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Cities facing environmental issues: the Snap4city approach

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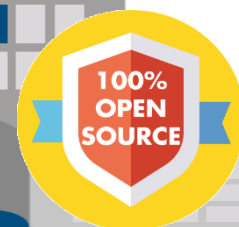
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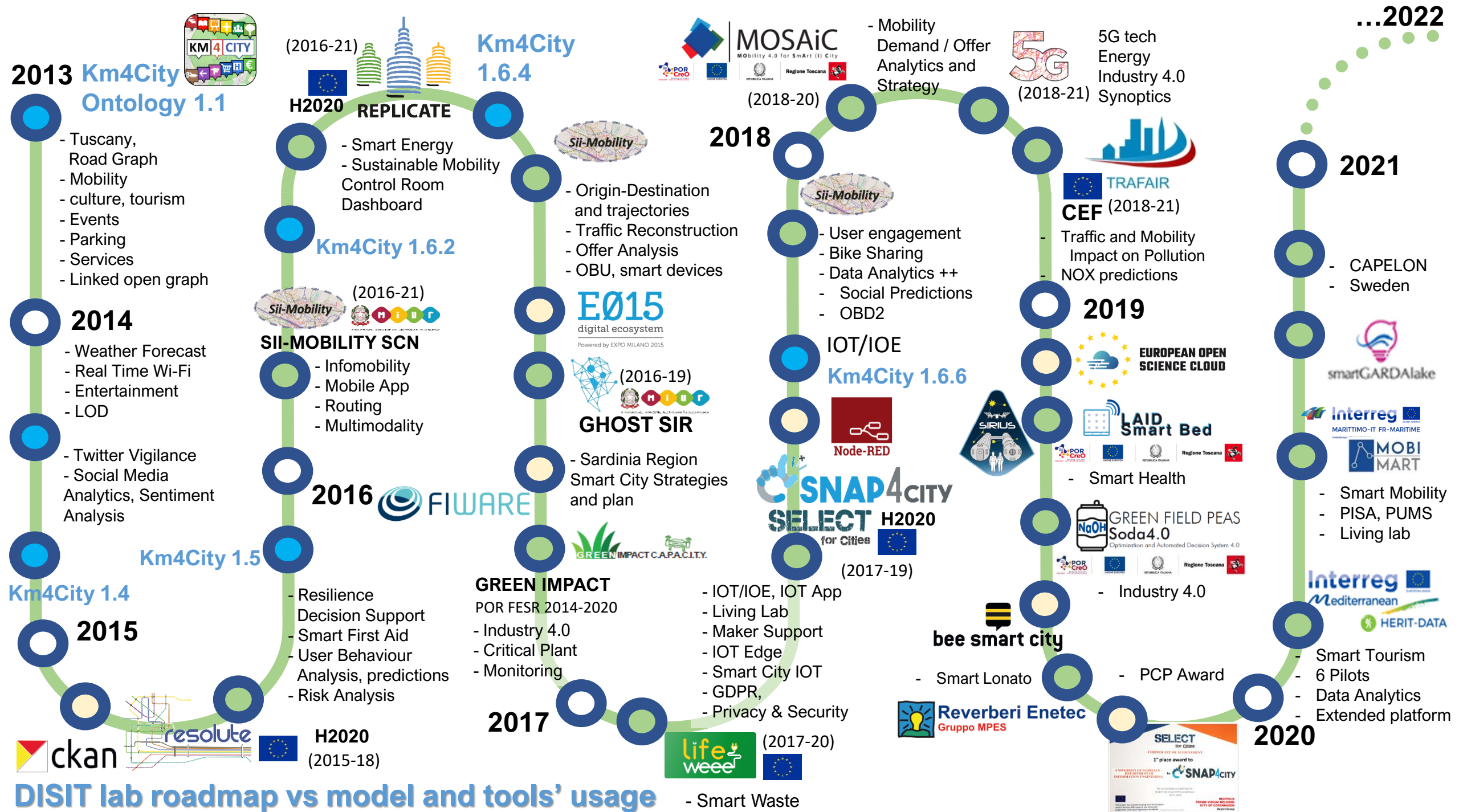
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- Connection among pollution and air quality TRAFAIR possible thanks to:

- Traffic model (real-time data) developed in the Sii-Mobility context
- Snap4City infrastructure
- Km4City model and tools in several cities of the European area



