



# Citi-sense WP5:

Participation and Empowerment

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## Articles and Publications.

### **Participatory Sensing.**

Participatory sensing refers to the usage of sensors, usually embedded in personal devices such as smartphones to allow citizens to feed data of public interest. This could include anything from photos to passive monitoring of movement in the traffic. Participatory sensing involves higher commitment from citizens, contrary to opportunistic sensing where user may not be aware of active applications. The diffusion of mobile phones significantly lowers the barriers of participation and data input by citizens, with automated geo-tagging and time-stamping: given the right architecture, they could act as sensor nodes and location-aware data collection instruments. While traditional sensor nodes are centralised, these sensors are under the owners' control. This would give way to data availability at an unprecedented scale.

<http://crossover-project.eu/ResearchRoadmap/ParticipatorySensing.aspx>

### **Can Quality of Life be Mapped?**

Earlier this week at the annual conference of the American Planning Association, I attended a very interesting session on GIS mapping of combined data sets. It was billed as a session on "mashups," which I suppose the presenters thought would attract more attention than, say, "geographic information systems."

<http://sustainablecitiescollective.com/kaidbenfield/144086/can-quality-life-be-mapped>

### **Community Wisdom + Expert Knowledge = Good Community Design.**

Have you ever been at a meeting about a community issue and heard the statement, "We don't need some outsider coming in and telling us what to do"? I know I have. This phrase points to a common challenge I see when working in rural communities—balancing the value of community input with expert knowledge in community design.

<http://sustainablecitiescollective.com/projectpublicspaces/145046/community-wisdom-expert-knowledge-good-community-design>

### **Urbanism Speakeasy . Market Urbanism.**

Urbanism Speakeasy is a podcast with a particular focus on human-scale design. We love streets and places designed for people, regardless of how they happen to travel. No advanced technical degrees or silver spoons required on this show. Our primary goal is to share technical information and trends in ordinary language.

<http://www.urbanismspeakeasy.com/>

## Experiences.

### **2050 Pathways.**

Exploring how the UK can meet the 2050 emission reduction target using the web-based 2050 Calculator.

<https://www.gov.uk/2050-pathways-analysis>

### **Crossover Project**

Crossover advances Next Generation Policymaking by: Uniting global communities of policymaking experts and researchers, Engaging high-level policymakers and advisors, Establishing a lasting scientific and political basis for research and Raising awareness amongst the wider public and policymaking community at large.

<http://www.crossover-project.eu/ProjectHome.aspx>

### **The European Soundscape Award 2013 - open for applications.**

The European Environment Agency (EEA) and the Noise Abatement Societies of the Netherlands and UK want to raise awareness about the importance of a healthy soundscape and reward European initiatives in the field of noise control or soundscape management. From 24 April 2013, the International Noise Awareness Day, entries are invited for any product, campaign, innovation or scheme offering a creative solution to a noise problem. The award will be presented at a ceremony in Utrecht on 5th November 2013.

<http://www.eea.europa.eu/themes/noise/the-european-soundscape-award>

<http://noiseabatementociety.com/john-connell-awards/>

<http://www.bricksite.com/vielskerstilhed/velkommen>

<http://www.goudendecibel.nl/>

<http://www.bruit.fr/boite-a-outils-des-acteurs-du-bruit/produits-et-techniques/bruits-et-vibrations-recherche-et-innovations/decibels-d-or-le-palmares-2011.html>

### **Harava survey service.**

Harava is part of a Finnish eServices and eDemocracy Acceleration Programme (SADe) co-ordinated by the Ministry of Finance. The Harava service implemented by the Ministry of the Environment provides a map-based questionnaire seeking to give organisations and members of the public a greater say in local planning and construction. For example the service enables local authorities to investigate the wishes of local residents concerning the location of schools or cycle paths, or to record experiences of noise and other problems. The service is due for deployment in spring 2013 and will then be available for collecting and cataloguing a wide range of information concerning locations.

<http://eharava.fi/?lang=en>

### **Possible City.**

Possible City is an experiment in engaging the city's forgotten spaces to bridge a crucial gap in current urban planning practice. Top-down master planning, while cohesive and potentially visionary, is static and often insensitive to the needs of communities and individuals. Bottom-up advocacy planning addresses these issues, but can be fragmented and fall victim to "design by committee". The Web provides a virtual medium for a sophisticated new approach whereby an organized vision for an entire city can emerge from networks of citizens working to improve their local environments .

<https://www.newschallenge.org/open/open-government/submission/possible-city>



## Congresses, Seminars, Courses, etc.

### **International Conference on Policy Making 2.0. Dublin 17-18 June 2013.**

<http://crossover-project.eu/InternationalConferenceonPolicyMaking20.aspx>

### **1st International Summer School on Open and Collaborative Governance, 1-6 July, Samos Island – Greece.**

This event will give students, researchers and practitioners an opportunity to get leading edge training on information and communication technologies for governance. Open data, social media, policy modelling and related systems and services will be in the agenda for a week, supported by high-caliber tutors representing academia, industry and administration.

<https://egov2013.pns.aegean.gr/>