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# Participation matters!

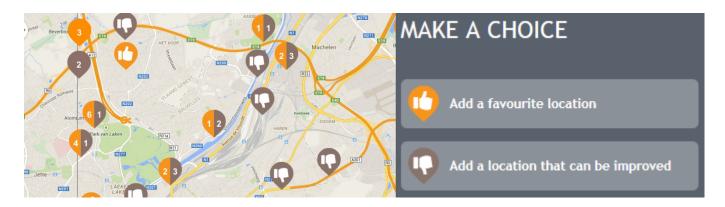






## **Outline**

- Introduction
- Planning, Participation and Crowdsourcing
- Online Territorial Consultation Tool
- Conclusion







## Introduction

Brussels = Most metropolitan region in Belgium

#### Challenges:

- Demographic growth
- Lack of resource efficiency
- Lack of resilient green infrastructure
- Congestion
- Obsolete industrial spaces
- Cooperation with partners and stakeholders







### Introduction

TOP Northern Fringe = Territorial Development Programme

#### Partnership:

- Brussels Capital Region
- Public Waste Agency of Flanders (OVAM)
- Province of Vlaams Brabant
- Spatial Development Department

#### Stakeholders:

- Administration
- Private sector
- Owners, organizations
- Collaborative approach to planning

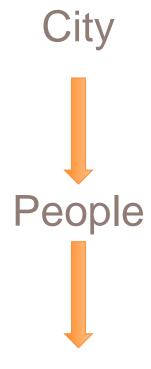








# Planning, Participation and Crowdsourcing



**Public Participation** 







# Planning, Participation and Crowdsourcing

Crowdsourcing = the act of a company or institution outsourcing a function to an undefined network in the form of an open call (Howe, 2006), facilitating collaboration

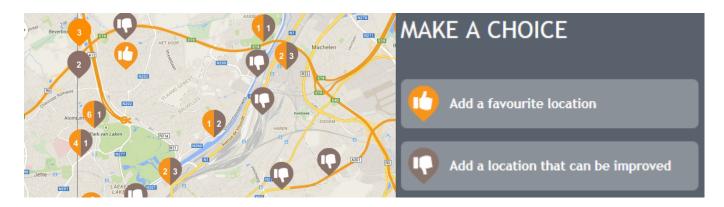
- 1. Online release of a problem
- 2. Generation of alternative solutions by the crowd
- 3. Evaluation of proposed solutions
- 4. Selection of best solution
- 5. Exploitation of the solution (Papadopoulou, Giaoutzi, 2014)





#### Goals:

- 1. Gather local territorial knowledge
- 2. Involve local users
- 3. Give opportunity to participate
- 4. Create identity for the Northern Fringe







#### Communication campaign

- E-mail campaign
- National newspaper news item
- Local newspaper news item
- Facebook campaign

