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Unlocking smart capabilities for local authorities







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The main concern of local authorities is to ensure sustainable development and quality of life

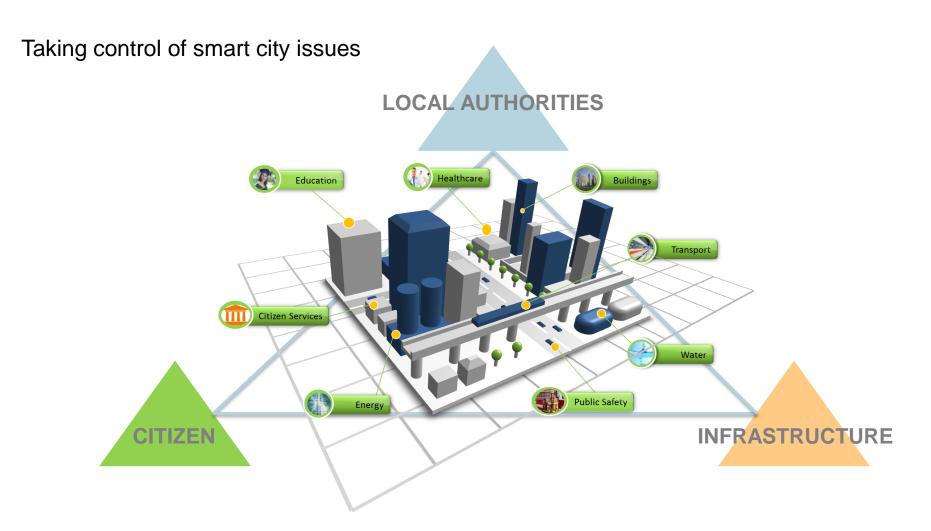
Specific needs and demands regarding healthcare, energy, safety, public services, ...

Utilities	Health	Public Services	Building	Transportation
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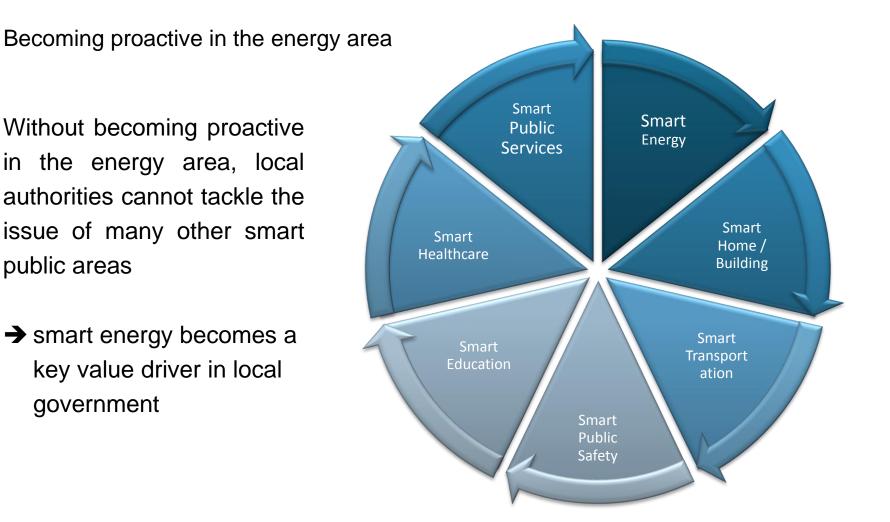
Local authorities will take control of their 'smart city' issues thanks to citizens' involvement and by addressing the infrastructure problem

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Here's the local authorities' dilemma: to be efficient, local must become smart – and the tangible smart begins with smart energy



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Smart metering is a first key enabler in the transformation towards smart energy

First, smart metering

Digitization of one of the last analogue industries isn't happening a minute too soon:

- few of us would imagine having to call our mobile phone provider to tell them how many texts we'd sent this month
- and we'd raise an eyebrow if we were given an estimated bill at the supermarket checkout

Eight in ten people who've already got their smart meter say they would recommend them to others

A similar proportion are already using their smart meter to help them use less energy and start to think about other smart products and services



The right legal framework and active local management create a second key enabler in the transformation towards smart energy

Second, the right legal framework and active local management

There are many examples of smarter energy solutions across Europe Poland introduced a concept of energy clusters, which are civil law agreements on generating and balancing the trade in energy from RES within the distribution grid, with a voltage not exceeding 110 kV.

