

METACITY MEETING

Concept

We are simply imagining a world where we will throw the smartphones away and live with very user-friendly glasses, which become our interface to a new version of the internet. This new internet will superimpose in front of us our applications and a hybrid world, which is useful, seamless and secure. We are aspiring to a future META LIFE!

Our vision is simple to articulate but difficult to implement, however, it is time to try to scale this technology and create bigger testbeds that will enable the technology to become more mature, interoperable, and useful across applications and platforms. The time is right to create a city-level testbed of such Metaverse applications in order to test technologies, deploy digital twins, develop standards, and integrate solutions and many more activities.

Riga has gone beyond just initial thinking and they have provided for the METACITY three areas and other resources where we can have the first applications and use cases tested within 2022. These areas were specifically selected because they already contain 5G base stations and various places where interesting use-cases can be developed. Such as schools, universities, children's hospital, Library etc.

We are currently working to identify the existing sites in these locations and the infrastructure configurations and data laces. Our next step is to perform a study of the enhancements needed to the 5G sites and the edge network. We have also identified and started discussions with the use case owners.

Our hope is that the METACITY initiative will incrementally grow and cover the Riga city and whole country to provide essential input to regional development and economic growth. Even more, we want to involve more leading world cities and territories to expand the concept of METACITIES worldwide! Therefore, we are looking for more technology partners and more cities that can be a good fit to the METACITY initiative to build with us the next phase of a sustainable and safe world that benefits the citizens and enterprises.

METACITY MEETING details

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| Date | 20.06.2022 |
| Time | 9:30-14:00 (EEST) |
| Venue | Wellton Riverside SPA Hotel, 11. novembra krastmala 33, Rīga |
| Aim of the event | To gather stakeholders interested in METACITY initiative concept development and agree on further implementation. |
| Host of the event | Electronic Communications Office of Latvia in cooperation with the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development, Ministry of Justice (TBC) and Riga City Council. |
| Short description | The meeting is organized to gather key stakeholders interested in METACITY initiative development. Riga, Latvia is serving as a first place of action. Latvia has previous achievements in defining future technologies and showing strong both public and private sectors' commitment in fostering world changing technologies in the frame of Techritory ecosystem. |
| Tasks | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Finetune the METACITY initiative.2. Establish the founding partner's consortium and agree on an umbrella organization to realize the project.3. Agree on the achievable tasks for 2022 and 2023. These tasks should include the identification of use cases, associated technologies, and legal framework.4. Converge on main points of a MoU to be signed at the 5G Techritory 2022.5. To assess the commercial opportunity of the METACITY initiative and identify potential funding instruments.6. Launch a team to enable the METACITY Riga Testbed as the first step for different projects and partnerships. |
| Call to action / next steps | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Agreeing an umbrella organization for implementation of METACITY Riga Testbed.2. Identifying founding partners of the organization.3. Agreeing on timeline both for establishment of organization and implementation of METACITY Testbed project. |

METACITY MEETING AGENDA

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| 09:30-10:00 | Morning coffee and networking | |
| 10:00-10:05 | Welcoming words from Neils Kalniņš, 5G Techritory Forum Director | |
| 10:05-10:15 | Opening speech by Artūrs Toms Plešs, Minister of Environmental Protection and Regional Development | Vision and objectives for METACITY and Riga Testbed from the Minister of Environmental Protection and Regional Development |
| 10:15-10:25 | Opening speech by Jānis Bordāns, Minister of Justice | Vision and objectives for METACITY initiative from the the Minister of Justice |
| 10:35-10:45 | Opening speech by Mārtiņš Staķis, Mayor of Riga | Vision and objectives for METACITY and Riga Testbed from the Mayor of Riga |
| 10:45-11:00 | Keynote presentation by Gatis Ozols, Deputy State Secretary on Digital Transformation issues, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development | The importance of open and government data in the development of the metaverse. Prerequisites for development of dynamic data ecosystems to enhance social and economic growth. |
| 11:00-11:15 | Inspirational presentation by Neils Kalniņš, 5G Techritory Forum Director | High level presentation of the METACITY initiative and plan for today's meeting: Why are we here? What do we want to achieve? How can everyone contribute? |
| 11:15-11:30 | Coffee break | |
| 11:30-13:00 | Parallel workshops | Session One - TECHNOLOGY: Use cases, Technology / Architecture, Implementations, open data, data synchronizing. Session Two - POLICY: policy gaps, legal and financial framework. Plans to address. |
| 13:00-13:15 | Summary and further steps/activities | Summary, tasks, teams, financial instruments, implementation vehicles |
| 13:15-14:00 | Networking lunch | |