Smart and Sustainable Cities Needs

- A Smart and Sustainable City is an innovative and human-centered city that tries to achieve the fusion of two **urban development** strategies with a greater respect for the **environment**:
 - achievement of sustainability
 - pursuit of smartness with the potential of ICT in order to provide the technological infrastructures, solutions and approaches needed for improving the quality of life
- City decisionmakers are increasingly oriented to use technology as a support for urban planning and to provide real time services allowing immediate and direct exchanges with citizens
- These issues are reflected in the Sustainable Development Goals (SGD) of the United Nations' 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development



Smart Sustainable Cities: Big Data Solutions

- Big Data Solutions for the management of smart cities must:
 - be integrated in every aspect of city life
 - provide services for all the different types of users, starting from urban planners to tourists, commuters, students, citizens, etc.
 - preferably be adopted in other Smart Cities to allow the comparison with guidelines and solutions already widely discussed and approved
 - capable to ingest and analyze data coming from sensors (IoT/IoE), along with all the geospatial, political and social information



TRAFAIR: Relate Level of pollution to air quality

- <http://trafair.eu> INEA CEF, TELECOM PROJECT
- Problem to be solved:
 - **How much pollution affects the quality of the air that citizens breathe to properly regulate urban mobility** and give to all the **awareness** that they are living in a city that is increasingly technological and oriented towards focusing **on the health** of its citizens
- Cities involved:
 - Tuscany: Firenze, Pisa, Livorno
 - Emilia Romagna: Modena
 - Spain: Santiago de Compostela, Zaragoza

