



Opening up  
the smart city

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# INTRODUCING SMARTICIPATE

What if every citizen had access to the same information as their local government? The smarticipate project aims to use open data to make this a reality, giving citizens the information needed to help shape their city. By making data accessible and understandable, citizens are empowered to co-create new public services and solutions to urban problems.

London (Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea), Hamburg (Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg) and Rome (City of Rome) are taking part in the three-year project, and will be closely involved in the creation of a web platform that enables interested citizens to support the decision making process. The project will act as a learning journey towards a more participatory form of governance.

Through smarticipate, citizens' ideas and engagement contribute to more transparent, democratic and inclusive local governments. The project's results will be also transferable to other cities in Europe.

Ultimately, smarticipate is the first step on a path that could change the way cities operate. It aims to upend the traditional relationship between local authorities and citizens and make them partners.

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Image: City of Rome



# THE CITIES

## LONDON

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“Through smarticipate, we want to give people the means to influence their environment, and to have a voice in how their area is developed. We aim to modernise government and make it more democratic, ensuring the council is attuned to the wishes and aspirations of the people it serves.”

**Paul McDonald, Information Services Strategist,  
Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea**



## HAMBURG

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“Smarticipate will provide citizens with a greater insight into city planning processes, and will allow them to put forward their own ideas for consideration. By putting residents in touch with city planners, such as through the Smartathons, they can be sure that their questions will be answered by the right people.”

**Dr Nicole Schubbe, Project Manager, Agency  
for Geoinformation and Surveying, Free and  
Hanseatic City of Hamburg**



## ROME

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“For residents of Rome, it is the first opportunity to really participate in the development and improvement of their district, and in the management of their territory. Whereas before it was a long and challenging process, now simply by using an app on a smartphone a resident can do something positive for their neighbourhood.”

**Patricia Hernandez, International Relations  
Expert with the City of Rome**

# THE PLATFORM

The three partner cities will pilot the platform. It will enable residents to provide feedback on urban planning scenarios and propose their own to the city council.

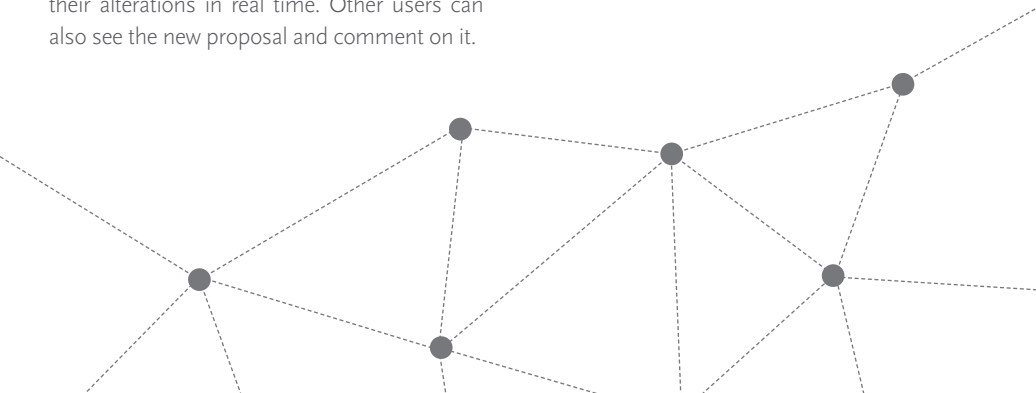
The smarticipate platform makes open data more available and useful for citizens, thereby transforming open data into a vital tool for city planning.

Users will be able to see proposed urban planning changes on a 3D model of their city. If the user has an idea to improve the proposal, they can make the change directly, observing their alterations in real time. Other users can also see the new proposal and comment on it.

If potential changes violate any legal or policy barriers, the intelligent system will inform the user and give detailed reasons based on the data provided. In addition to making changes to urban design, citizens will be able to feed in data from their own locality, improving data sets.

For more information, visit

[www.smarticipate.eu/platform](http://www.smarticipate.eu/platform)



# PARTNERS



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