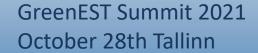


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The power of co-design







Human and innovation

Today 55% of the world's population lives in urban areas \rightarrow 68% by 2050 (UN)



- Cities as milieu for innovation with citizens
- Large scale innovations (e.g., nature based solutions)
- Digital innovations
- Etc...





Why citizen perspective?

- User empowerment (decision making)
- Democracy (ethics)
- Adoption
- Success of the smart city solutions
- Sustainability







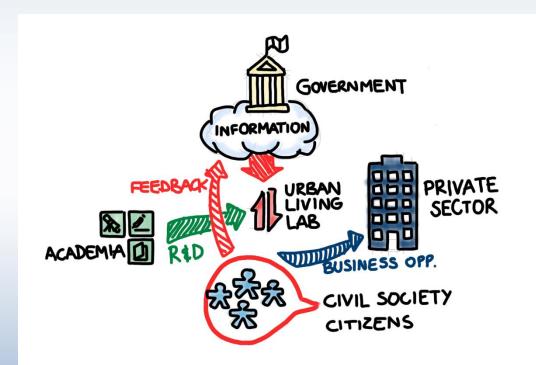
- Citizens as sensors/monitors
- Citizens as data/content providers to city systems
- No co-creation: Citizen engagement in design processes is very rarely being reported on
- Citizen needs not in focus: Citizens needs not clearly described in development/innovation projects
- Mainly involved in testing of products and services; if even that
- Users of smart city solutions? Citizens or city leaders?

What is a Living Lab?



"A Living Lab is a user-centric innovation approach, based on realistic activities and research where all relevant partners are involved in open processes, to generate sustainable values for Living Lab partners and stakeholders"

(Bergvall-Kåreborn et al. 2009)



Example of Collaboration partners and customers of Botnia Living Lab



































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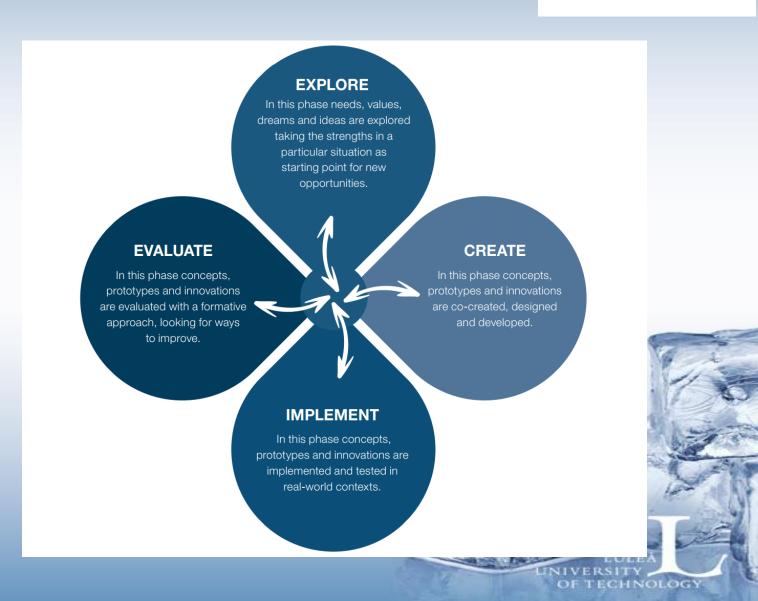




Theoretical Areas



- Open Innovation
- Socio-technical systems
- Design Thinking
- Participatory Design
- Innovation management
- Stakeholder Theory



From Living Labs to Urban Living Labs



- Climate change
- Urban complexity
- Societal challenges
- Citizens quality of life
- Fostering the innovation development
- Make urban areas more adaptable to the citizens need









What an Urban Living Lab is NOT?



An ULL doesn't necessarily need a **building** or a **physical place**

environment for sharing knowledge not provided

Multi phases (not **testbed**)

multi-stakeholder engagement is not supported

innovation not **co- created** with various
stakeholders and citizens

innovation is not being designed, developed and tested in **real-life context**

citizens are not actively
engaged from early stage of
innovation development

social and **technical** aspects of innovation development not integrated



Adoption barriers in smart cities: a user perspective



Adoption barrier

The complexity of services	Cost Efficiency and Feasibility	Price / cost
Lack of accessibility	Usability	Personal integrity
Lack of mutual trust	Compatibility	Lack of information/publicity
Awareness	Functionality	Lack of awareness
Safety concerns	Relative advantage (ROI)	Required soft skills
Inappropriate communication	Integration and interoperability	Ethical concerns
Social acceptance	Data accuracy, quality	Privacy & Security

Use of Urban Living Lab in Smart City Project

Front-runner Cities





Finland



Eindhoven

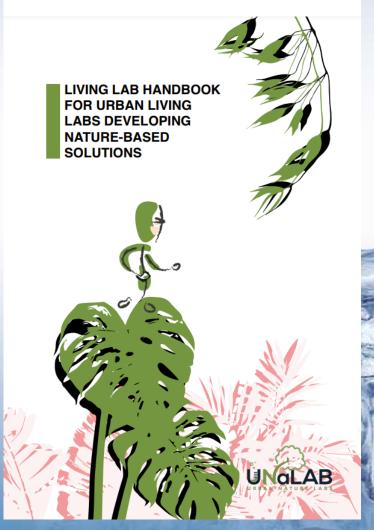
The Netherlands



Genova

Italy





UNaLab project partners













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UNaLab in a nutshell (UNaLab.eu)

UNaLab's 3 front runner cities: **Tampere**, **Eindhoven** and **Genova**, have a track record in smart and citizen driven solutions for **sustainable development**.





They support 7 follower cities: Stavanger,
Prague, Castellon, Cannes, Basaksehir, Hong
Kong and Buenos Aires plus share
experiences with observers as City of
Guangzhou and the Brazilian network of
Smart Cities.

Thanks for listening



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