

# Innovative approaches to urban data management using emerging technologies

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#### Key features of project

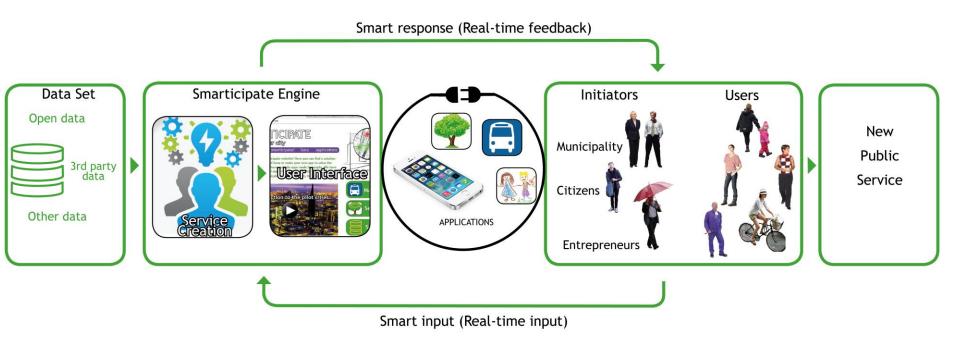
- Bottom-Up approach for involving citizens in planning, leveraging creativity, have their say
- Extensive Piloting with the cities Hamburg, London and Rome
- Continuous, iterative process
- Interdisciplinary collaboration in project
- Services also from citizens for citizens

#### Goals:

- Make open data available in a more useful way
- Support structured dialogue between stakeholders
- Support Impact Assessment by visualization and calculation of consequences

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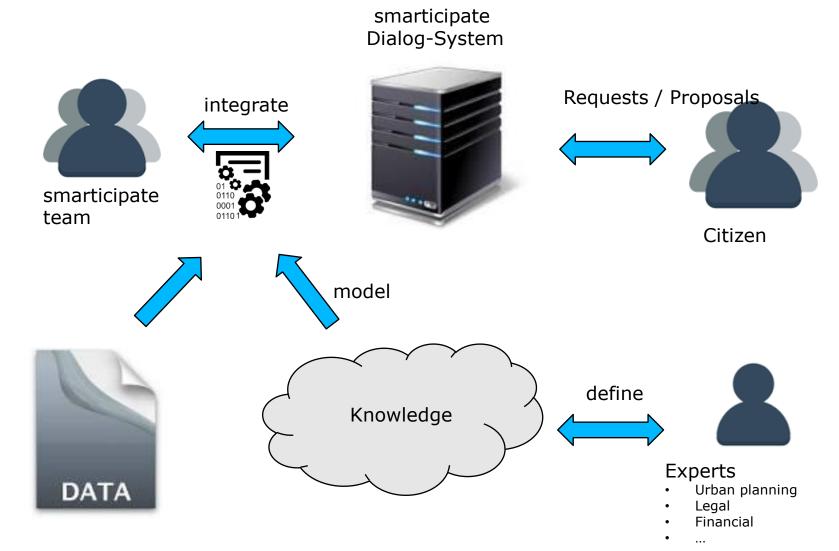




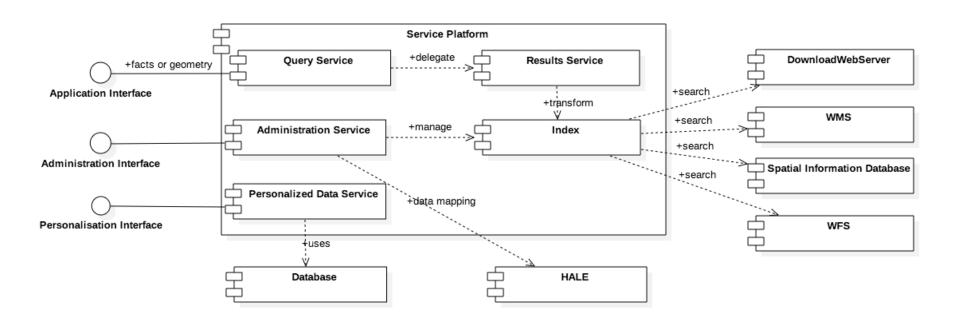
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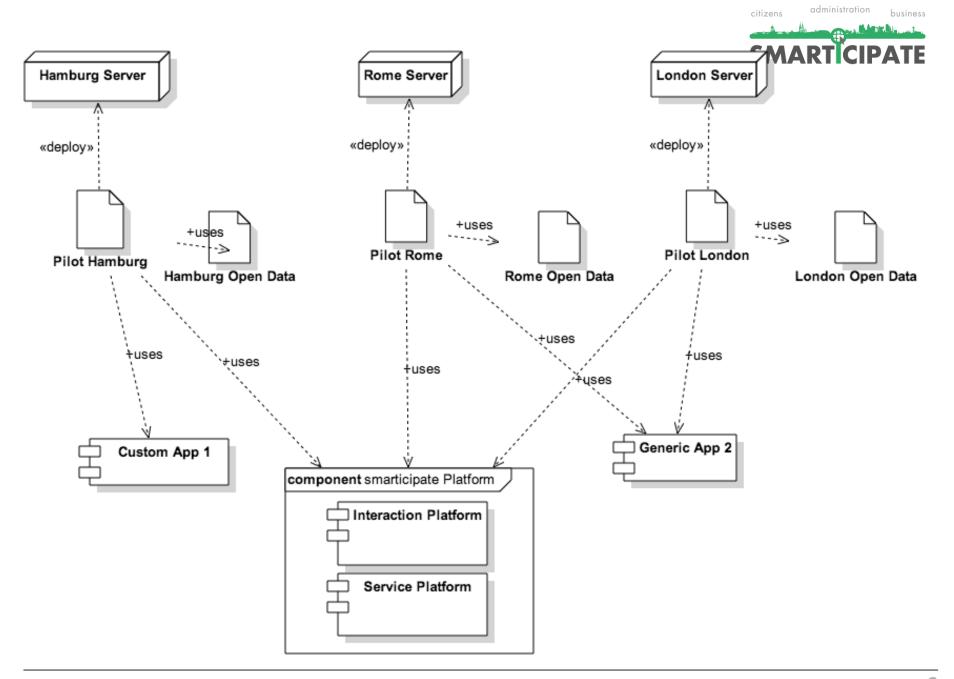
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### Data?



