Smart City Governance URBIS Solutions

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### Integrated smart city model



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#### urban management challenges

\* Urban Management – multiple challenges

- \* finite resources and energy efficiency
- \* climate change impacts and environmental vulnerability
- demographic change and social cohesion
- economic and financial crisis
- Hence management complexity and need an integrated governance to manage this complexity
- \* Drivers of change global and local

## EU GHG emissions towards an 80% reduction (100% = 1990) by 2050



@Source – European Commission – ICT proposers Day, Warsaw, 26-27 September 2012

### urban complexity + integrated urban management



#### urban mobility 2020 – business as usual



### Win–win potentials - urban mobility 2025 = PTx2



#### energy consumption for urban mobility

	2005	2025 PTx2	% change
World	700 MToe	720 MToe	+3%
Europe	140 MToe	110 Mtoe	- 21%
(% world total)	20%	15%	
Asia	124 Mtoe	208 Mtoe	+68%
(% world total)	18%	29%	

### Policy "Win – Win" potentials

- nature-based solutions for cities are adaptable, multi-purpose and energy efficient and provide simultaneously environmental, social and economic benefits:
- In addition to improvements to energy efficiency also
- improve city resilience to CC and natural disasters contributing to both CC adaptation and mitigation;
- \* restore urban biodiversity, ecosystems and their services;
- \* Improve air and water quality, reduce noise;
- \* improve quality of life, and social cohesion.....
- Hence offer prospect of substantial policy co-benefits and win-win solutions – question how to unlock the potential

### urban planning requirements

 Urban planning is central to managing complexity (socio-economic and environmental) in territorial context - and securing win-win policy solutions

#### \* Requires:

- integration of information and analysis (cross departmental/multi-scalar)
- Information, intelligence and communication
- \* assessment methodologies, visualisation, simulation
- engagement of stakeholders and co-production of plans (bottom up)
- \* All supported by ICT tools and methodologies
- \* Intelligence communication assessment decision

### Sustainable development integration framework

Ecosystem (natural capital) goal: ensure ecosystem resilience Economy (produced capital) goal: improve resource efficiency

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Human well-being (social and human capital)

goal: enhance social equity and fair burden-sharing

# spatial planning - operationalising intelligence

- Intelligence communication assessment decision
- **policy cycle** operationalising and mobilising intelligence integrating governance with inter-agency communication
- assessment of socio-economic and environmental impacts of alternative territorial development options
- stakeholder engagement regarding alternative development options (co-design and innovation in solutions)
- \* **political decision making** and plan implementation (democracy, legitimacy, trust)

### planning cycles – operationalising intelligence

Evaluation and Reporting

Core document: Evaluation Report (Update of) Baseline Review Core document:

Sustainability Report

#### Implementation and Monitoring

Core document: Sustainability Programme

#### Target Setting

Core document: Sustainability Targets

#### **Political Commitment** Core document: Council Approval

#### Green infrastructure - requirements

- green infrastructure planning objectives set in the strategic planning framework that extends across the administrative boundaries from city centre to hinterland at the local level
- focus here is on the connectivity of the network of green (and blue) infrastructures, and the definition of green routeways linking city centre to countryside
- gaps in the network must be filled to ensure connectivity that is essential to meet the requirements of the policy. Gaps in the network only filled at the local level – where neighbourhood planning is essential to the realisation of city-wide planning objectives

#### **URBIS Solutions**

- Green Layer Services developed from satellite images driven by EU Copernicus programme (European Space Agency) support planning of green infrastructure at all levels of governance in an integrated perspective:
- Iocal level the green layer is integrated with the urban atlas street tree information, as well as socio-economic and proximity (to green open space) indicators to define priorities for green infrastructure neighbourhood planning;
- citywide green layer/green tree assessments are combined with connectivity/accessibility indicators to define city wide green corridors supporting the recreational and mobility needs of the population;
- \* **EU level** solutions based on the urban atlas offer pan-European comparability of green cities strategies across Europe.

### **URBIS Green Layer Services**

Amount and spatial distribution of gaps, open spaces, pervious areas and urban green in the city.

- \* Urban green sites to be protected as part of GI
- \* Potential development areas space for city densification
  - Vacant or underused land
  - Gaps in built-up areas
  - Greenfields with development perspectives



GS-Urban GS-Non-urban PDA-Vacant or underused land PDA-Gap in built-up area PDA-Greenfield

### **URBIS Green Layer Services** 1/ sites identification

low vegetation bare ground

tall vegetation

#### Copernicus Urban Atlas + image analysis results





Classification based on Urban Atlas imageries (SPOT5 – 2,5m pixel size)

#### 2/ sites characterization

Reference units for analysis: Functional urban blocks (Urban Atlas of local urban land use planning databases)



#### CRITERIA:

 Amount, distribution and type of open/green space inside the block

#### Potential for densification? (PDAs)

- economical profit

#### Urban green to be preserved? – ecological profit

#### 3/ basis for calculation of indicators

**URBIS Green Layer** 

More detailed information about "green and open spaces" in urban areas than provided by Copernicus Urban Atlas

Indicators describing amount, distribution and characteristics of green/open spaces in analytical units at different levels of spatial detail:

- Sub-city districts
- 1km grid cells
- LAU2
- Core City/Larger Urban Zones

GREEN AREA CHARACTERISTICS to be described:

- CONNECTIVITY (ala EEA fragmentation indicator)
- SPATIAL PATTERN (ala urban sprawl indicator)
- PROXIMITY (to e.g. kindergarden, residential area/blocks etc.)

How "dense" each city is? How many open spaces are in the city and how they are distributed? How this density changes in time?

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### Urban – Peri-urban



Green Infrastructure Hotspots detection in Bruxelles / Brussel periurban area





#### Mean Effective Green Infrastructure





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### **Copernicus** Urban Atlas



#### Copernicus urban atlas – 700 cities



### Conclusions

- strong consensus in both European and global contexts surrounds the opportunity for spatial planning to assist in efforts to develop more sustainable cities and citizens
- "win-win" potentials define broad socio-economic and environmental policy cobenefits
- \* delivery of "win-win" potential is a major urban governance challenge in view of the integrated complexity of the issues
- smart city solutions driven by EU funded projects working directly with cities are creating new intelligence, new communication channels, and new assessment methodologies essential to the delivery of integrated urban management
- smart city solutions developed in the context of open governance and stakeholder engagement are furthermore breaking new ground in the co-production of city plans, and defining the new political pathways to implementation



# Thank you!