On the 28th of November 2018, Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) introduced and led a workshop on Context Broker as a new CEF Building Block at the FIWARE Summit in Malaga, Spain.

Daniele Rizzi, Policy Officer for the Data Policy and Innovation Unit in DG CNECT, European Commission, introduced the workshop and Caroline Corneau, IT Project Officer DG DIGIT, European Commission, led the workshop on behalf of CEF.

This workshop focused on potential governmental use cases of the CEF Context Broker Building Block, along with a discussion on the scope of the CEF Context Broker services. This workshop provided a unique opportunity to discuss CEF Context Broker with key stakeholders including experts from various European public administrations and private service providers.

"CEF Context Broker expands the CEF Building Blocks family and is a vital contribution to realise the Digital Single Market. Workshops such as this one enables CEF to connect with stakeholders to help them digitalise public services."

Daniele Razzi
Policy Officer Data Policy and Innovation Unit
DG CNECT, European Commission

The Workshop

Daniele Rizzi and Caroline Corneau presented Context Broker as a CEF Building Block and the complementary position of Context Broker among the existing CEF offerings. In the Summer of 2018, Context Broker, developed by FIWARE, joined the CEF offerings as a new Building Block to help public services digitalise.

Participants were excited to learn about the linking possibilities between CEF Building Blocks within the Data Value Chain such as the Big Data Test Infrastructure (BDTI) another new CEF Building Block.

Furthermore, the following topics were at the core of the workshop's agenda:

1. Potential new use cases of the CEF Context Broker in Member States
2. CEF Context Broker services and Member States' service needs

This workshop enabled participants to discuss CEF Context Broker's applications for Smart City projects such as:

- changing mobility to a green or multimodal mobility, including for example, smart parking
- additional cultural aspects such as points of interest
- health-related ideas such as AHA (active and healthy ageing)
- safe cities, crowd management and alerts
- environmental issues such as air quality, water quality and waste management
- sustainable energy and smart lighting

CEF Context Broker offered services and benefits:

CEF also presented the multiple services offered to help European public administrations integrate CEF Context Broker and establish, for example, Smart Cities. CEF services include:

- CEF testing and supporting services: sandbox environment, connectivity and conformance testing, a Service Desk and planned training sessions
- CEF on-boarding services, the marketplace and developers community
CEF services are available free of charge to European public administrations and service providers who are seeking CEF Context Broker related help. This was particularly well received by the attendees, who were most interested to learn about the connectivity testing and available training’s.

The workshop was a great success and CEF is looking forward to future workshops in collaboration with FIWARE to raise awareness of Context Broker and to connect with the Context Broker community.

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*The FIWARE community is individuals and organisations seeking to realise smart solutions by offering open source platform components to public administrations and private services to accelerate the development of smart solutions.*