

ESA SpaceAppCamp 2014 at Netherlands

Two members of the Live+Gov project, namely Dimitrios Ververidis and George Liaros, were qualified to visit the European Space Agency (www.esa.int) facilities in the Netherlands in order to be informed about the latest earth monitoring achievements. The agenda of the training, named as SpaceAppCamp, started in 4 of May with the presentation of EGNOS and Copernicus programs. The following days were dedicated into presenting information for accessing the data, a tour in the exhibition of space missions, and a small programming competition in the end (12 of May).

During the SpaceAppCamp the developers had to find and partially implement an idea for a mobile application that has potential financial interest for ESA. The idea of the team, joined with Michalis Vitos and Julia Altenbuchner from the University College of London, was to develop an app that enables illiterate people of the rain-forests to report abuse of their territory such as illegal logging. The app is capable of recording paths in the forest and submitting the paths to a back-end web portal as it is seen in the Figure. The app is named as Sapelli, a special tree, has potential buyers the NGOs and the logging companies. The maps used were the google maps enhanced by the latest radar image of Sentinel 1. This camp was an excellent opportunity for Live+Gov members to exploit the expertise that has been developed in the project (in terms of turning simple citizens into the living sensors of their city/territory) for developing a mobile app that makes smart use of the high-quality content offered by ESA.



Live+Gov presented in the ITS European congress

The 10th ITS European congress was organized in Helsinki, Finland in 16th-19th June 2014. The four-day congress gathered over 2500 people from 67 different countries. In the congress Live+Gov was presented for the experts of the intelligent transport specialists around the world.

The proposed presentation of Live+Gov was amongst hundreds of papers submitted and Mattersoft got the honor to present Live+Gov for the public during the congress as one of the selected presentations in the session of "Productivity for transport systems including logistics and public transport".

In the successful presentation the project was introduced with the focus on the mobility use case. Through the presentation we achieved significant visibility amongst the ITS professionals and the authorities of European public transport agencies and raised awareness of the project on a wider scale. After the presentation also more visibility to the upcoming trials was achieved as more specific details were requested by the audience.

More information about the congress and conclusions can be found at: <http://www.itsineurope.com/its10/index.php/>

Vibrant community of Utrecht launches improved version of Live+Gov digital platform

1 June 2014 – The celebration of the 892th birthday of Utrecht is not just a reflection on the ancient and rich history of Utrecht. It's above all the celebration by a vibrant community taking the future in their own hands. During this celebration the new improved version of the Live+Gov platform www.jijmaaktutrecht.nl was launched. Obvious, the launch itself was a joint action with local initiatives, council members and other stakeholders. To make the celebration complete even the weather joined the party by treating the crowd on a beautiful sunny day!

Alderman Margriet Jongerius, responsible for participation in the recently designated city council board, presented the kick off. Jongerius praised the strength of the Utrecht community and brought into remembrance that in earlier centuries local craftsmen and citizens demanded and gained their influence in the city of Utrecht. "To embrace and facilitate local initiatives with this innovative digital platform fits perfectly to a modern city in modern times. In the end, it's all about communities and connected active citizens to make the city together", Jongerius stated. So, for good reason "Together we make Utrecht" is the title of the new city council program for the next four years.

Active citizens took over the rest of the launch. Out of the hundreds of local initiatives, five initiatives presented themselves and shared experiences about the rocky road of active citizenship. Initiatives as gardening on rooftops, getting an extra bridge in the city and local caretaking in the neighbourhood, it was all there. Different initiatives, but in one thing all the same: active citizens taking responsibility and initiative to improve their neighbourhoods, their cities.