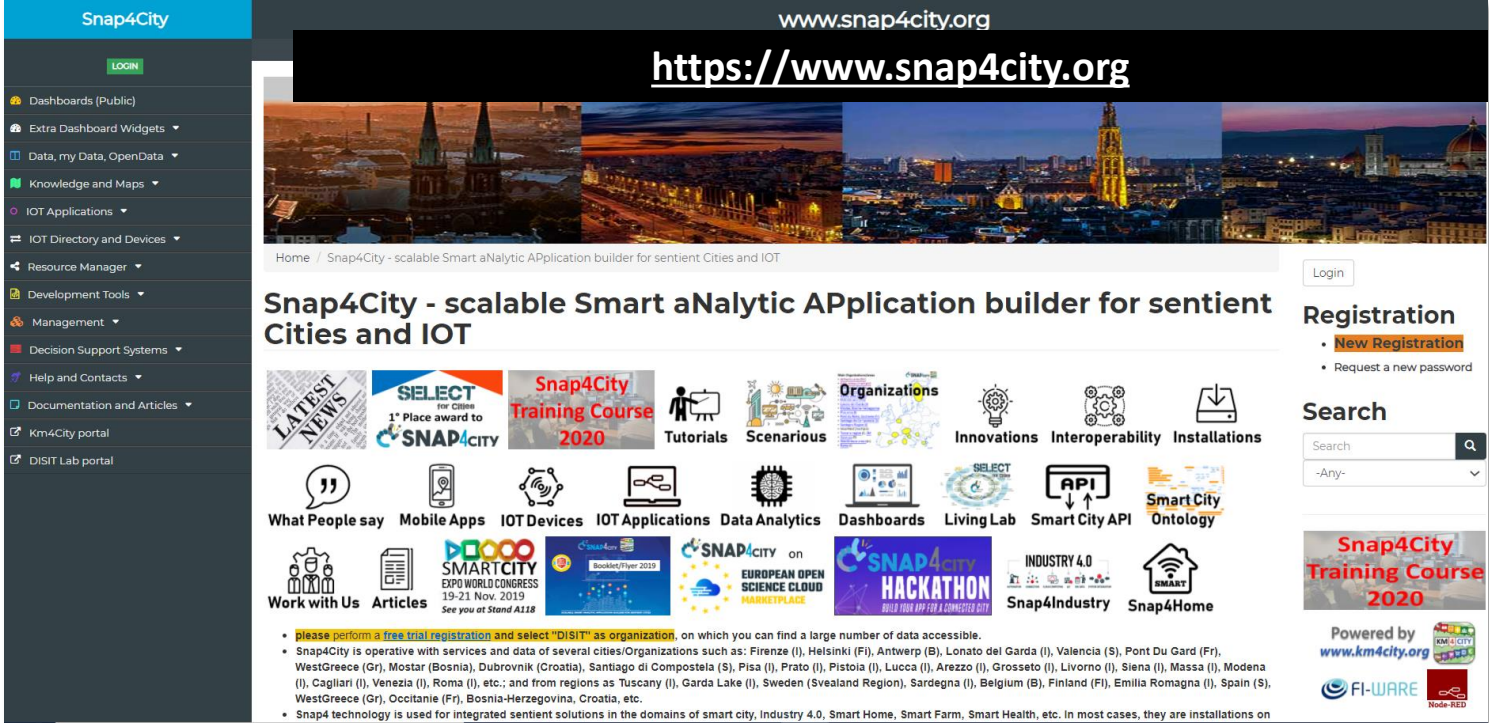


TRAFAIR

Understanding traffic flows to improve air quality

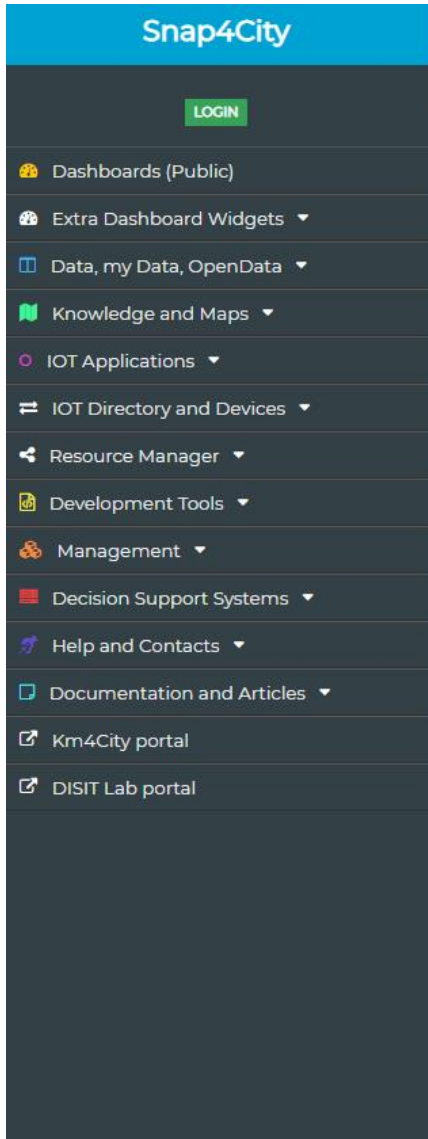
Snap4City Big Data Platform

- Snap4City has been considered as the Big Data infrastructure starting point, both in terms of:
 - services provided
 - the reusable data necessary to reach the goal



The screenshot shows the Snap4City website interface. The header includes the URL <https://www.snap4city.org>. The main navigation menu on the left lists: Dashboards (Public), Extra Dashboard Widgets, Data, my Data, OpenData, Knowledge and Maps, IOT Applications, IOT Directory and Devices, Resource Manager, Development Tools, Management, Decision Support Systems, Help and Contacts, Documentation and Articles, Km4City portal, and DISIT Lab portal. The main content area features a banner with city nightscapes and the text "Snap4City - scalable Smart aNalytic APplication builder for sentient Cities and IOT". Below the banner, there are sections for "LATEST NEWS", "SELECT for Cities 1st Place award to SNAP4CITY", "Snap4City Training Course 2020", "Tutorials", "Scenarios", "Organizations", "Innovations", "Interoperability", "Installations", "What People say", "Mobile Apps", "IOT Devices", "IOT Applications", "Data Analytics", "Dashboards", "Living Lab", "Smart City API", "Smart City Ontology", "Work with Us", "Articles", "SMARTCITY EXPO WORLD CONGRESS 19-21 Nov. 2019", "SNAP4CITY on EUROPEAN OPEN SCIENCE CLOUD MARKETPLACE", "SNAP4CITY HACKATHON", "INDUSTRY 4.0", "Snap4Industry", and "Snap4Home". A footer section lists partner cities and organizations, including Florence, Helsinki, Antwerp, Cagliari, Garda Lake, Venezia, Bologna, Valencia, Pont Du Gard, Dubrovnik, WestGreece, Mostar, etc. The website is powered by KM4CITY and FI-WARE.

