

Requirements for Cities Transformation into Smart Ecosystems

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Five areas of requirements

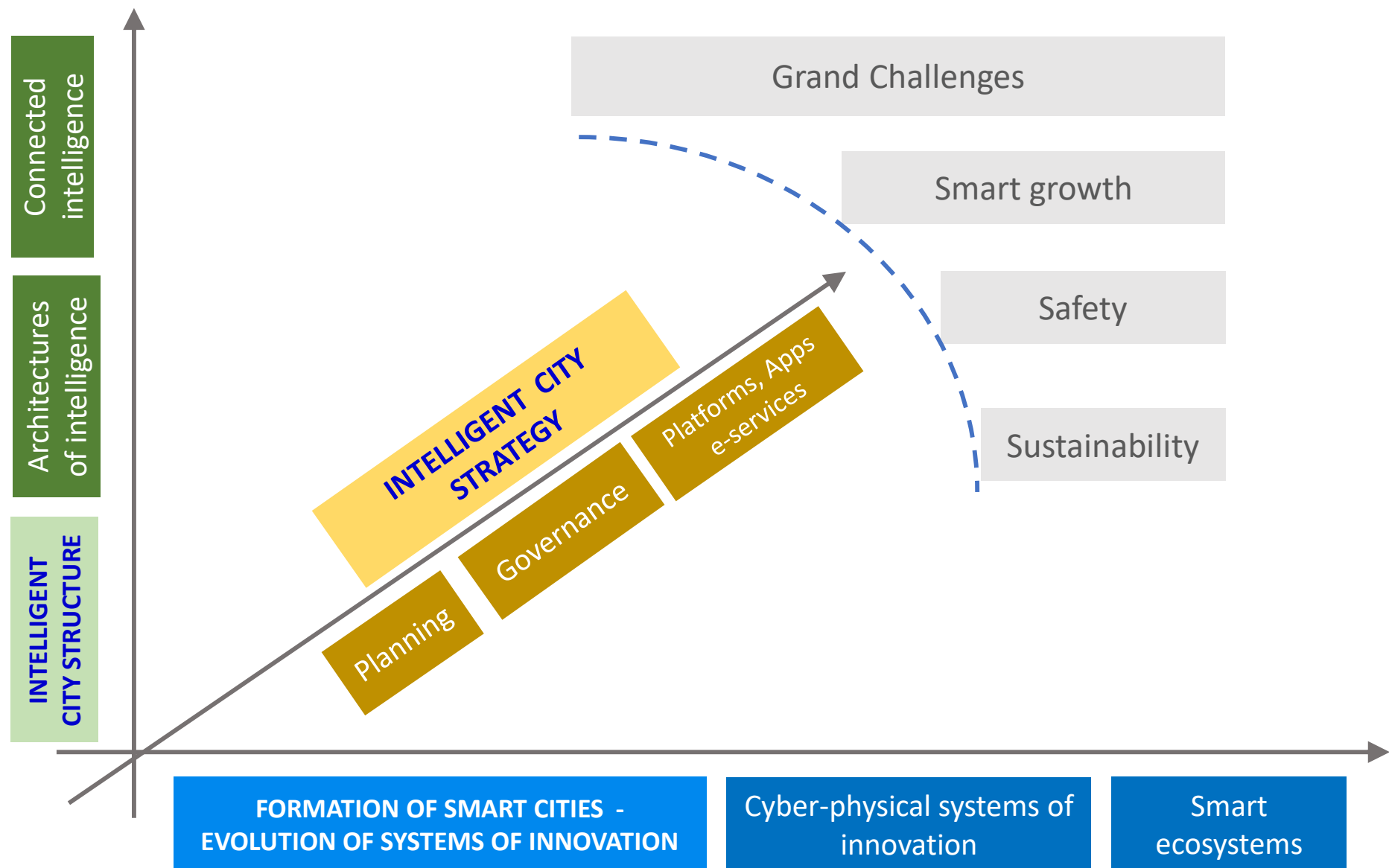
*R1. Strategy
development
by city
ecosystems*

R2. Integrated cyber-physical projects

R3. Group of e-services per ecosystem

R4. Data collection, storage, and open access

*R5. Governance
of operation
and impact*



Requirements are based on research at URENIO, a laboratory of Aristotle University conducting research on intelligent cities since 2000

R1. Strategy development by city ecosystems

The city is a heterogeneous system: a system of ecosystems

A hundred principal ecosystems in cities

Area-based ecosystems,
defined by
districts &
neighbourhoods

- *Central Business District*
- *Housing districts*
- *Technology districts*
- *University campus*
- *Recreation areas*
- *Open and public*
- *Shopping malls*
- *Port areas*

Vertical ecosystems,
defined
by activities

- *Manufacturing sectors*
- *Construction*
- *Finance*
- *Service sectors*
- *Trade and wholesale*
- *Education*
- *Health, Social care*

Network-based ecosystems,
defined
by utility and
other networks

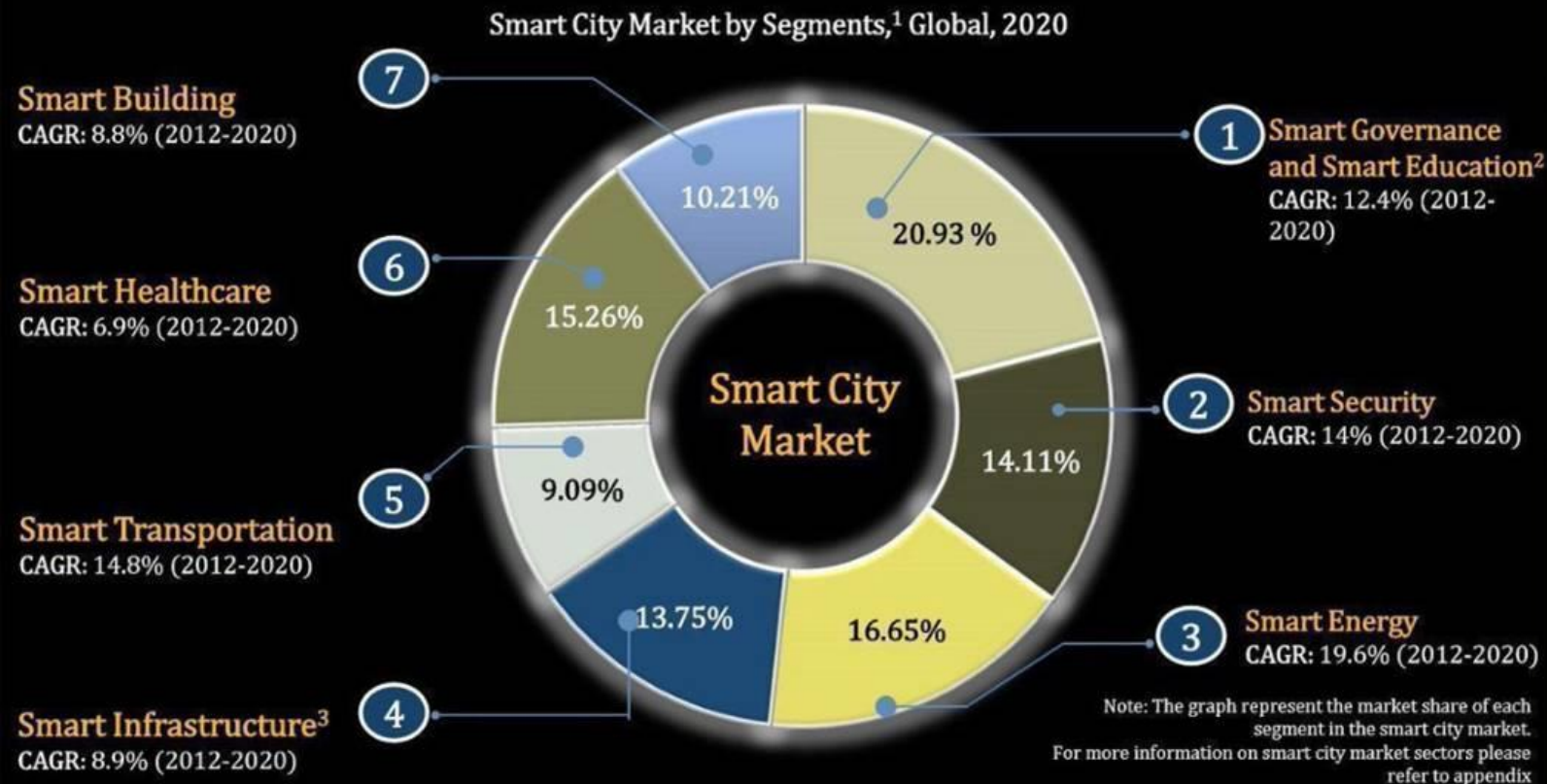
- *Transportation*
- *Energy provision*
- *Water provision*
- *Waste management*
- *Telecom*
- *Broadband*



A 1943 map showing how London would look based on 'social and functional analysis', which Patrick Abercrombie helped to draw up

Digital transformation is fragmented into ecosystems / vertical markets

Smart cities To Create Huge Business Opportunities With A Market Value Of \$1.5 Trillion In 2020



¹These numbers represent the entire smart solutions eco-system in each segment for both urban and non-urban panoramas

²Smart Education includes eLearning services for schools, universities, enterprises, and government entities

³Other Smart Infrastructure such as sensor networks, digital management of water utilities not included in other segments

Source: Frost & Sullivan analysis.