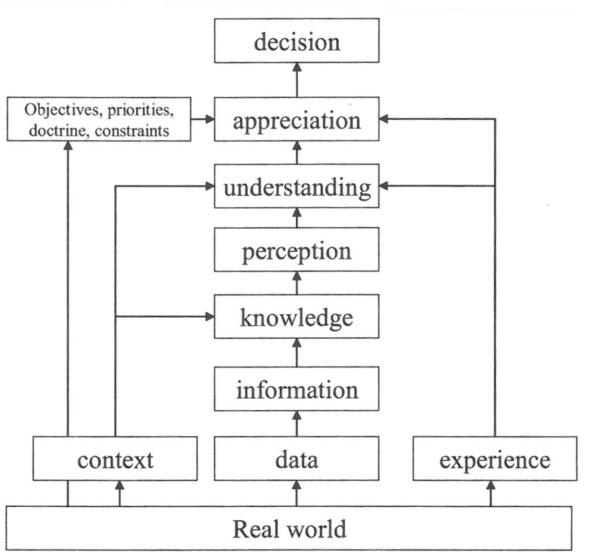


Figure 15. A new view of decision making (based on Marsh, 2000)

## Assessment Problem

Different views

Streets can be

- a. connectors of cities
- b. barrier in an habitat



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### Approach



### Hypothesis:

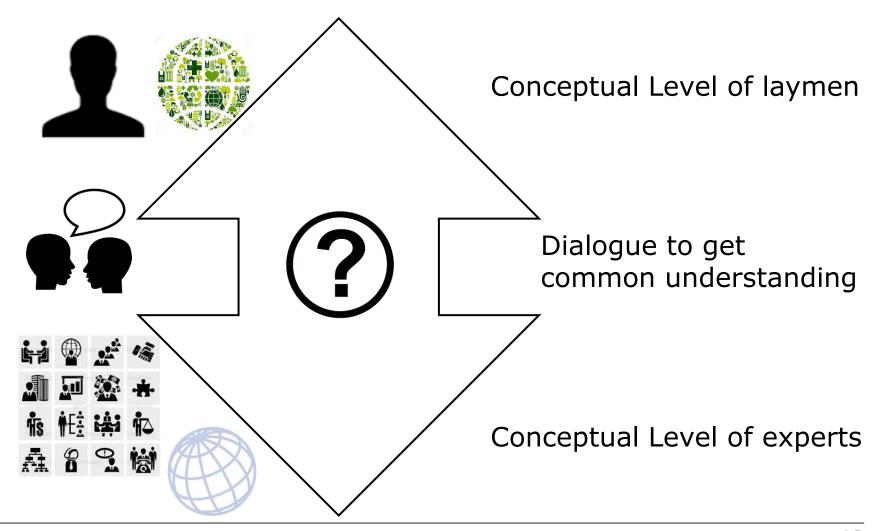
Impact Assessment is the interpretation of entities and their relationships in a context.

- Interpretation: connecting to already known concepts or sensations
- Relationship: interactions, dependency, influence,...
- Context: Several dimensions
  - Socioeconomic
  - Cultural

The whole process should be use case driven and easy to use

# Public participation from the cognitive science view





# Public participation from the cognitive science view



- Meeting of Minds
- Visualisation
- Models for semantics
  - Symbolistic model
  - Conceptual model
  - Connectionist model

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What is a mountain?

