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to the Commission**
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Subject: Development of Smart Cities in Croatia

For already 50 years Croatia has recorded continuous depopulation of rural areas and an increasing concentration of the population in a small number of the largest urban settlements. Despite the growth, development and change in the basic function of cities, very little has changed in the basic concepts of urban development. It is therefore very important that Croatia, like other EU countries, should successfully embrace the trend of the development of Smart Cities, not only in order to be able to optimally adapt the features and functions of cities to the new conditions and population, but also in order to rise up to the challenge of global emerging economies hand-in-hand with other Member States.

To what extent has Croatia so far used the available sources of funding for the development of Smart Cities?