FROST & SULLIVAN

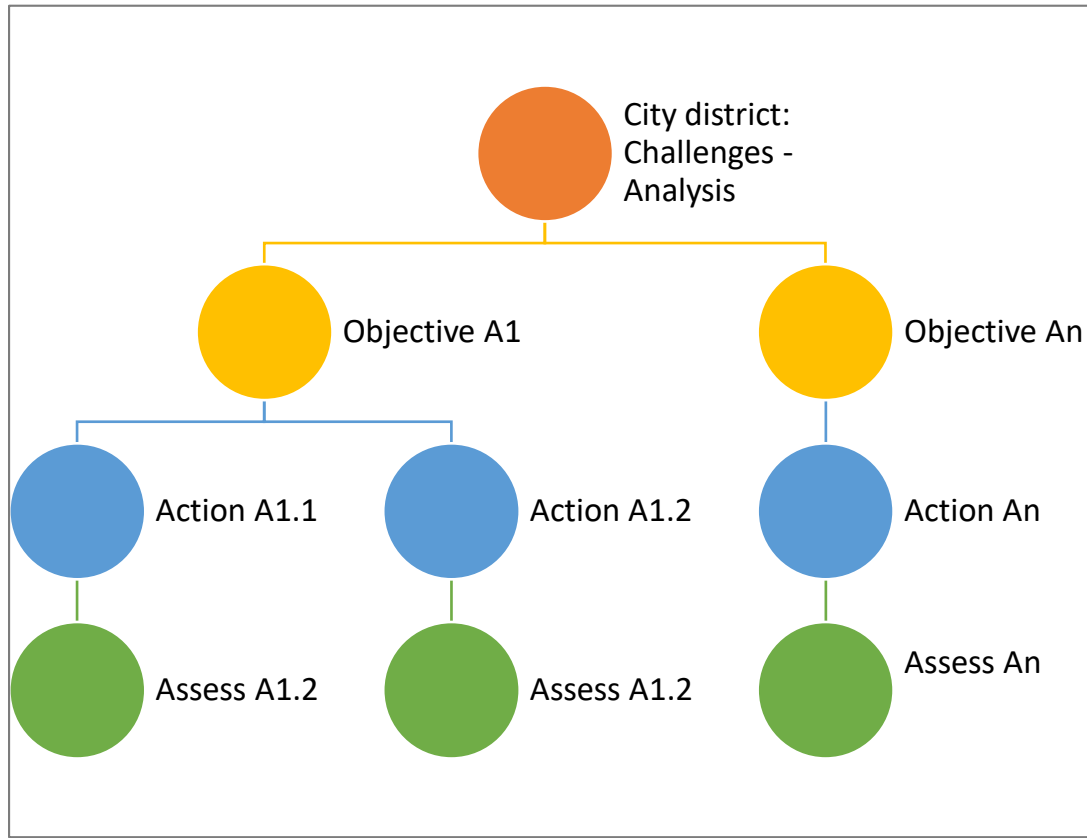
Very low interoperability

Interoperability across vertical smart city markets:

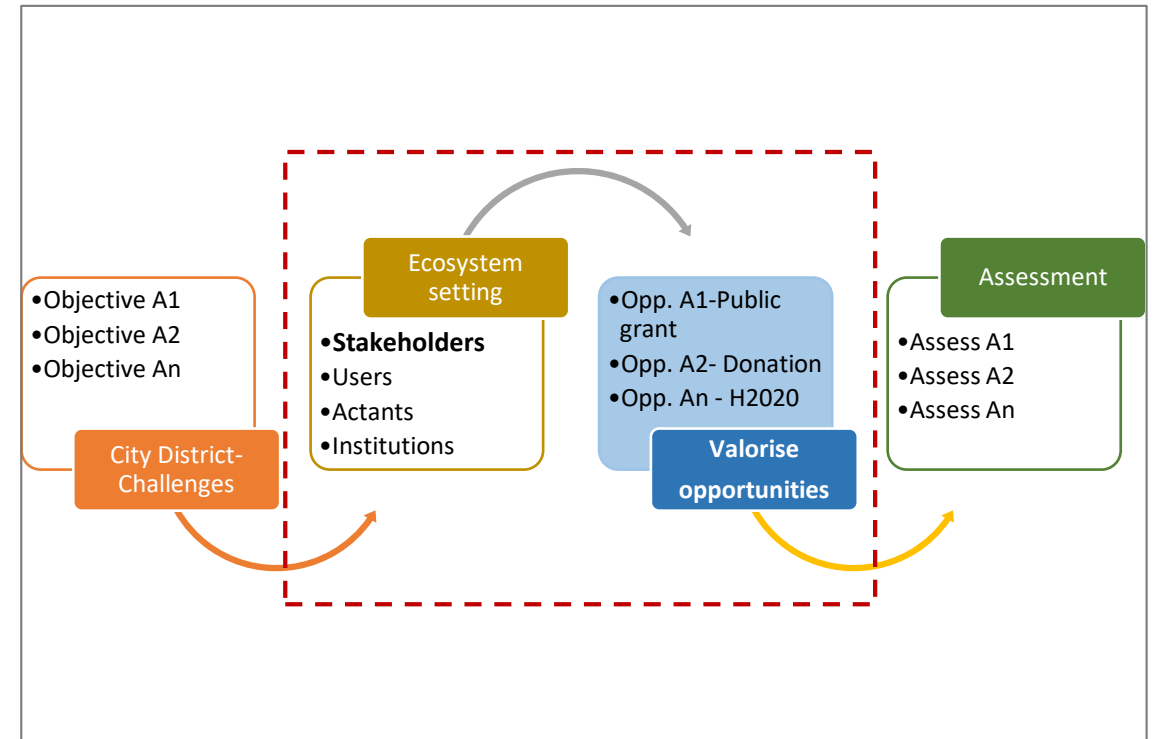
- Infrastructure: Broadband networks and sensors networks
- Cloud: Storage, VM, RAM, and applications environment

R1: Strategy development at the level of city ecosystems

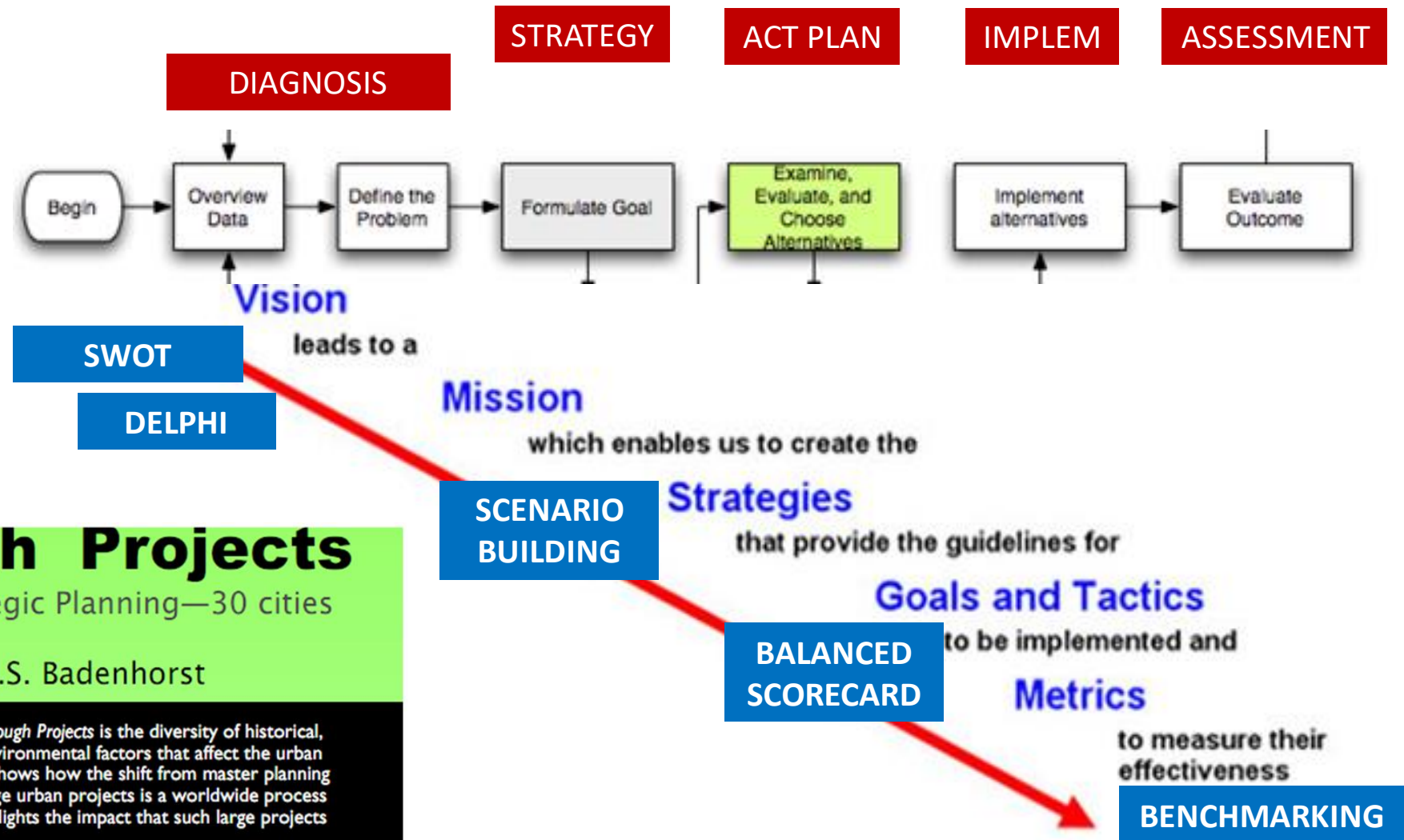
TRADITIONAL CITY PLANNING: STATE-LED, HIERARCHICAL, TOP DOWN



SMART CITY PLANNING: COLLABORATIVE, VALORISING OPPORTUNITIES, BOTTOM UP



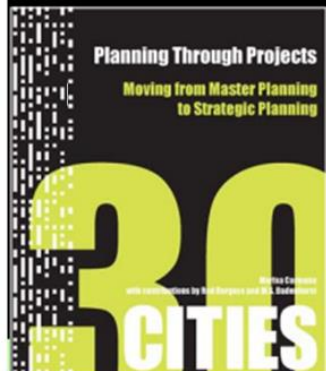
Skills: Turn strategic planning to digitally assisted (see OnlineS3)



Planning Through Projects

Moving from Master Planning to Strategic Planning—30 cities

by Marisa Carmona, Rod Burgess, & M.S. Badenhorst



The starting point of *Planning through Projects* is the diversity of historical, political, socio-economic and environmental factors that affect the urban realities of each city. The book shows how the shift from master planning to strategic planning through large urban projects is a worldwide process affecting all countries, and it highlights the impact that such large projects have on urban governance.

