Review of: "Skilling Up for Tomorrow's Cities: The Workforce of Smart Cities"

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The paper regards the smart city concept and the contribution of specialised skills for implementing the smart city paradigm.

The issue is very relevant, and the specific theme of the paper is important. The paper is interesting, but it requires more insights about the literature. In my opinion, it is necessary to recall the European smart city concept and the main pillars: energy, transport, and ICT. The integration between these pillars is required for reaching the smart city conditions. Some authors, according to European directives, have indicated the main drivers for implementing the smart city paradigm. Please try to consider the role of the Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan (SUMP) for implementing an integrated planning approach with the aim to integrate the three pillars (https://doi.org/10.3390/app13031773).

I appreciate the reference to urban resilience, which constitutes a very relevant challenge for urban areas in emergency conditions. Please try to consider the role of training and exercises in this context (https://doi.org/10.3390/su16041474).

Finally, I suggest the authors take into account the efforts of the European Commission with the Smart Cities Marketplace. Some authors review the initiatives for implementing the smart city concept (https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-39446-1_7).