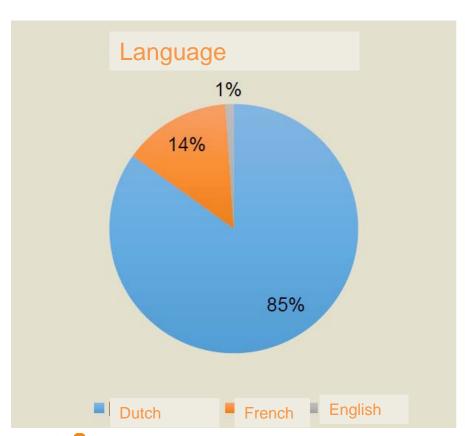


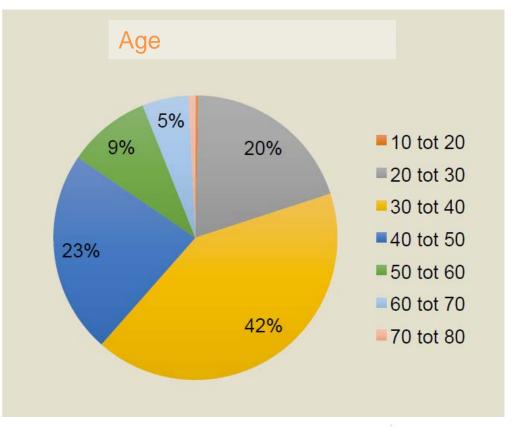






#### 279 respondents



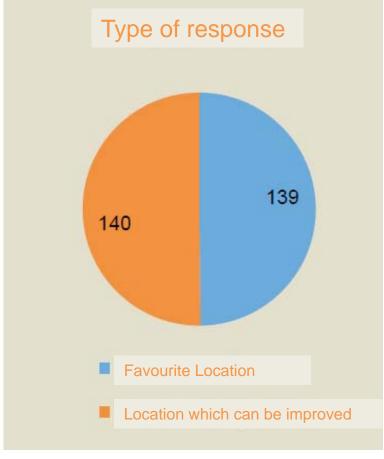






Equal number of favourite places and places to be improved

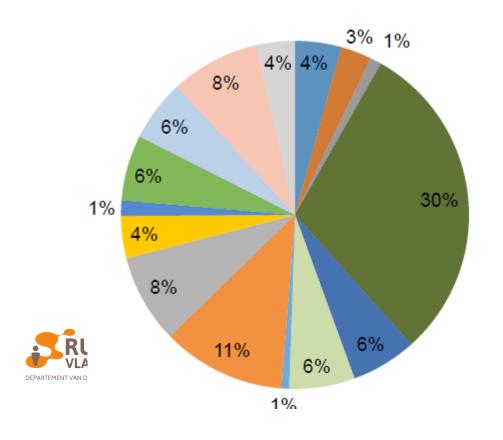






#### Green Space and Mobility: favourite themes

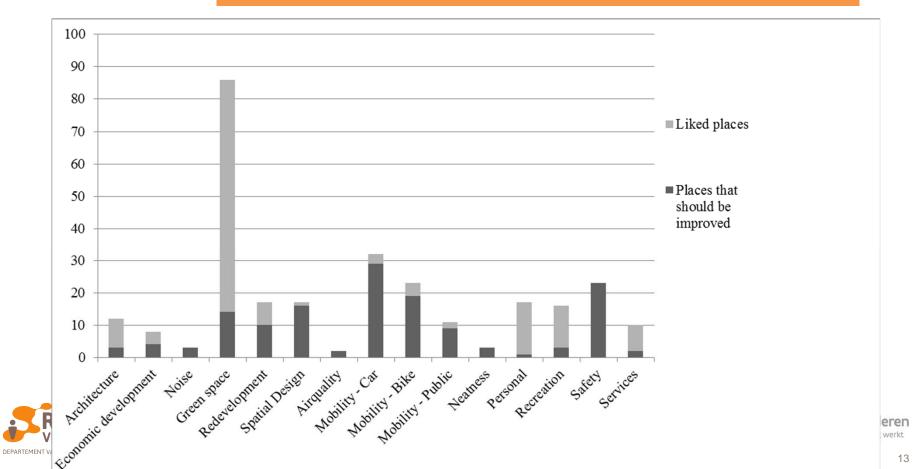
#### Division per theme



- Architecture
- Economic Development
- Noise
- Green Space
- Redevelopment
- Spatial Design
- Air quality
- Mobility Car
- Mobility Bike
- Mobility Public
- Neatness
- Personal

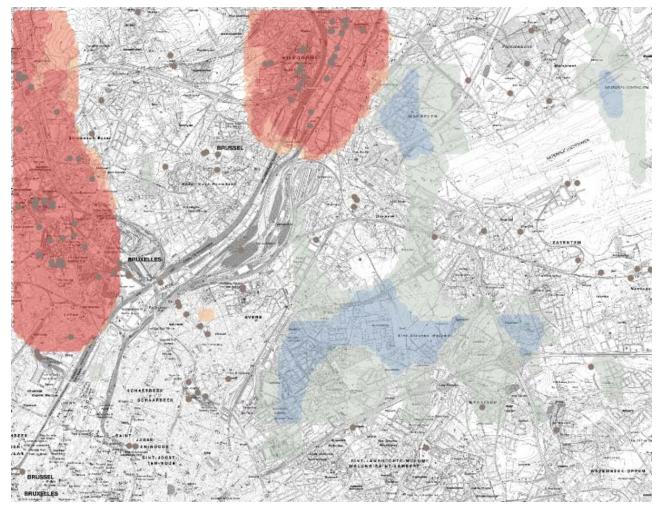


Green Space is appreciated Mobility – Car needs improvement





### Hotspot analysis – favourite locations

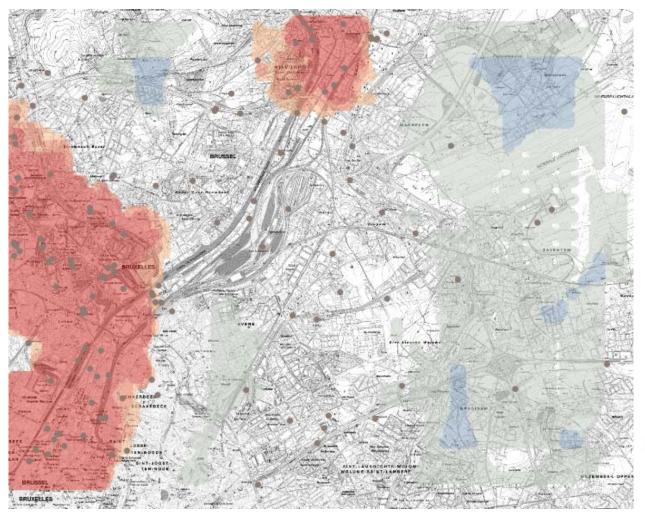








### Hotspot analysis – to be improved locations









#### Conclusions

- Experiment as participation process
- Generation of concrete actions
- Publication of results on website
- Growth towards a more active tool to facilitate further participation
- Social exclusion
- Uneven distribution of respondents
- Wider communication campaign needed





#### Conclusions

#### Next steps:

- Generate long list of potential projects or actions
- Define short list judged by stakeholders
- Select projects to be developed
- Challenge for the project leaders
  - > show how people's comments are taken on board
  - > sustain long term public involvement





#### Questions?





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