The global scope, the combination of theory and practice, and the many examples, plans and illustrations make this book an excellent reference for teachers, students and professionals working in urban planning and management.

R2. Integrated cyber-physical projects

Integrated cyber-physical projects may cover an entire ecosystem

What is **Vision Zero**?

Vision Zero is a strategy to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries, while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all. First implemented in Sweden in the 1990s, Vision Zero has proved successful across Europe – and now it’s gaining momentum in major American cities.



Source: [Vision Zero Network](https://visionzeronetwork.org).

Table 8.2 Vision Zero implementation components

1. MAPPING	1.1	Data: Information collection and dataset creation
	1.2	Identification of high-injury network and risk areas
	1.3	Analytics: Fatalities and major injuries per areas and social groups
2. PEOPLE AND USER ENGAGEMENT	2.1	Reporting and witnessing by users
	2.2	Education: Develop a driving culture for Vision Zero
	2.3	Co-design of safety solutions with users
3. CITY DESIGN	3.1	Intersection re-design for visibility and safety
	3.2	Engineering solutions under the principles of VZ and WalkFirst
	3.3	Creation of arterial slow zones
4. INSTITUTIONAL MEASURES	4.1	Law enforcement
	4.2	Law and policy support VZ and reduce speed on city streets
	4.3	Training of officers on safety measures and recording of events
5. DIGITAL SPACES AND TECHNOLOGIES	5.1	Web-based information collection and dissemination
	5.2	Real-time watch and alert and transportation injury surveillance
	5.3	Car-pooling & car sharing for reducing travelled miles per capita
6. MONITORING AND ASSESSMENT	5.4	Advanced video-based road-safety analytics
	6.1	Definition of output and result indicators
	6.2	Dashboards, data recording and periodic reporting
	6.3	Analytics for assessment

<https://visionzeronetwork.org/about/what-is-vision-zero/>

Integrated cyber-physical projects may cover an entire ecosystem



Storage and trade of surplus solar energy through home batteries

Monetizing flexibility using a Virtual Power Plant, which incorporates solar-PV, load and home battery systems. It is not a real power plant but a virtual. Aggregating several small production units, like pv-rooftops, a power plant is created.

› What is the goal of the project?

1. Improving the yield of solar panels: households will be able to store and/or trade surplus solar energy
2. Balancing (unpredictable) sustainable energy supply and demand in neighbourhoods.

A virtual power plant is an online platform which aggregates people's production and consumption of solar energy and stores the surplus locally. Due to this aggregation it's possible to trade energy on the wholesale markets: the use of a home battery lets you store energy when electricity prices are low and discharge the battery when there are high.

› What is the result of the project?

Trading on the energy markets with battery systems installed at households is new. The concept requires a significant amount of ICT infrastructure, and will be connected to Alliander's smart grid. Through a pilot with more than 35 households in Amsterdam Nieuw-West, City-zen's partners will be able to test and improve the use of home batteries as a virtual power plant. After extensive testing upscaling to other neighbourhoods in the city will be possible.

› Who initiated the project and which organizations are involved?

This project by Greenspread and Alliander is part of City-zen, a European funded project in Amsterdam and Grenoble.

› What is the next step?

Currently already 25 home batteries have been installed at homes in the Amsterdam Nieuw-West district. We are still looking for a few more participants! So, if you are interested to participate, live in Amsterdam Nieuw-West and have PV panels: Send an e-mail to vragen@greenspread.nl or check the website (Dutch): <http://www.greenspread.nl/diensten/smart/city-zen> for more information!

Smart Stories

Check the article about the Virtual Power Plant featured in our online magazine 'Smart Stories':



Living off the grid

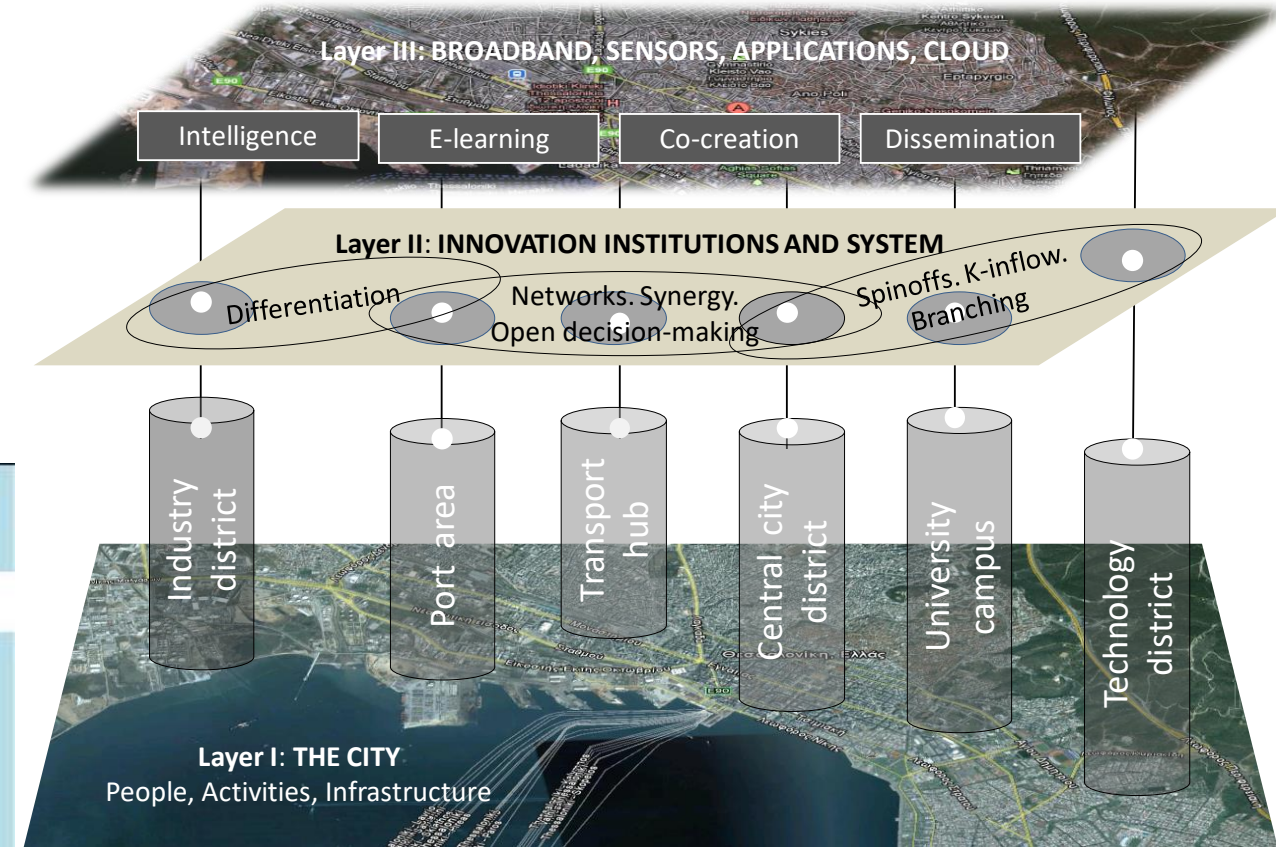
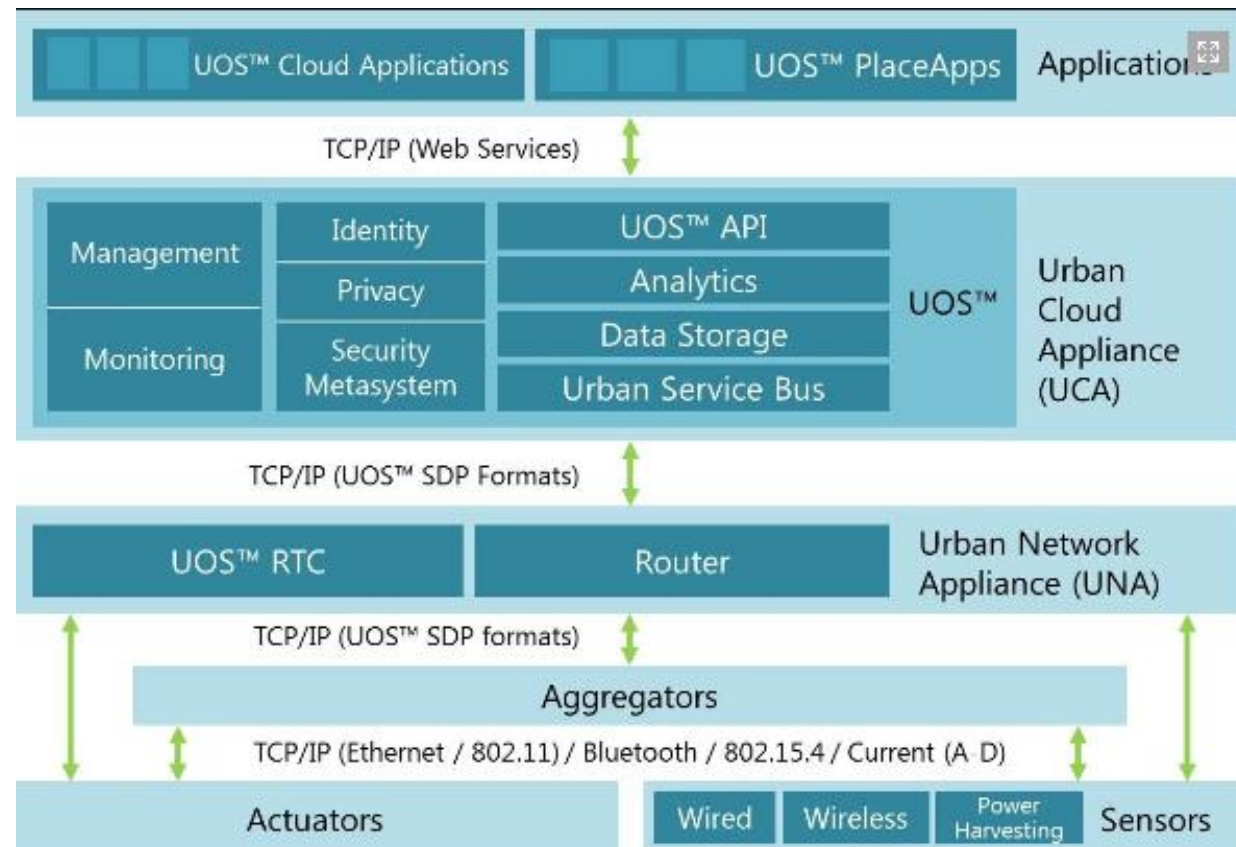
City-zen Virtual Power Plant