- Snap4City semantically aggregates many different types of data coming from different European Smart Cities (and covering the area around them):
 - Florence, Pisa, etc. (all Tuscany), Helsinki (Finland), Antwerp (Belgium), Cagliari (Sardinia), Garda Lake, Venezia, Bologna, Valencia, Pont Du Garde, Dubrovnik, WestGreece, Mostar, etc.
- Snap4City semantically aggregates data in compliance with the smart city ontology KM4City



1. Snap4City methodology starts with the context analysis and the study of the goals to be reached to make the city smart and sustainable (Living Lab Support and co-working):
 - which are the main relevant aspects decision-makers want to keep under control?
 - which are the available resources?
2. The next step is the available data analysis:
 - Who are the city providers?
 - who collaborate with the municipalities by providing public or private services?
3. Data gathering and data aggregation in the Snap4City Big Data Platform, according to the objectives outlined in the first phase
4. Data analytic processes to production smart services

Snap4City Functional Architecture

Transport systems
Mobility, parking



Public Services,
Govern, events, ...



Sensors, IOT Cameras,
Wi-Fi



Environment, Water,
energy



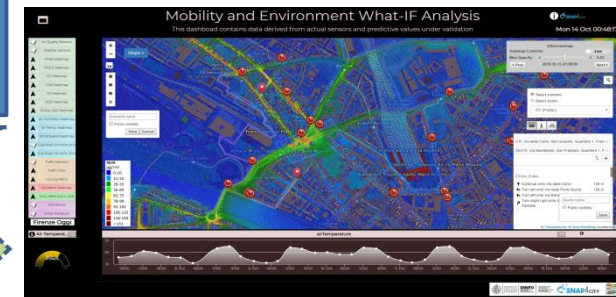
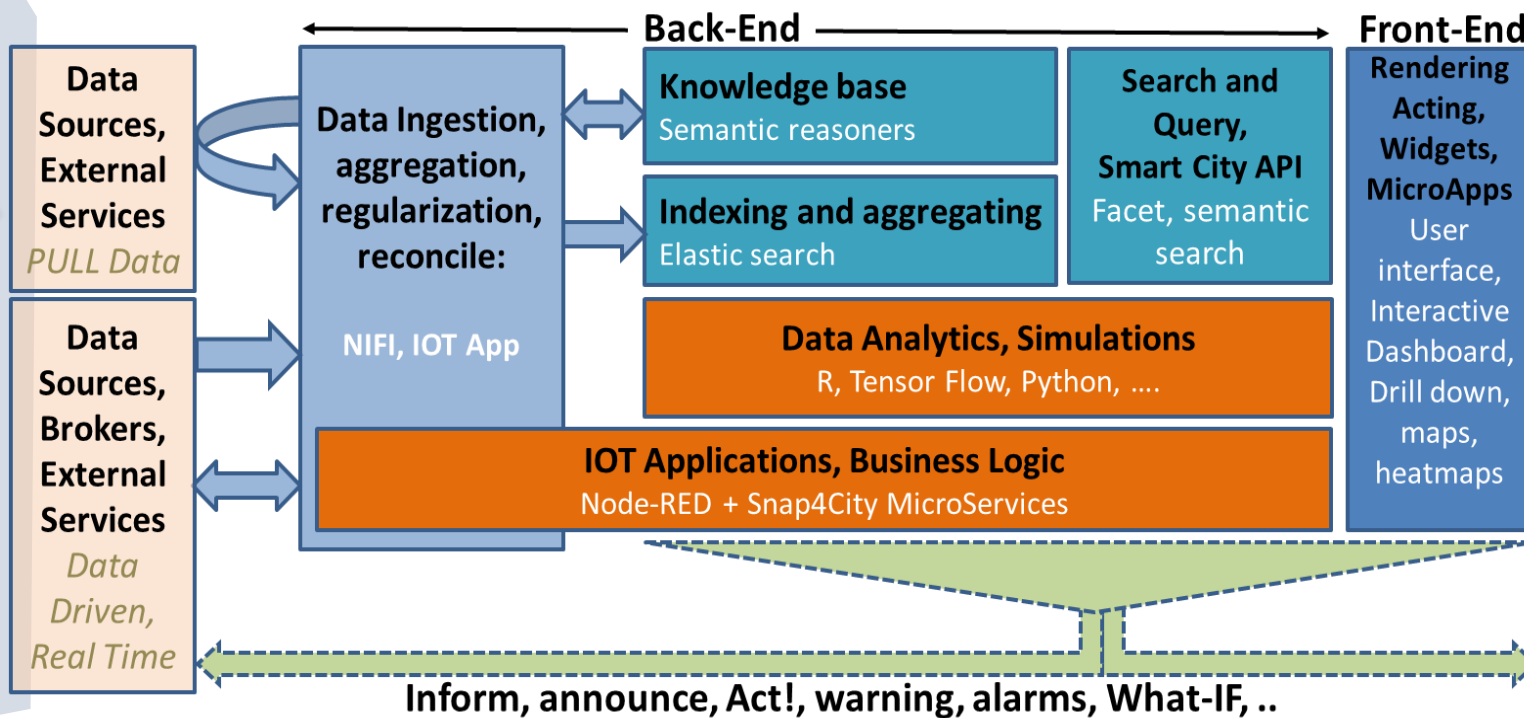
Shops, services,
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Florence Scenario

