# THE SMART CITY

The first question is what is meant by a 'Smart City'. The answer is that there is no universally accepted definition of a smart city. The concept of Smart City, therefore, varies from city to city and country to country, depending on the level of development, enthusiasm to change and reform, resources and aspirations of the city residents.

A Smart City may be defined as an urban development vision to integrate information and communication technology (ICT) and Internet of Things (IoT) technology in a safe urban management. This includes local departments' information systems, schools, libraries, transportation systems, hospitals, power plants, water supply networks, waste management, law enforcement and other community services. ICT allows city officials to interact directly with the community and the city infrastructure and to monitor what is happening in the city, how the city is evolving and how to enable a better quality of life. Yet, the term itself remains unclear to its specifics and, therefore, open to many interpretations.

**city officials:** *Consiglio Comunale*
**law enforcement:** *applicazione delle leggi*
**power plant:** *centrale elettrica*

**smart:** *intelligente.*
**waste management:** *gestione dei rifiuti urbani.*

**1** **Answer the following questions.**

1. What is the meaning of the term "Smart City"?
2. How can a Smart City be defined?
3. What fields does a safe urban management include?
4. What does ICT allow?
5. In your opinion, are there any integrations of ICT in the urban management in the town or city where you live? If so, give examples.

ACTIVITIES