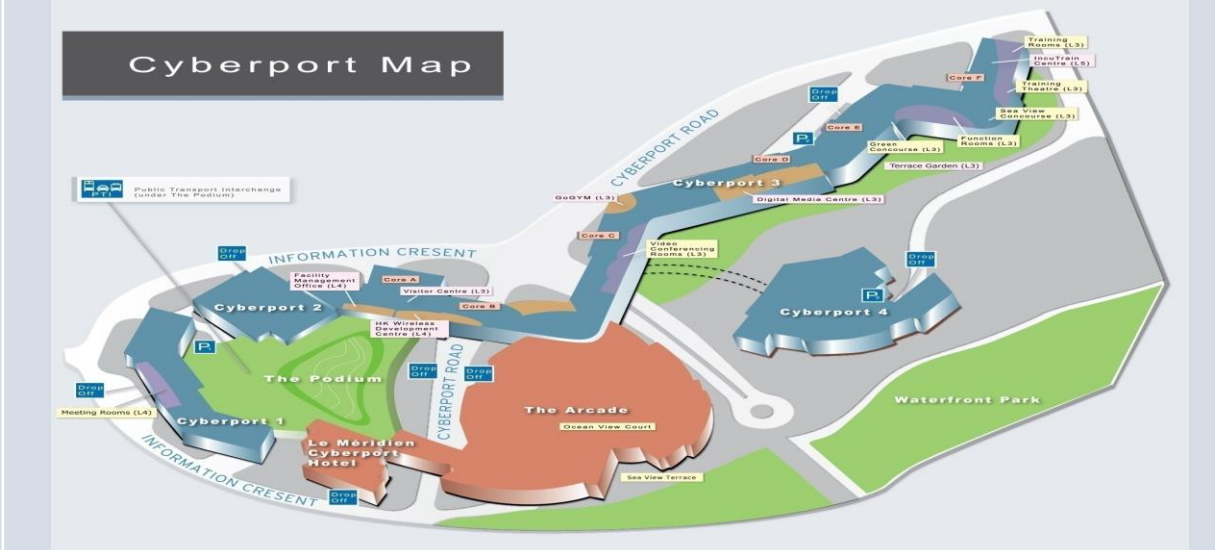
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R2: Double integration of components, intra digital and inter-digital

