

## **FIWARE brings open-source technologies to North America to develop sustainable smart cities and communities**

**Berlin, April 29, 2024** – FIWARE Foundation, a non-profit organization that promotes the adoption of open standards through the use of open-source technologies for the innovation in smart solutions, joins forces with tech and business communities across North America to unlock the power of open-source technology, driving the development of sustainable smart cities. At the [Smart Cities Connect Conference & Expo](#), taking place on May 7th-10th, 2024 in Raleigh - NC, FIWARE's CEO, Andrea Battaglia, will outline FIWARE's commitment to contributing to a greener future through collaborative action together with global technological organizations.

“The FIWARE vision is driven by our commitment to fostering an interconnected, efficient, and sustainable smart cities ecosystem. By embracing FIWARE Open Source technologies, governments, and businesses can lay the groundwork for a resilient and forward-looking urban infrastructure that caters to the needs of citizens for generations to come. We believe that strong partnerships are the key to unlocking the full potential of smart city projects in North America, therefore we work alongside city governments, tech pioneers, and academic leaders. This collaborative approach, fueled by our open-source philosophy, allows us to combine a vast pool of knowledge, tools, and perspectives.” - says **Andrea Battaglia, CEO at FIWARE Foundation**.

This year, as a bronze sponsor of Smart Cities Connect, FIWARE has secured a booth in a prime location alongside its long-term Gold Member [ms.GIS](#), a leader in geospatial intelligence and IoT technologies for Smart Cities, buildings, energy, and mobility, jointly with [MindfulTech Institute](#), [Urban Institute](#), and [Nivid Technologies](#).

### **Empowering collaboration: FIWARE's Program at Smart City Connect 2024:**

- Keynote session: **“Open and smart solutions for the world’s smartest cities”**  
Wednesday May 8, 9:10 - 9:30 AM, Ballroom B.  
Andrea Battaglia’s, FIWARE’s CEO, and Marcus Scheiber’s, ms.GIS’s CEO, will lead a visionary discussion on how open-source solutions can empower the ecosystem, building more efficient, sustainable, and livable urban environments.
- Open Forum Panel: **“Empowering Open Innovation: successful components for Smart and Open solutions adoption”**  
Thursday, May 9, 11:00 -11:50 AM, Room 302A.  
A deep dive from global experts on core components of open-source smart solutions and how they can address real challenges cities and citizens face in domains such as water or energy management.

- Workshop: **“Innovation in action: real-world examples of Smart and Open Solutions”**  
Thursday May 9, 12:00 AM - 1:30 PM, Room 302A.  
Interactive discussions on how AI works for cities, how energy and water solutions have been implemented, as well as other surprising topics to be revealed.
- Panel: **“Empowering Open Innovation: successful components for Smart and Open solutions adoption”**.  
Thursday May 9, 12:00 AM – 1:30 PM, Room 201  
**Misato Hattori**, Business developer, NEC America, **Steve Johnston**, CEO at MindfulTech, **Marcus Scheiber**, CEO at Ms.GIS, **Andrea Battaglia**, CEO at FIWARE Foundation and **Uma Marques**, IT Director, County of Roanoke, Virginia will share how to experience rapid adoption, and revolutionize the development of smart cities, energy, and water management across Europe, Asia Pacific, Latin America and Africa. With over FIWARE’s 1,200 smart data models adopted in more than 350 cities, the organization saves time and fosters trust when implementing smart solutions globally. As the de facto standard, FIWARE is pioneering the future of data exchange and data models.

To get more information and book a meeting with the global experts to learn more about open-source technologies, their implementation, and collaboration, please visit the [website](#). Meet the FIWARE Team, Partners, and Innovation Hubs at **FIWARE booth #306** from May 7th-10th, 2024.

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#### **About FIWARE Foundation**

Together with its members and partners, [FIWARE Foundation](#) drives the definition, and the Open Source implementation, of key open standards that enable the development of portable and interoperable smart solutions in a faster, easier, and more affordable way, thus avoiding vendor lock-in scenarios, whilst also nurturing FIWARE as a sustainable and innovation-driven business ecosystem. Serving diverse domains, FIWARE is leading the world in Open Source technology for the digitalisation of smart cities and regions.

The foundation achieves this through its offering of reference architectures, standard building blocks, roughly **1,200 Smart Data Models**, standard APIs, its **39 Innovation Hubs (iHubs)**, the FIWARE Marketplace, and the support of a fast-growing global community that shares a common vision and combines their efforts toward making FIWARE the Open Source technology of choice for industries, governments, universities, and associations to reach their full potential and scale up their activities, thereby entering new markets and growing their businesses. Founded in 2016, FIWARE Foundation includes **Atos, Engineering, Madinah City, NEC, Red Hat, and Telefónica** among its 645 members. For further information, visit [fiware.org](http://fiware.org) and follow the organization on [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [YouTube](#).