Not a question of being itself but being in a context

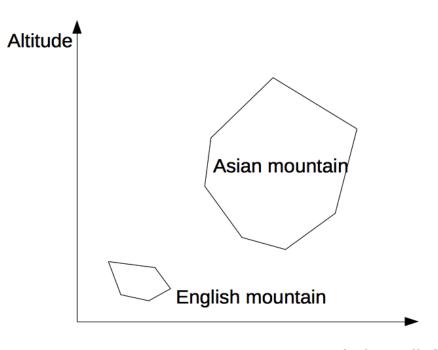




### Conceptual Spaces



- Get Semantics grounded by observable properties
- n dimensional space of properties
- Each entity is a point in this space
- Concepts emanate as clusters in this space
- Work with known geometry methods
- Prototypes of a concept can be defined easily



Relative relief

Source: Adams and Janowicz 2011



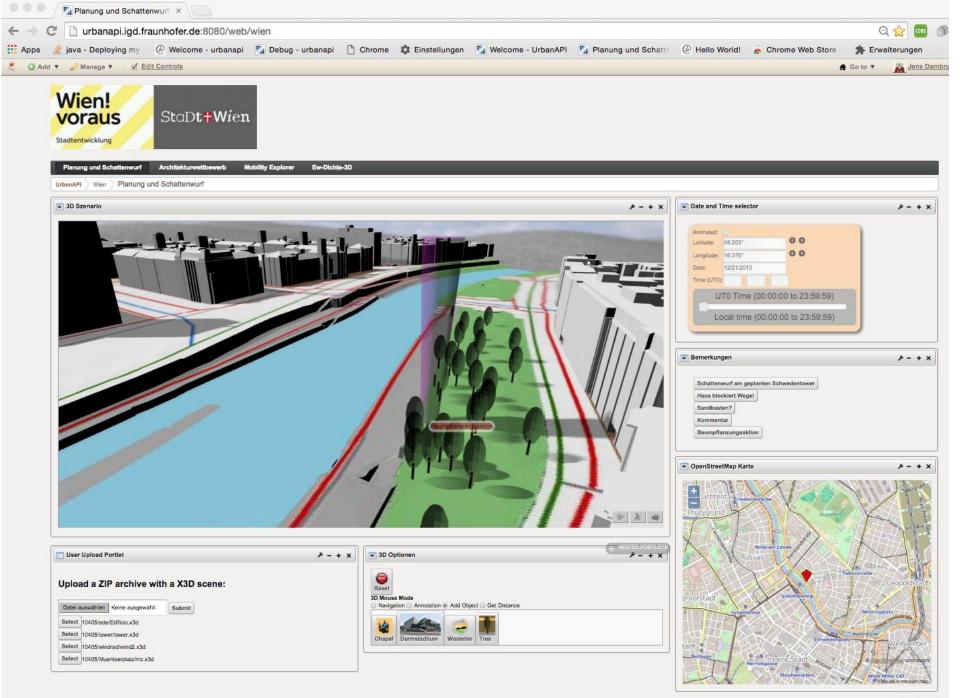
## **Application**

### Technology Stack



#### A collection of technology in question for smarticipate

- Web-based Visualization
- Domain-specific Languages (symbolistic model)
- Semantic Technology (symbolistic model)
- Search engines (symbolistic model)
- Machine Learning (connectionist model)



### Domain-specific Languages



A language on a specific conceptual level – user oriented

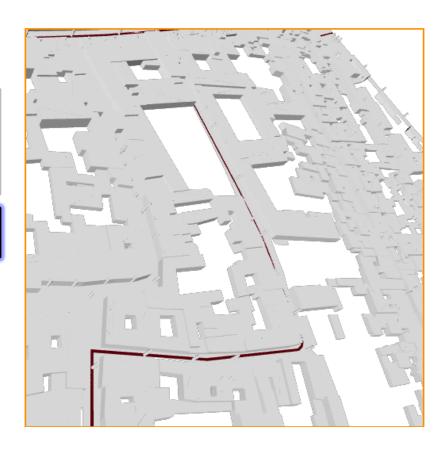
- New methods of interaction via language
- Add behaviour and interactive elements
- Needs annotated data
- Bridging the gap to technical concepts like Semantic Web / JSON-LD

### Domain-specific Languages



When track A is for bicycle and A has length more than 50 m Then display A *red*.

**Execute** 



Data has to be annotated with concepts for this

## Outline of automated annotation



Bridging the gap between data and concepts, a topic for research

- Provide target ontology with terms
- Identify Dimensions suitable, both for data and ontology
- Define prototype for this ontology
- Create Conceptual Space from data
- Test if prototypes are in correlation with subspaces in the space created
- Link symbolic concept from ontology to data
- Result: annotated data

### Search Engines



- Ubiquitous nowadays, simple search by known terms
- Define a query based on user's concepts (Domain-Specific Language again)
- Results are also understandable on a user level
- Context should be exchangeable
- Use annotated data
- Manual annotation of data is reduced, a hard and tedious task

### Conclusion



- Bring technology to a user level
  - Hide technological complexity
  - Use concepts from cognitive science to bridge the gap between perception and symbolistic approaches
- Use of standards and existing technology where appropriate
- Embrace heterogeneity