Integration into the urban digital system



Into the city district: integration of urban, innovation and digital systems



R3. Group of e-services per ecosystem

A group of digital services is needed to transform a city ecosystem

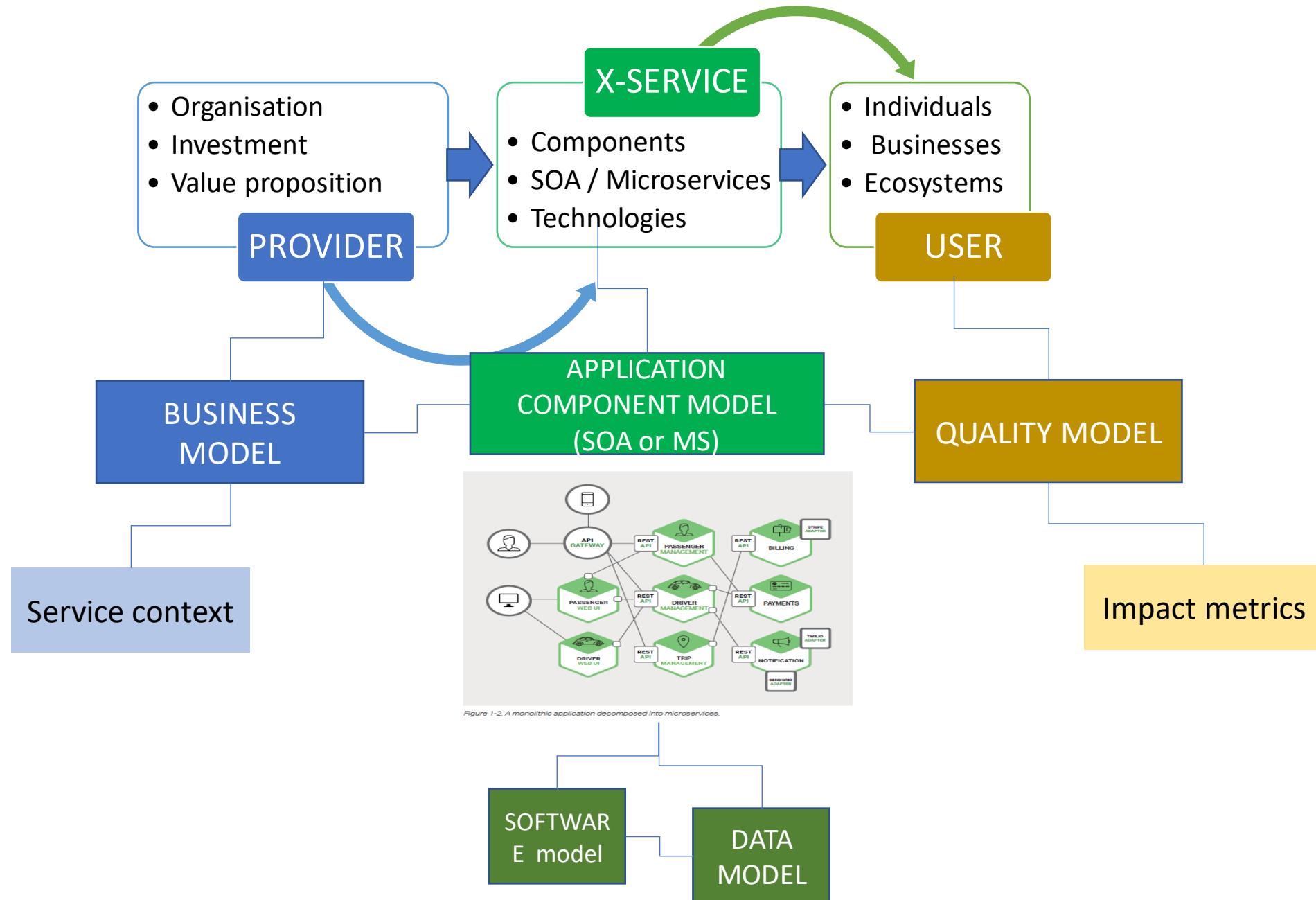


13 digital services for smart transport

<https://www.smartcitylab.com/>



Each digital service needs a combination of complementary models

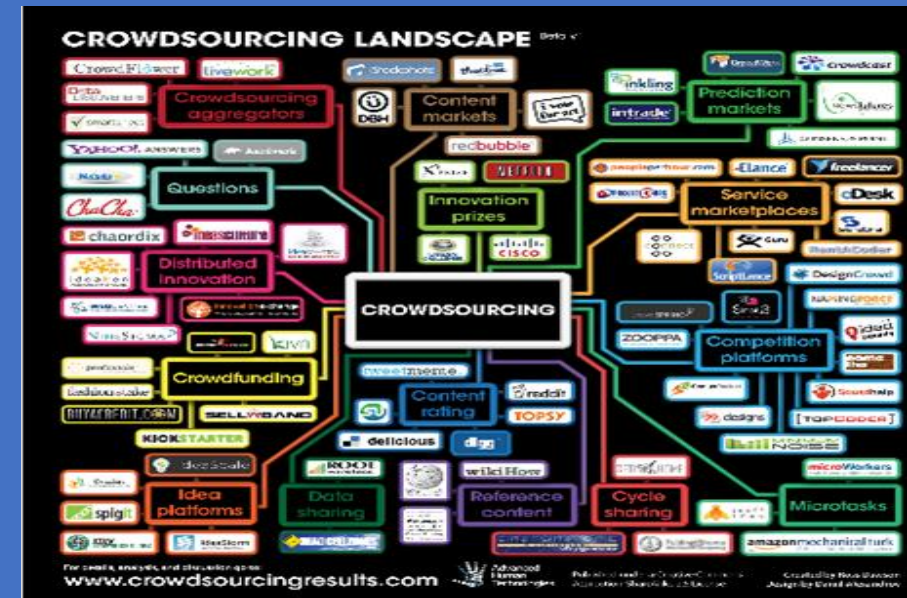


R3: Development of models and combination of digital technologies

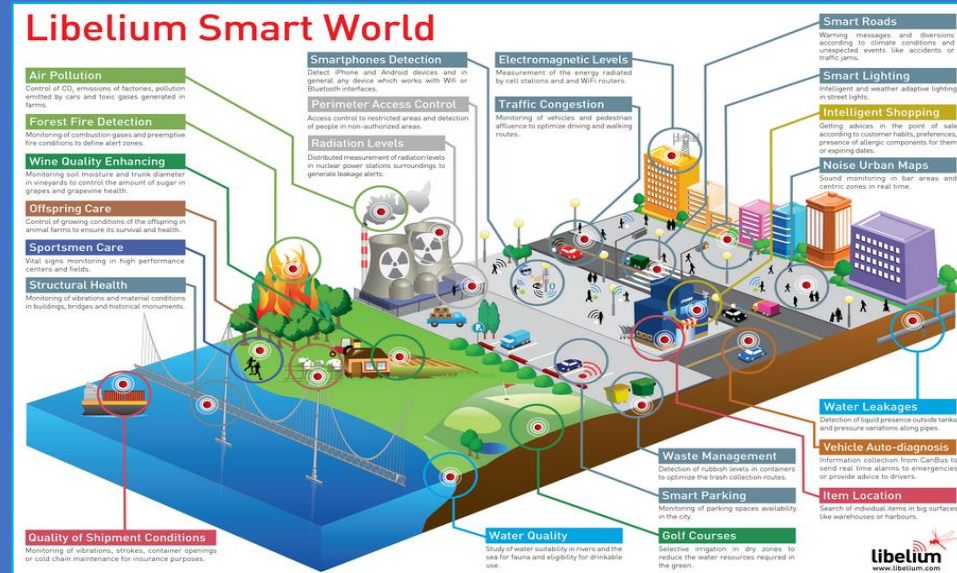
1995: Visual



2006: Crowd



2009: Sensors



2018: AI



Skills (1): applications design



1. Innovation Economy



Citizeninvestor

A crowdfunding and civic engagement platform for government projects

2. Living in Cities—Quality of Life



AirCasting

An open-source, end-to-end solution for collecting, displaying and sharing health and environmental data

3. City Infrastructure and Utilities



AMCO – Smart Parking System

An integral system for indoor parking lots and on-street parking spaces

4. City Governance



Envision Tomorrow

An open-access suite of urban and regional planning tools

Generic

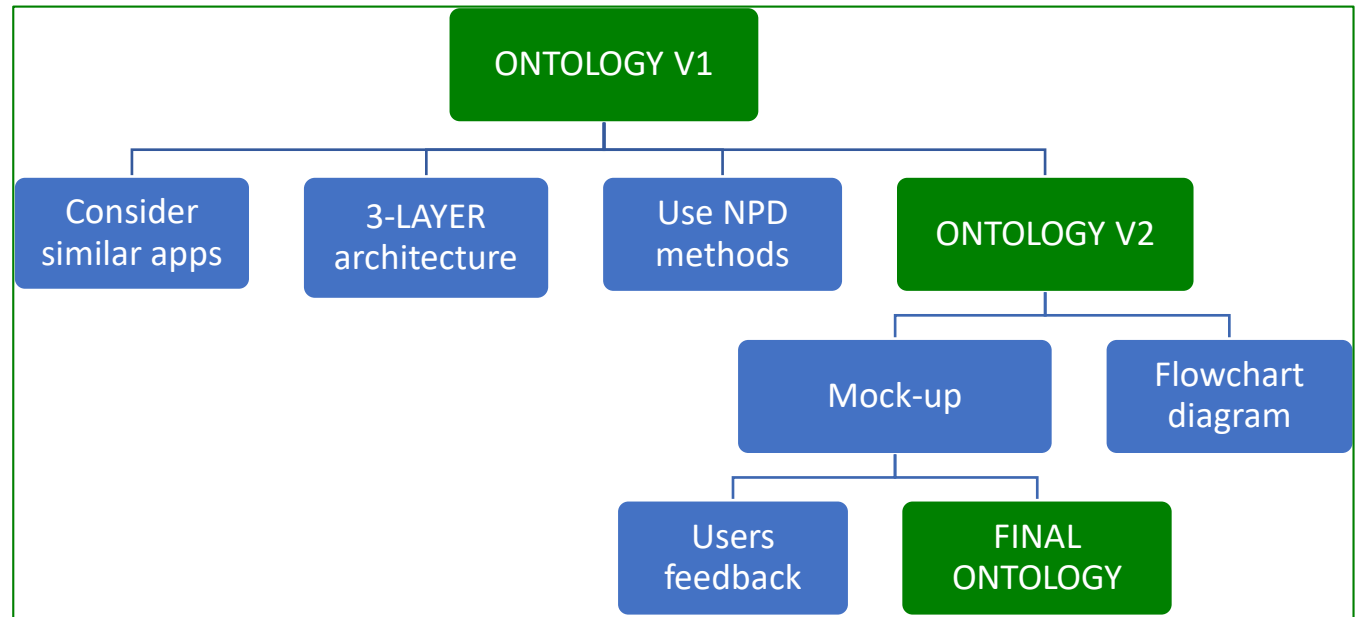
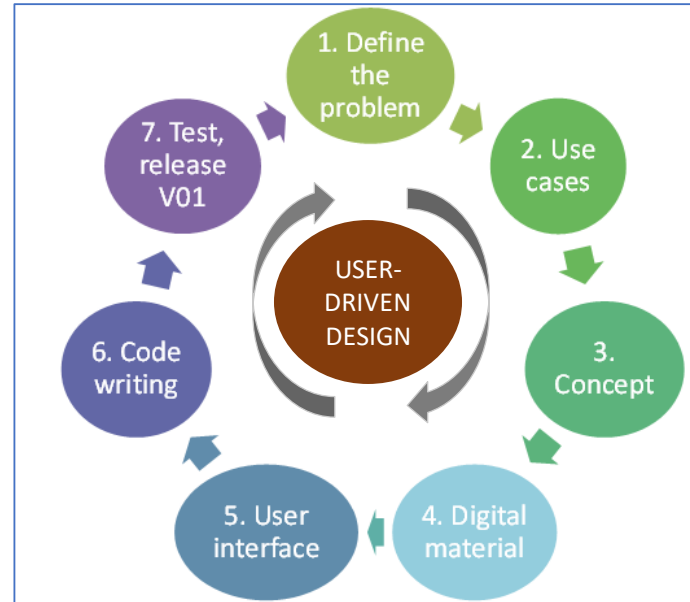


Mapzen

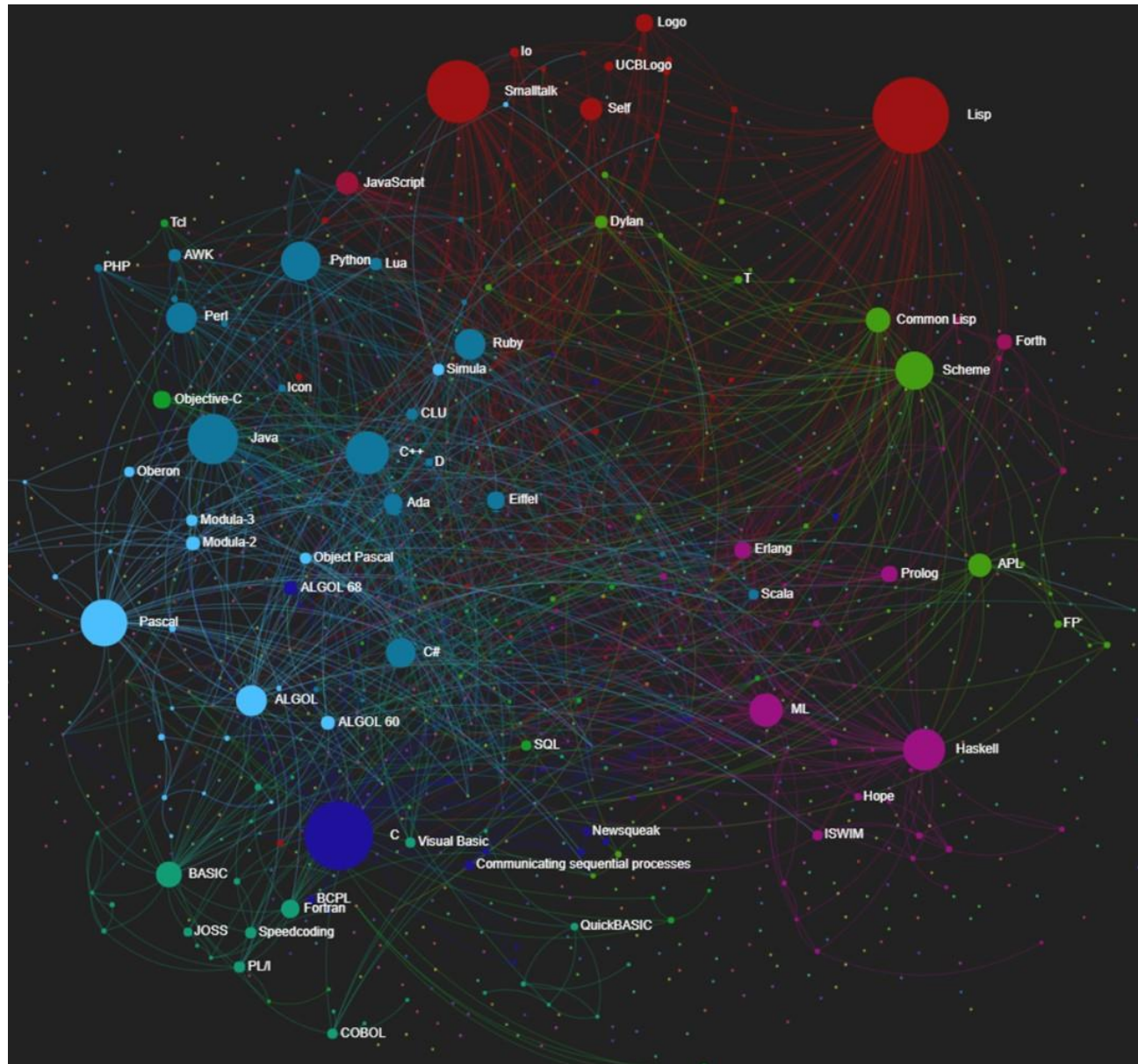
An open, sustainable and accessible mapping platform