The initiatives can be found digitally on www.jijmaaktutrecht.nl. Follow the deeplinks below to tap directly in the energy of these initiatives:

- [Buurland Utrecht](#)
- [De Daktuin](#)
- [Riinkennemerlaanontbiit](#)



Launch of www.jijmaaktutrecht.nl at community centre Rotsoord – local initiative in Utrecht

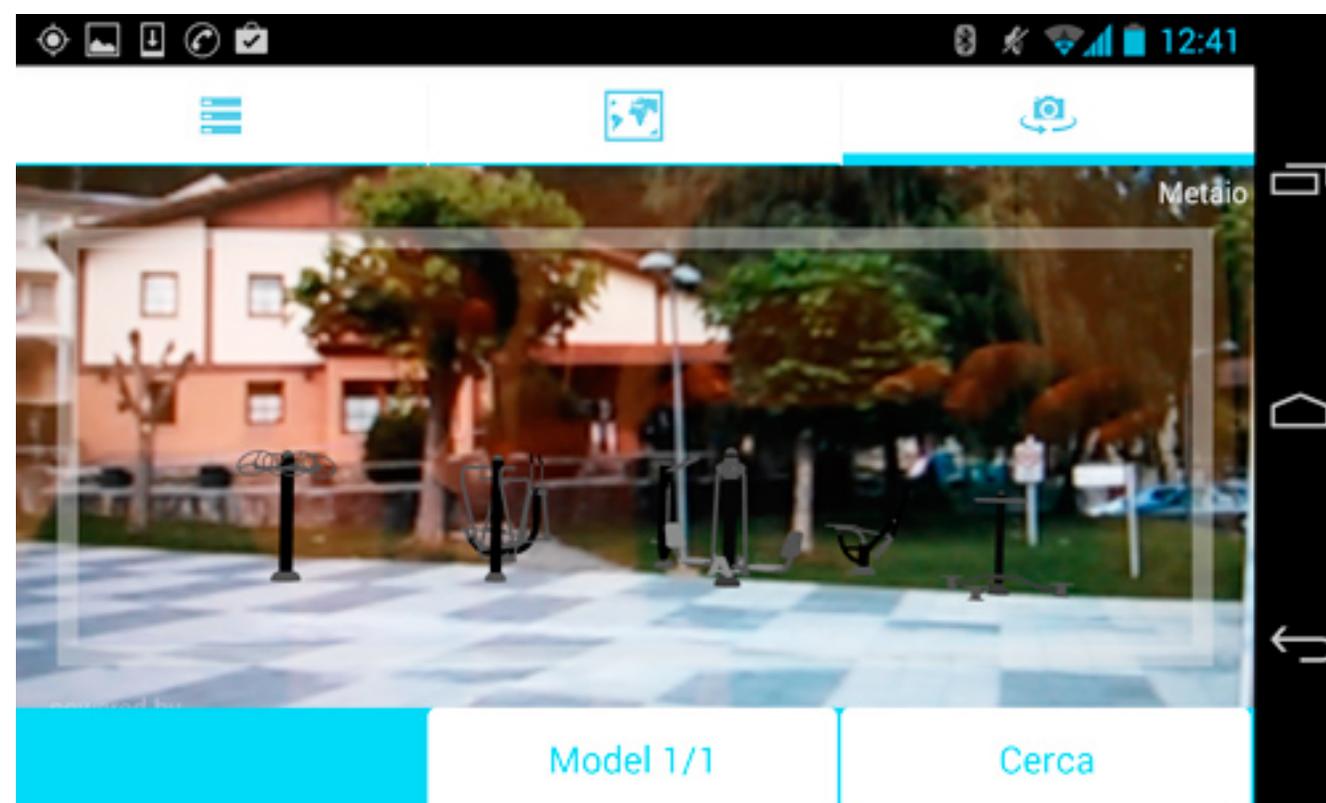
- [Rotsoordbrug](#)
- [Zorgverslimmingsavond](#)

All in all, a sunny day to celebrate a bright future with a great jump start for the improved version of the digital Live+Gov platform www.jijmaaktutrecht.nl. And yes, there is a new payoff: 'Together we make it!'