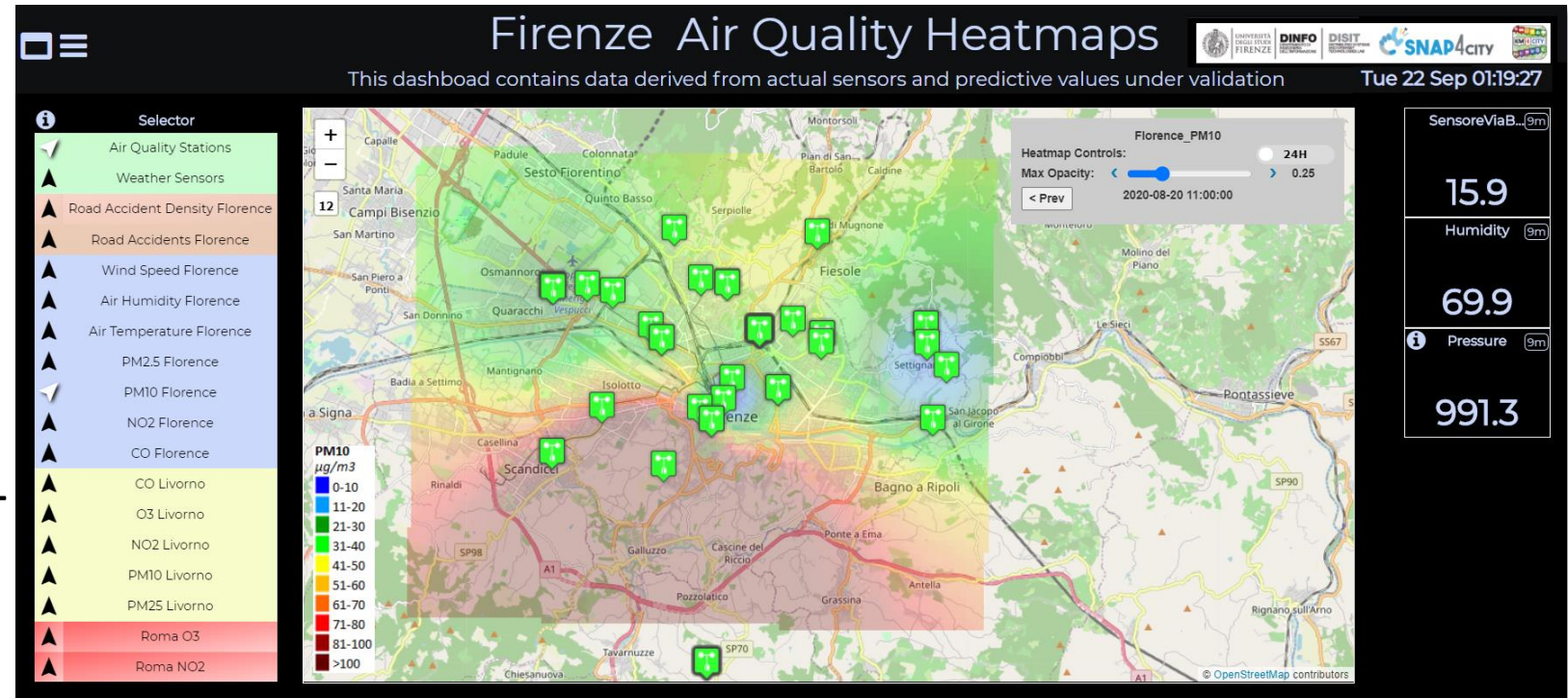
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- Data comes from:

