Parc Científc presents the initiative Smart City VLC to the City Council of Valencia

Parc Científic's director, Juan Antonio Raga, and the Universitat de València's Vice-principal for Research, Pedro Carrasco, received last Friday a delegation from the City Council of Valencia headed by the Councilwoman for Innovation, Beatríz Simón. The aim of this visit was both getting to know the Parc Científic's facilities and attending the presentation of the initiative Smart City VLC.

This platform is promoted by Parc Científic and Asociación Valenciana de Tecnologías del Hábitat (AVATHA). It is aimed at lauching projects and providing solutions on sustainability problems in our cities.

Smart Cities are defined as cities that improve the life quality and the local economies, which leads to a future with low CO2 emissions. Investment in energy efficiency and in local renewable energies are some of the tools which help achieving sustainability and a better life quality in a city. All this, using information and communication technologies.
According to the technological map established by the European Union, 50% of public buildings should by intelligent and comply with European energy efficiency requirements by 2020.

In Spain, a network called Red Española de Ciudades Inteligente has been already created. Cities within this initiative are Pamplona, Madrid, Barcelona, Seville, Salamanca or Vitoria.

Beatriz Simón has received the new initiative with pleasure, and she has stated her support to it: 'it is an idea which is in tune with the objectives of the City Council of Valencia on this matter.'

Smart City VLC has already been joined by six Valencian entities –Parc Científic, Fundación Valencia Port, AVATHA, ASELEC, AIDO, IBV– representing 950 medium sized companies, which gather a total of 5,000 jobs.
AVATHA's chairman, Joaquín Carretero, representatives of Parc Científic and Universitat de València, and management personnel from Parc Científic's companies taking part in the initiative, have attended the event.

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