The agreements are concluded between households, businesses, research and development units and/or local government.

An energy cluster covers either one district or five municipalities.

In Groningen, a mid-sized town in the Netherlands, local authorities are trialing an approach that enables households to choose the sources of energy they use, including buying it from their neighbors who may have solar panels.

The trial also offers them the option to sell unused energy back to the grid or to other residents.



A mix of long-term agreements, lighter regulation and entry of new suppliers should increase diversification of the supply market

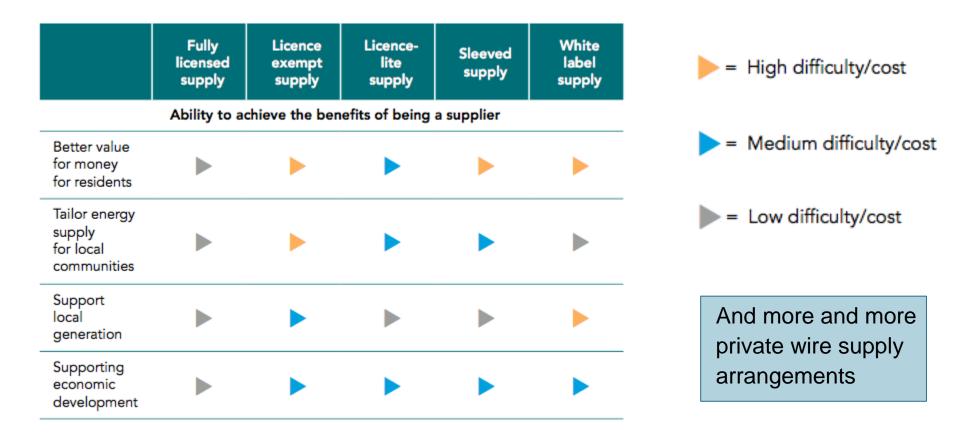
Third, supporting diversification of the supply market

New type of long- term agreements	Local authorities are in a great position to alleviate supply uncertainties by working with local generators and forming long-term agreements to purchase their electricity. This strengthens investor confidence for generators, helping renewables to flourish locally.		
	It creates a potential to generate margins of 2-4% on revenues, providing significant potential income for local authorities willing to enter the market.		
Shift towards less prescriptive regulation	The regulatory landscape in the coming years is set to shift towards less prescriptive regulation of the energy market. This will make it easier than ever for non-traditional business models to enter the		
	market and create innovative products and services for consumers.		
New suppliers entering the market	As the energy-supply market has evolved, so has the emergence of IT, advice and trading providers offering services that allow new suppliers to enter the market at a lower cost than historically, and without the need to undertake all activities required of a supplier on day one. By contracting out to established and proven service providers, it is possible to establish a presence in the energy-supply market and, as the new company grows in size and experience, it can (if it chooses) take more of the industry process activity in-house.		



There are several potential energy supply models for local authorities

Advantages and disadvantages of routes to market



The return of 'local', combined with 'smart', engenders profound changes in traditional business models in the energy industry

Are we going towards new business models ?

ENERGY DELIVERY COMPANY

- Locally based, smaller renewable installations are now bypassing national transmission systems and instead connecting straight to local distribution networks, closer to end consumers
- Thus the whole energy delivery company business model goes under question mark

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- Partnership with local authorities brings about a new hope
- Model able to maintain its past attractiveness

TRADITIONAL BUSINESS MODELS IN THE ENERGY INDUSTRY

- Low synergies between various business segments (generation, trading, distribution, retail)
- Diminishing investment attractiveness

- New opportunities created by local context, especially in cooperation with local authorities
- Those new opportunities continue to face difficult scalability



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Source: BG analysis