Latest from URENIO Watch

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- Postdoctoral Research Fellow AI, communities and cities 30/01/2020
- Can cities become smart without being sustainable? 20/11/2019
- Report – Smart cities: Where's the ROI? 19/11/2019
- Toronto Smart City Development to be Scaled Back 08/11/2019
- EC Workshop on Intelligent Cities Challenge in Brussels, October 8 25/09/2019
- Co-creating Responsive Urban Spaces 04/09/2019
- Smart Cities still need a Human Touch 07/08/2019
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Skills (2): applications programming and development



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Python
Java
JavaScript
PHP

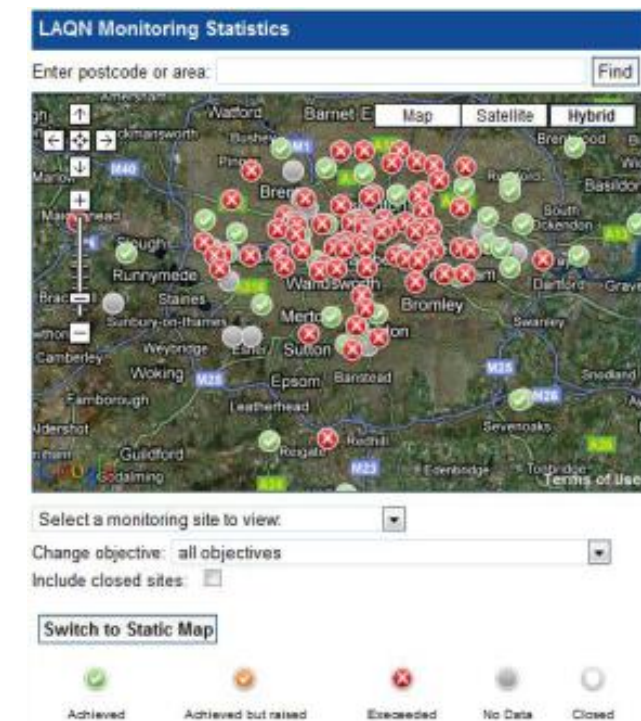
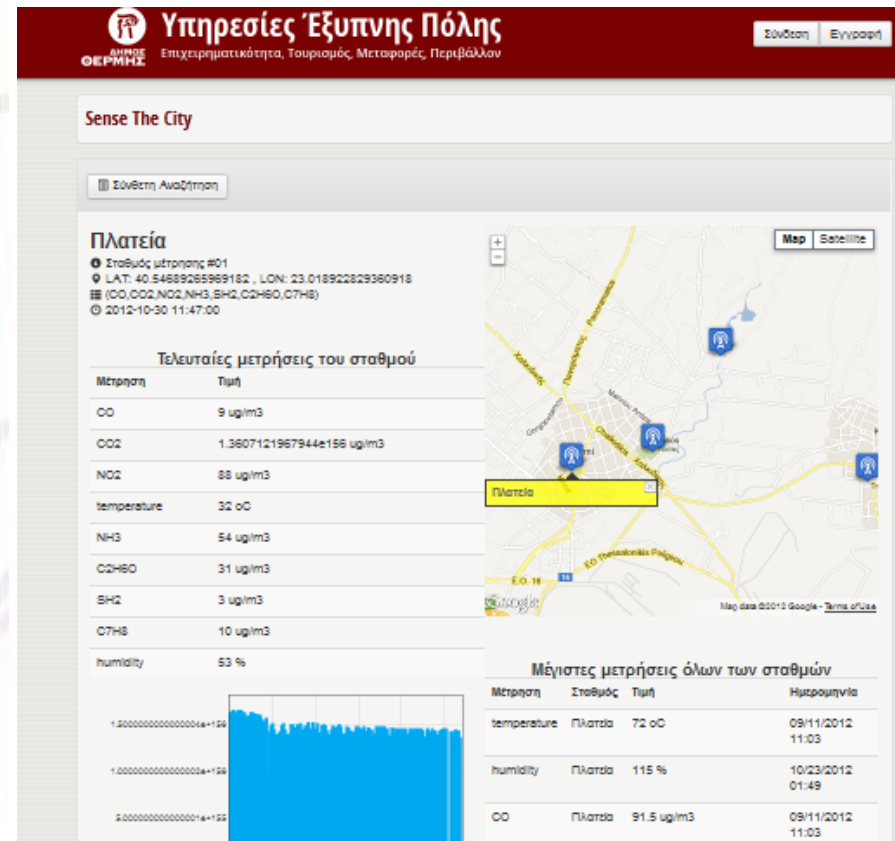
<https://exploring-data.com/vis/programming-languages-influence-network-2014/>

