WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT?

SMART SOCIETY
SUMMER SCHOOL

THE IDEA

From real problem to solution

From August 20th until 26th 2017 the Fraunhofer IAO and the Eindhoven University of Technology together with the cities of Eindhoven and Helmond are offering the first ever Smart Society Summer School [4S]. Powered by the knowledge gained in the Morgenstadt Initiative, master students from all countries and backgrounds have the possibility to jointly work on the realization of the Brainport Smart District – the smartest district in the world.

INTENDED AUDIENCE

We are inviting the smart city experts of tomorrow

Master students of all fields relevant to smart city development (e.g. engineering, computer sciences, design, social sciences, sustainability management, architecture and planning) may join. Open to all disciplines – application necessary

Language: English

THE FOCUS AREA OF INNOVATION

Topic: Circular economy

To focus your work in the broad area of smart city innovation, each Smart Society Summer School has a focus area. This summer school’s topic: Circular Economy. Subtopics include:

- Paradigm shift: from “take, make and dispose” to “make, use and return”
- Circular thinking to reduce pollution and resource use in cities
- Division of power and responsibility
- Participation and sharing economy
- Planning requirements and cradle to cradle concepts

THE BRAINPORT SMART DISTRICT

Smarest district of the world

The Eindhoven Brainport Region includes the municipalities of Eindhoven and Helmond. It has already been named the smartest region of the world 2012 and is home to numerous initiatives, such as a test track of autonomous vehicles and the EU Lighthouse district Strijp-S, within a unique ecosystem of scientific institutes, industry, municipality and engaged citizens. By 2022, the Brainport Smart District is to be developed in the most innovative, livable and adaptive smart city.

HIGHLIGHTS

Solving a real problem

1. work on real smart city solutions in the field of circular economy and solve an actual client-based problem regarding the Brainport Smart District area. The issues the clients are dealing with can range from technological problems to more feasibility or end user related ones. After the company pitch, you and your team members will select and co-write an assignment.

2. expert lectures and hands-on learning sessions will give you a better understanding of user-oriented smart city concepts related to the topic of circular economy and will provide you with the necessary knowledge to define the root causes behind the addressed problems.

3. critical reflection on smart city concepts and taking on various perspectives will lead you and your team to answer the meta question which will focus on the added value for all of the teams’ clients and the connections and integrity of smart city solutions.
We offer you six days packed with intense working sessions and expert input. Creative techniques will help you to come up with smart solutions for the city of tomorrow. A collaborative learning experience in small multidisciplinary and international student teams and the expert input will offer multiple perspectives. Finally, you will create and pitch a new and self-developed idea for smarter cities and come up with a concept for testing your ideas in existing urban areas.

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HOW CAN YOU JOIN?

WHEN AND WHERE
Arrival: Sunday, 20th of August 2017
Departure: Saturday 26th or Sunday 27th of August 2017
Location: Eindhoven University of Technology, the Netherlands

REQUIREMENTS AND APPLICATION
Currently enrolled in a Masters degree
Applicants must provide
- a brief letter of motivation (max. 2000 characters)
- certificate of enrolment at your current university
- proof of English proficiency (level B2 or higher)
- a CV including additional certificates

Applications are accepted until the 15th of June 2017 via the Morgenstadt Homepage
Notification of participation will be sent by June 30th 2017
Course fees need to be paid before July 31st 2017
Participants are required to have a valid visa and health insurance covering their entire stay

FEES AND ACCOMODATION
Summer school with accommodation: 800 euro*
Summer school without accommodation 500 euro
All fees include lectures, excursions, public transport and meals
* Accommodation is a single bed room and close to the main meeting facilities