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Want to be a global smart cities leader? Keep an eye on Denmark

Denmark's cities have most of the challenges other cities contend with in their smart city makeover efforts. But a new report says the country could very well become a smart cities world leader, and its national government very much wants to see that happen.

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How LA's maps help city departments boost their performance

Los Angeles recently fired up its GeoHub, a platform that gathers the numerous types of map data from city departments and makes it available in ways that help employees do their jobs more efficiently and transparently. And citizens can tap into it too. Read the story to see if this idea could work for your city.

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