- air quality stations
(Agenzia Regionale
Protezione Ambientale
Toscana, ARPAT)
- “AirQino” air quality low-
cost sensors, (CNR IBE)

- Results obtained:

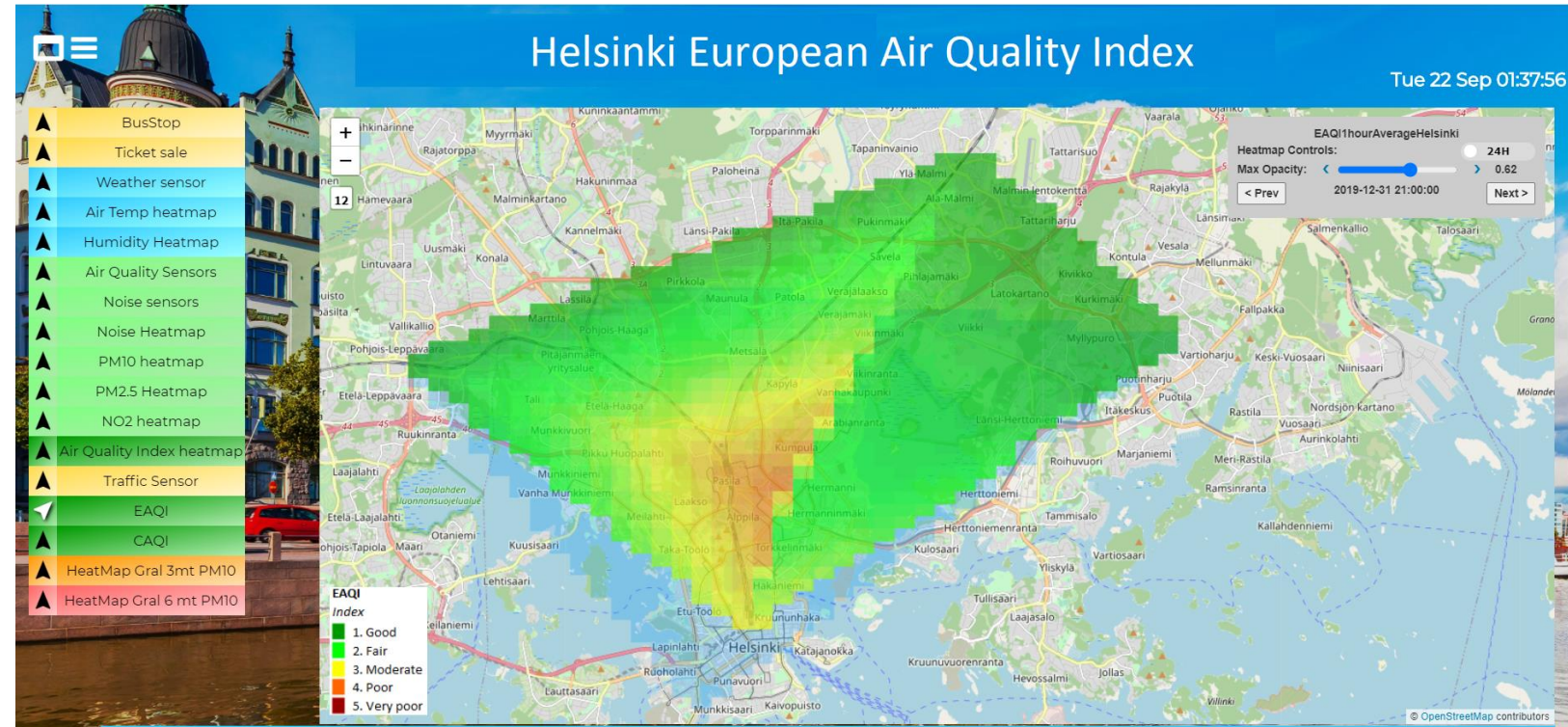
- Algorithms to estimate heatmaps for each pollutant on PM10, PM2.5, NO2, CO, humidity, air temperature
- Algorithms to obtain the European Air Quality Index, EAQI, based on the European Environment Agency guidelines the quality of air: index from 1 to 5 indicating air quality (good, fair, moderate, poor and very poor)