R4. Data collection, storage, and open access

The functioning of cities and city ecosystems generate volume data

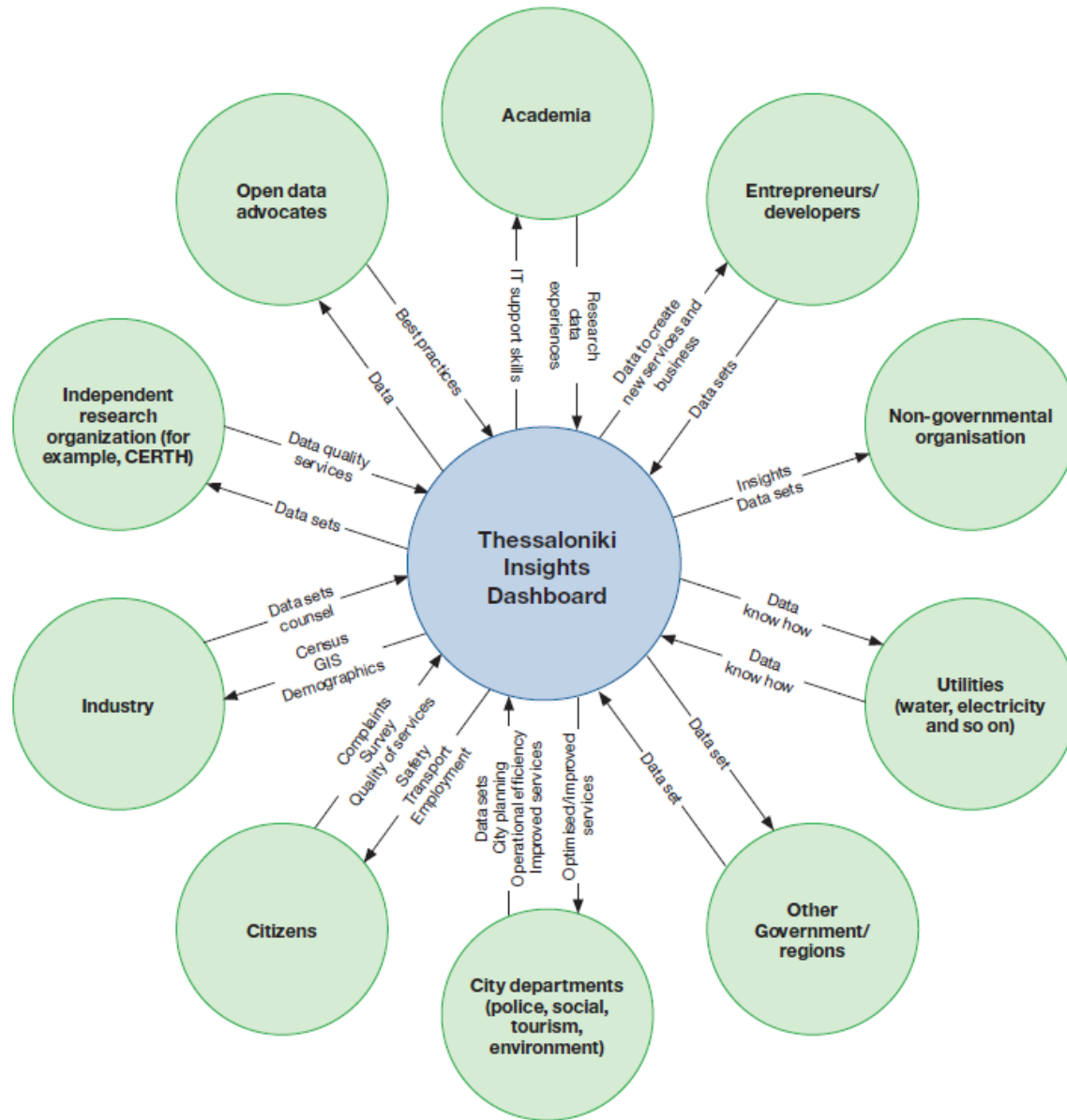


The city becomes a measurement system:
Data -> Modeling -> Forecasting

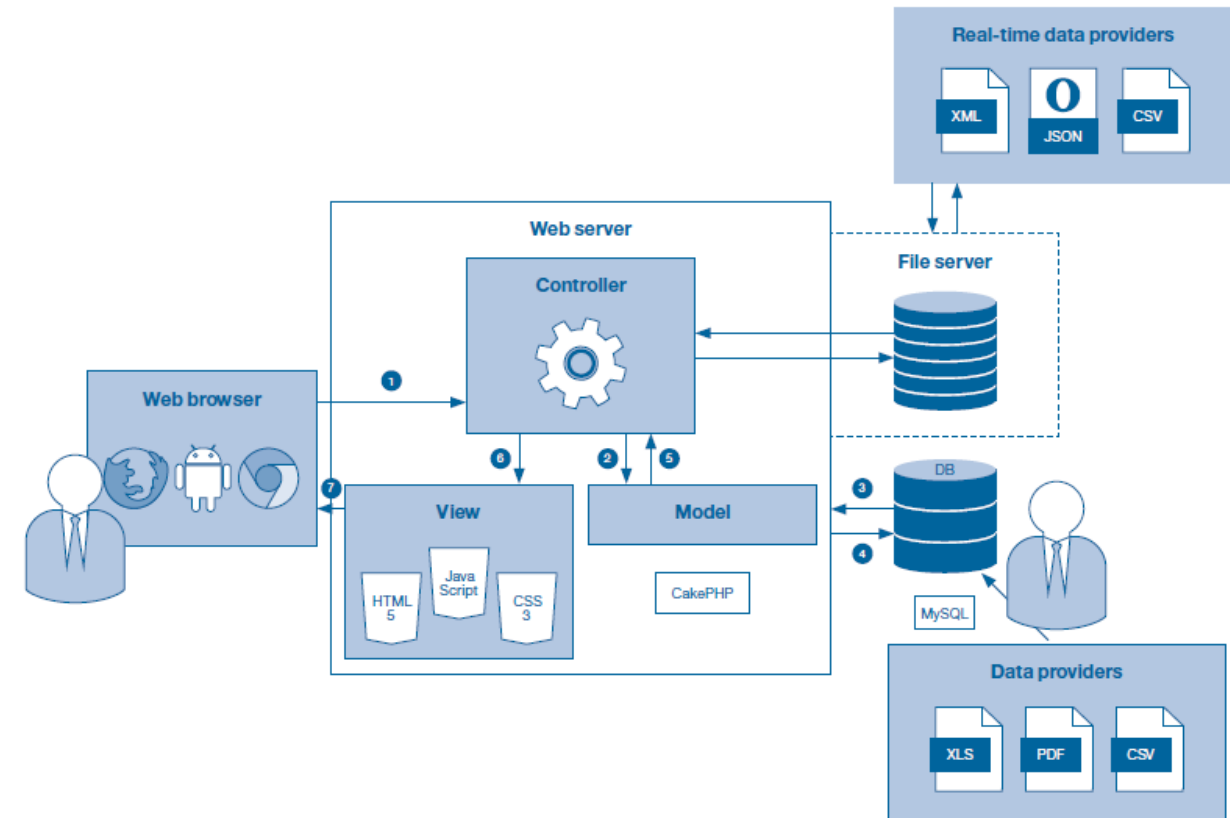


Information service based on a **network of wireless sensors** (Libelium) that measure air pollution (CO2, nitrogen oxides, microparticles, pollen) and send measurements to a central hub. Data are presented on digital and physical displays, pc, and smart phones.

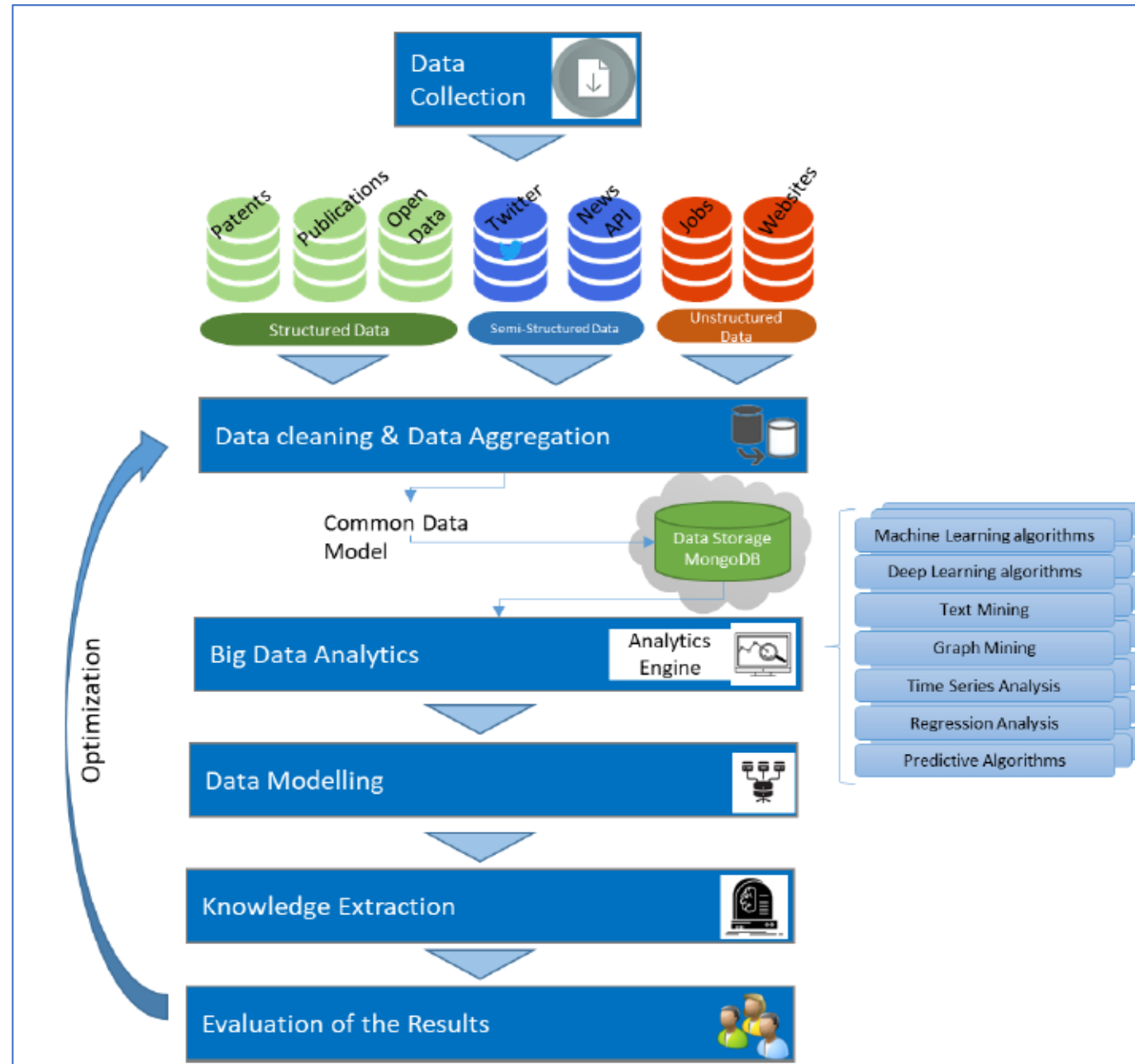
R4: Development of data repositories, collecting & redistributing data



