it gathers leaders from the most innovative companies, governments and organizations to move cities towards a better future.

The relevance of the event is well expressed by the figures: **20,402 in-person attendees** from **134 countries**, **28,621 online attendees**, **853 exhibitors**, and **more than 400 speakers** corroborated this fact, heralding the return to a prepandemic normality. They all contributed to making cities more resilient and inclusive, to create a better tomorrow for all.

Attendees gathered and networked in a carefully designed space combining three different areas: **the Congress, the Smart City Expo floor, and the Tomorrow.Mobility Expo**. The first marked a space for debate to discuss the latest pressing urban issues. The other areas exhibited smart solutions, as part of a market that is expected to reach **USD 434,320 million by 2025**, also adding additional space for debate through the use of multiple agoras. Just beside these agoras, the **Puzzle X** co-located event could be found. Additionally, the SCEWC had a second venue: the Chinese city of **Chengdu, which hosted a secondary stage during November 15th and 16th** featuring 80 speakers as well as an exhibition zone.

The idea that it's time for change, that cities need to lead the way in promoting a net zero future, and that creativity and technology support inclusion, dominated the Congress' sessions. Global speakers such as Elizabeth Diller, Partner at Diller Scofidio + Renfro and Professor of Architectural Design at Princeton University; Ron Finley, Gangsta Gardener; Hannah Fry, Professor of Mathematics of Cities at University College London; and Vitaliy Klychko, Mayor of Kiev, Ukraine, discussed these issues, as well as viable solutions.

In this context **ITeC** shared in their stand information about the different European project which we are involved.

Also, they participate in two sessions. In one of these, Kathleen Blanco (R+D Project Manager) spoke about the contribution of ITeC in the European Projects, how the projects are a way to generate new knowledge and contribute to the future of the construction sector, which is aligned with the European Commission's dedication to global climate action, and the importance of work together a different kind of organization from all Europe to unite for a common good aligned.

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