

# Newsletter

Special Edition - December 2018



"Interoperability as a Service" – Connecting IoT infrastructures and smart objects

## Editorial

Dear VICINITY Community,

It is a great pleasure for me to write this year's Christmas greetings in the editorial.

I already know what Christmas will bring us.

At least, there is a fresh contract, signed by Springer's chief editor Charles Glaser.

This will bring us some work, but even more honor via a special VICINITY book.

What else will we find below the Christmas tree?

The use cases should be finished and ready for evaluation now.

Or is it possible that Knecht Ruprecht\* will also bring a stick for some partners?

Let's see. He might come late this year, in March ...

That reminds me: there will also be new year.

We will celebrate it lately in January ... in London, 16th and 17th.

And watch out for the second Open Call.

I hope you enjoy reading all the news in the last newsletter for this year!

Merry Christmas and a happy new year!

Christoph Grimm



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## Announcement of an open call for recipients of financial support

Project acronym: VICINITY

Project grant agreement number: 688467

Project full name: Open virtual neighbourhood network to connect intelligent buildings and smart objects

The project VICINITY, co-funded from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreement No 688467, foresees as an eligible activity the provision of financial support to third parties, as a means to achieve its own objectives.

The types of activities to perform that qualify for receiving financial support are:

- **Create new specific value-added services based on the VICINITY platform or create new specific micro-services to enhance the VICINITY Platform;** Both services and microservices requirements are specified in the call information.
- **Co-operate with the VICINITY partners to demonstrate of the open call project's results** within the duration of the proposed project;
- The proposal must **explain** how the value-added service **supports existing use-cases, services, and/or business models in VICINITY**, or new ones, and/or undertake co-creation activities.

Financial support will be provided to individual SMEs, large companies, research institutes, and public authorities such as (city) communities, which are established in an EU Member State or in an Associated Country that is qualified and is compliant with the rules of participation H2020. Only one entity per proposal will be admitted, so activities in co-operation with other organisations will not be considered eligible.

- **Publication date:** 15<sup>th</sup> December 2018
- **Deadline:** 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 17:00 (Brussels time)
- **Expected duration of participation:** 5 Months
- **Maximum amount of financial support for each third party:** 60.000 €
- **Call identifier:** VICINITY 2<sup>nd</sup> Open Call Value Added Services.
  - Topic A: Value Added Services for the VICINITY Pilots
  - Topic B: Micro-Services for the VICINITY Platform
- **Language in which proposal should be submitted:** English
- **Web link for further information (full call text/proposal guidelines/call results) on your official project web site:** <http://vicinity2020.eu/vicinity/content/open-calls>
- **Email address for further information:** [opencalls@vicinity2020.eu](mailto:opencalls@vicinity2020.eu)

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**CHRISTMAS**  
& HAPPY NEW YEAR





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