D. Architecture and technologies of the Dublin Dashboard

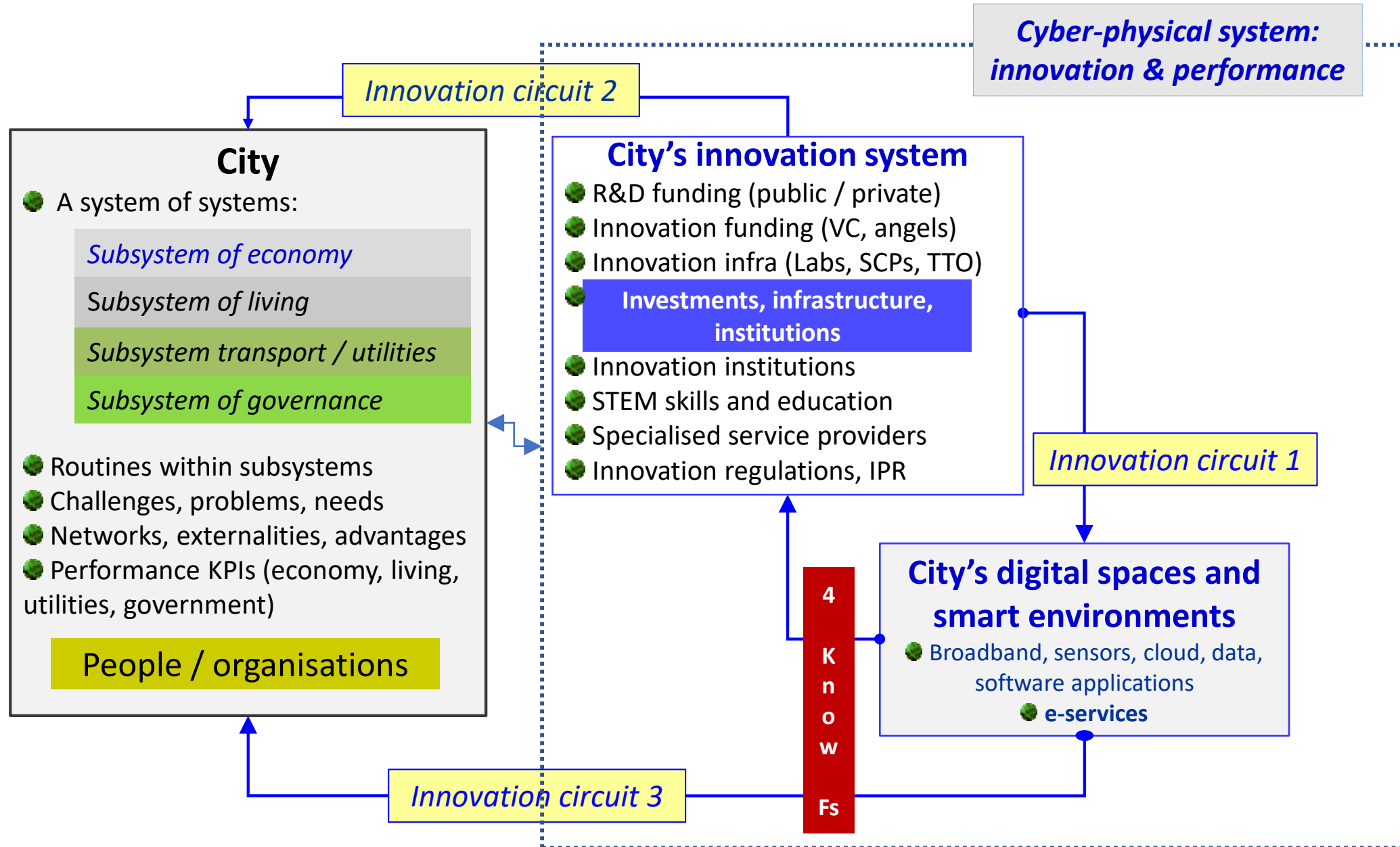


Skills: Data science, analytics, AI-based prediction and optimisation



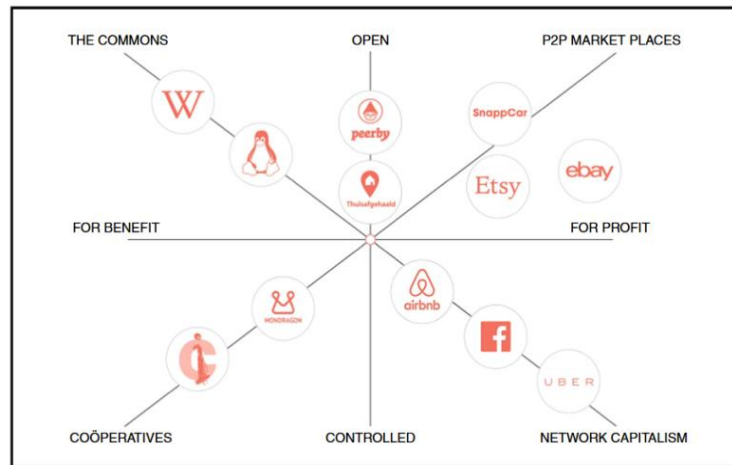
R5. Governance of operation and impact

Governance requires understanding how smart cities work



Monitoring the impact: new models of growth, living, and sustainability

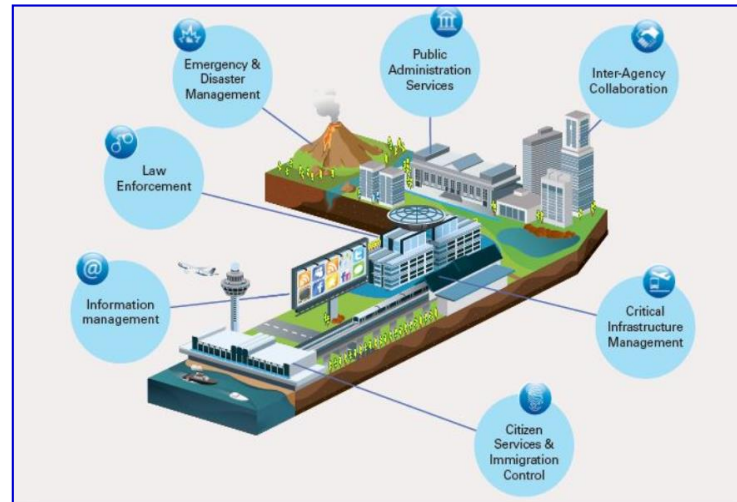
SHARED SPACES Disruptive Innovation



Πηγή: Oskam, J., & Boswijk, A. (2016)

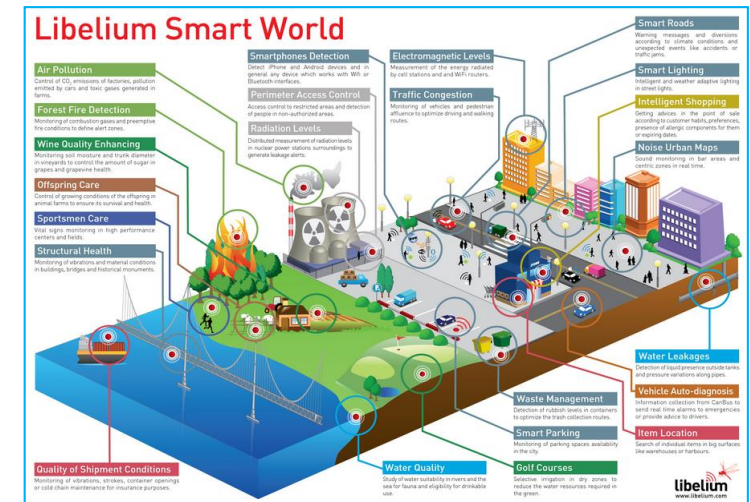
- 🌱 **Sharing economy – New growth models - Smart growth**
- 🌱 Business growth platforms
- 🌱 Business over Business
- 🌱 P2P production, demand driven

ENGAGEMENT SPACES Social Innovation



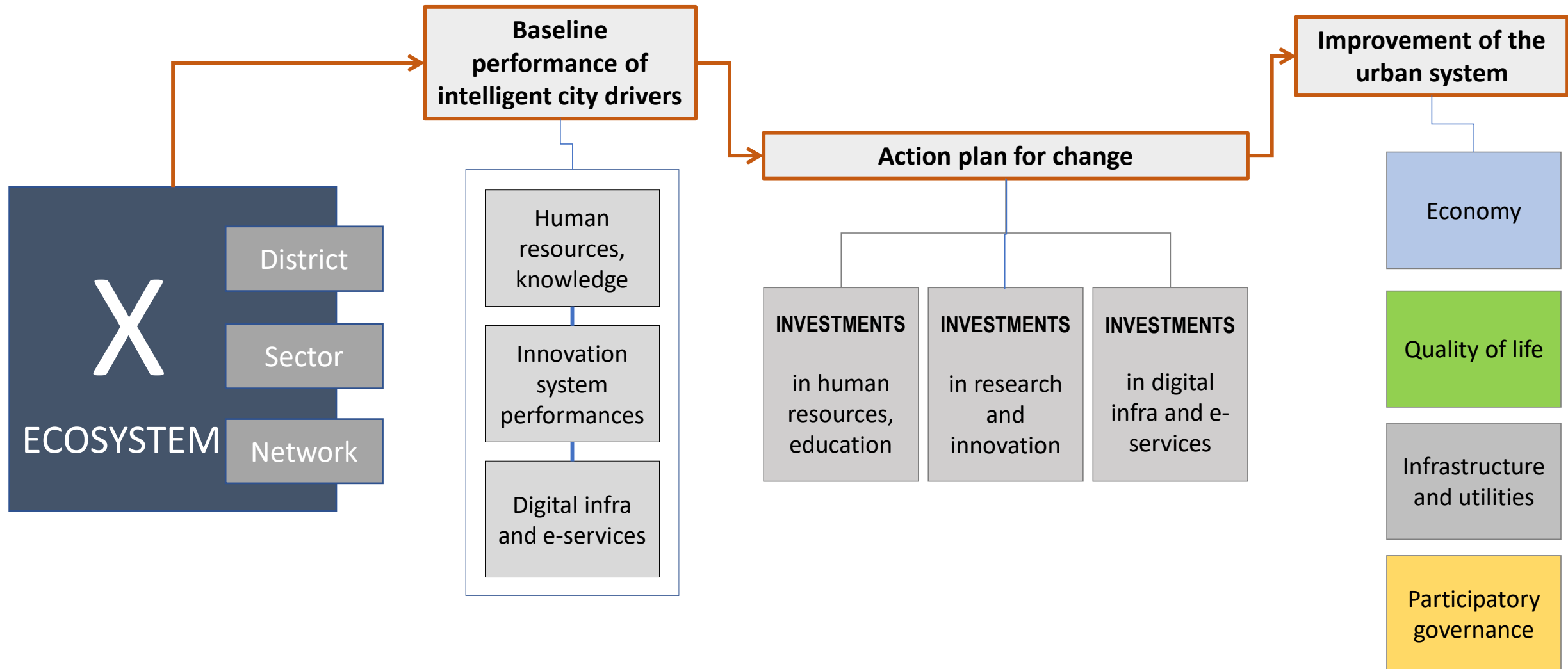
- 🌱 **Social innovation and citizen non-profit networks**
- 🌱 Mapping and motivation for participation and change
- 🌱 Real-time safety and security systems in the public space of cities

AWARENESS SPACES Innovation for Sustainability



- 🌱 **Sensor networks, real-time alert**
- 🌱 Behaviour adaptation to external conditions
- 🌱 Awareness and solutions about the environment, pollution, energy saving, CO2 emissions, climate change

R5: Measurement, assessment, feed-back



Requirements

are driven by the interoperability and integration of heterogeneous urban, innovation, and digital systems

Skills

at the crossroads of engineering, information technology, and social sciences