A new Health Park will be built in Gordexola thanks to a Participation initiative

Next fall Gordexola will have a health park thanks to a citizen initiative and the e-participation proposed by the Live+Gov project.

The results of the trial will help build a real plan, with citizen participation involved and with the collaboration of experts from the Basque Health Department.



Gordexola is a town in Biscay that is small in number of inhabitants but is quite representative of the region. The people of the area have a tradition in fostering new technologies and initiatives of diverse types.

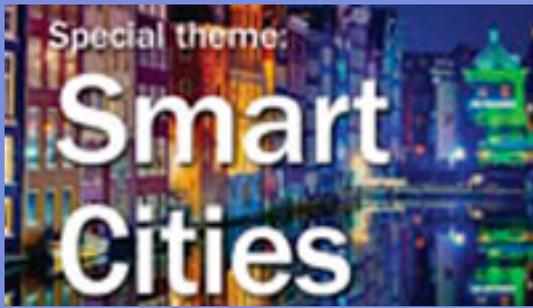
Going one step forward now, Gordexola will be part of a field trial of the Live+Gov European FP7 project Live+Gov that is going to bring a new way of participation to the people. The inhabitants of the area can experience how decisions are decided upon taking different factors into account, such as price, availability of space, needs, options, etc. The way citizens will receive the information about the plans, and the related information is through a modern application for their smart phone. Therefore the participation initiative that opens a new communication channel between the administrators and the citizens using their mobile phones has a number of advantages related to these devices. On one hand, the mobility aspect makes participation easy and comfortable for users as they can give their point of view on the aspects proposed at any time and from any place. On the other hand, the modern app offers an enhanced view of the plans thanks to the use of Augmented Reality and superposed 3D models that help citizens get a realistic view of the plan on the site of the installation itself.

Now the Second Field Trial is being prepared and next fall the participation will be open to the public and it will host a real urban plan from Gordexola: the installation of a health park. This plan started as a proposal by an association made at a public meeting about health and came in right on time to be part of the Urban Planning Gordexola experience. The plan was initially studied by the local government to see if it was feasible and possible to install equipment of this type according to the possibilities and needs of Gordexola, before opening

possible to install equipment of this type according to the possibilities and needs of Gordexola, before opening the participation to the public in order to back the initial approval of this plan and vote on the options. The preparation of the citizen participation initiative has also counted with the participation of a person from the Basque Health Department who was in charge of the meeting where the plan was proposed and has contributed to the plan giving the point of view of an expert in the field and helped with the information that will be communicated, creating a great synergy around the project itself and locally.

Moreover, the information collected from citizens during the period that the plan is open will be taken into account in order to build this park really soon in Gordexola, and therefore the whole town will have the option to take part in the decision made about this health and fitness infrastructure. In fact, as the administrators of Gordexola do not want to create a digital gap or leave any person out, the use of this application will be complimented by a traditional consultation in order to allow the participation of those who are unable to do so using a smart phone.

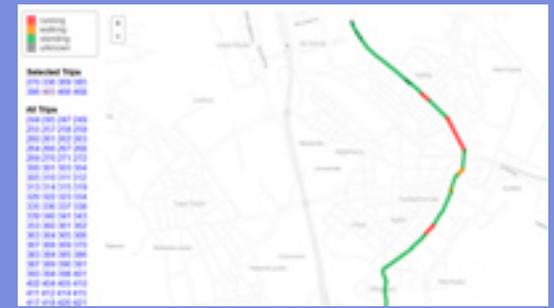
For the Town of Gordexola it is a great honor to host this e-participation initiative with its state of the art technology that satisfies the demands of open government that is the trend.



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A first visualization of the data collected during Live+Gov's first field trial in Helsinki is available at <http://liveandgov.uni-koblenz.de:3002/465>. The visualizations show GPS-tracked routes of participants with automatically detected activities. The data is used to analyze citizens' behavior in order to improve the city's transportation system

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