Helsinki Scenario

<https://www.snap4city.org/dashboardSmartCity/view/index.php?iddasboard=MTY4Ng==>

- Data comes from:
 - about 25 AQ Burk low-cost installed by Forum Virium Helsinki (campaign to involve citizens in monitoring the air quality level)
- Results:
 - Algorithms to estimate heatmaps for each pollutant on PM10, PM2.5, NO2, AQI, humidity, air temperature
 - Algorithms to obtain the European Air Quality Index, EAQI, based on the European Environment Agency guidelines

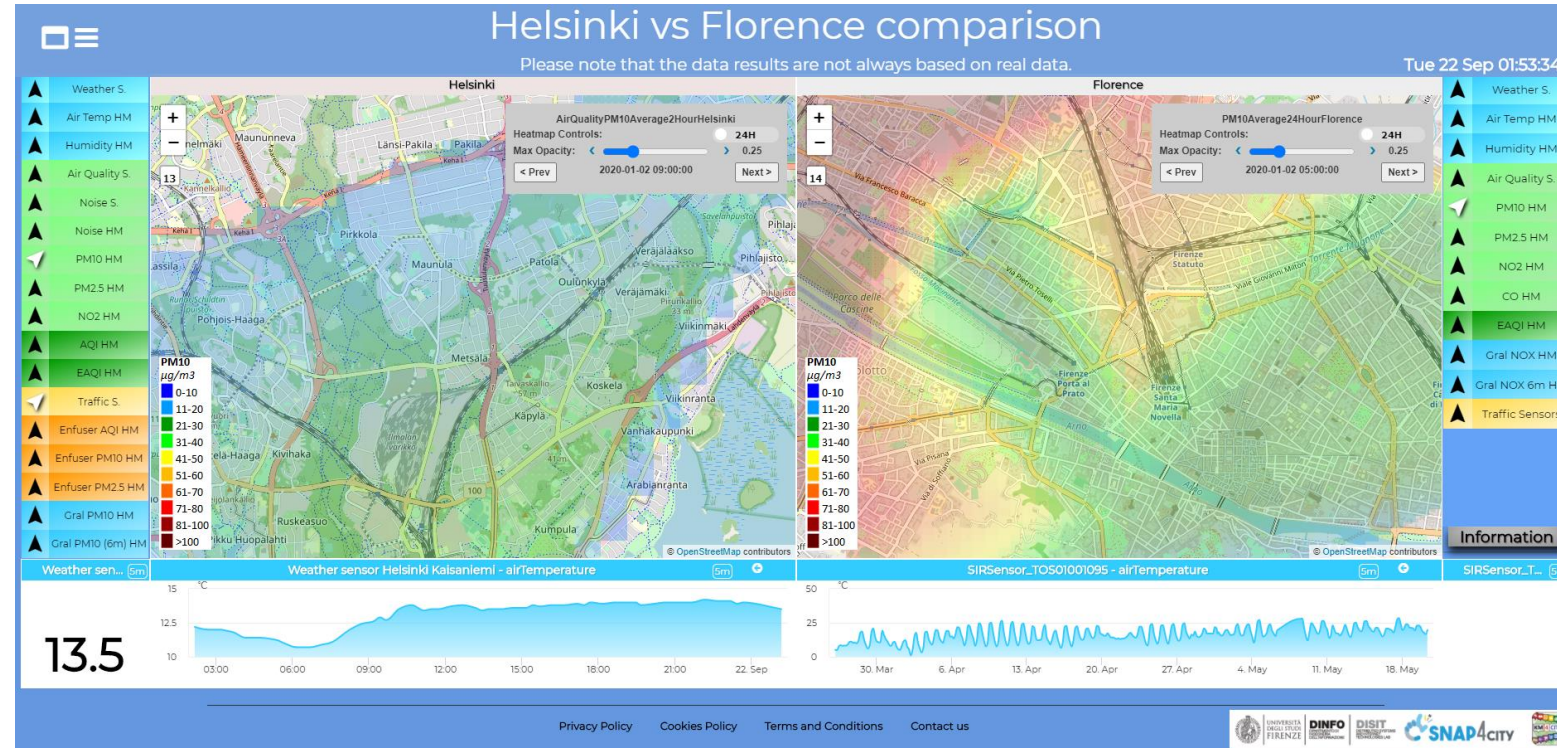


Helsinki and Florence: PM10 comparision

- Heatmaps are computed using a bilinear interpolation (Akima method) which consists of:

1. triangulation of the x-y plane
2. selection of several data points that are closest to each data point (sensor) and are used for estimating the partial derivatives
3. organization of the output with respect to triangle numbers
4. estimation of partial derivatives at each data point
5. punctual interpolation at each output point

- The z value of the function at point of coordinates (x,y) in a triangle is interpolated by a bivariate fifth-degree polynomial in x and y

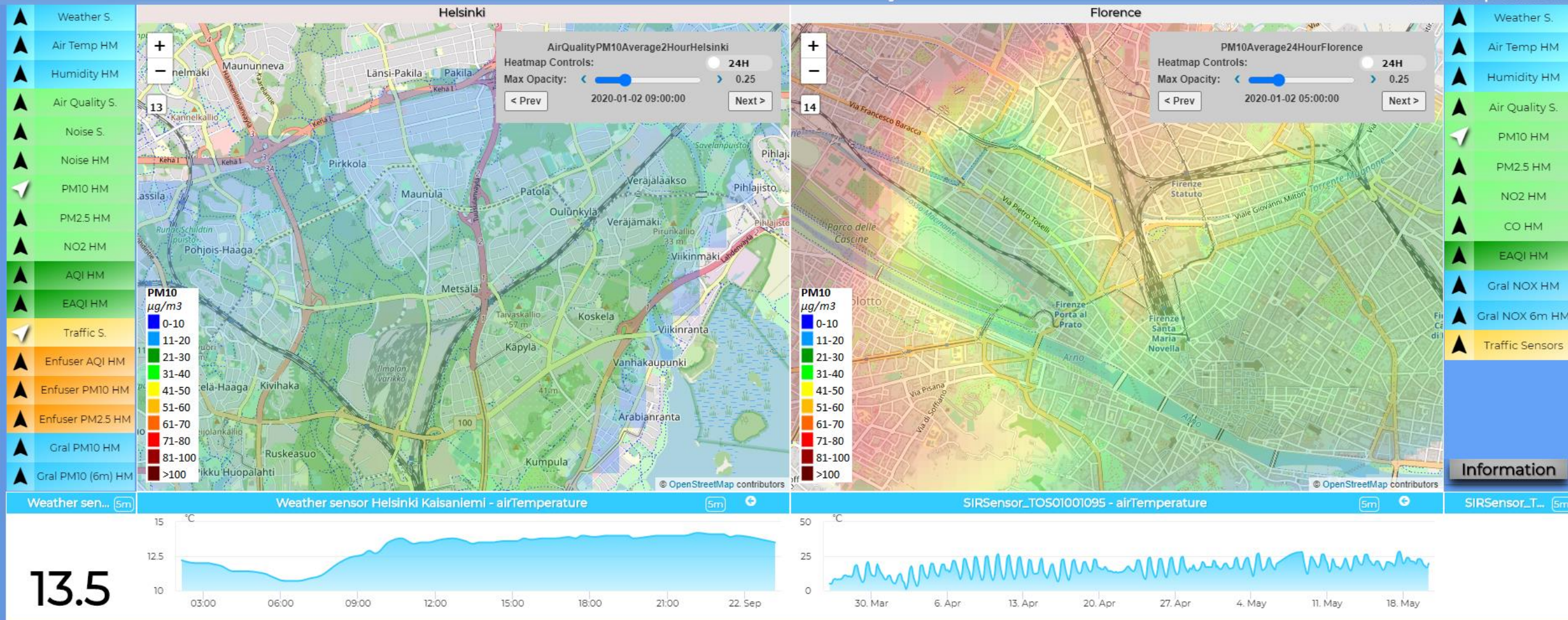




Helsinki vs Florence comparison

Please note that the data results are not always based on real data.

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- Snap4city architecture, through experimentation conducted in different urban areas, highlights a paradigm shift:
 - it does not adopt an approach simply driven by technology but more specifically **driven by data**
- Big Data, open data, sensors, IoT, IoE for monitoring, controlling and managing urban developments, resources, urban infrastructure, energy consumption, traffic congestion, waste, pollution, risks and people, etc. are the **tools for governance and urban planning**, for which the expected changes are a consequence of a decision-making process based on the data

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