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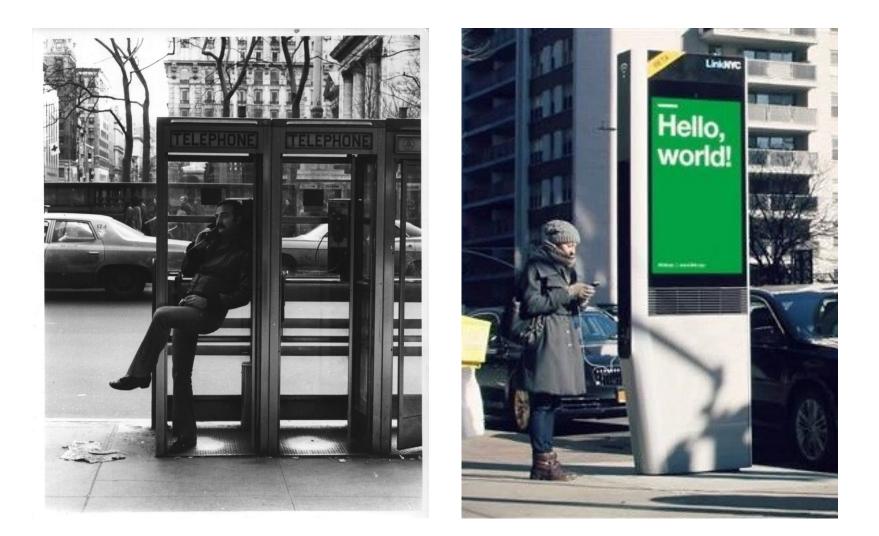
## Towards e-cities. An Atlas to enhance the public realm through interactive urban cyber-physical devices

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

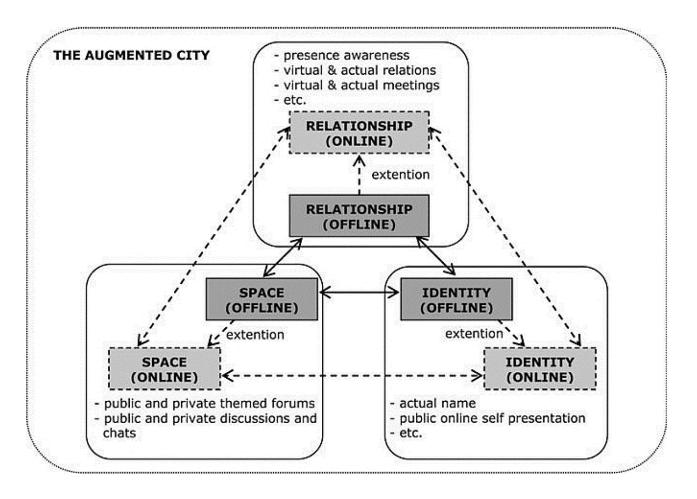


1. INTRODUCTION



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A new digitally mediated public realm. **The Augmented City: Relationships Between Actual and Online Dimension** In (Cindio, 2008)



1.1 Public space and ICT, key factor for the SDGs

### Sustainable Development Goals (2015)

[UN Resolution 70/1 - Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (2015)]

17 Goals 169 Targets

"shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future". In (UN, 2015)



#### 1.1 Public space and ICT, key factor for the SDGs



Benefits of Public Space for Achieving the Sustainability Development Goals. In (Daniel, 2016)

+ SDG 11: Make cities and human

settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable

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11 WSIS Action lines ( for ICT driven sustainable development

1.1 Public space and ICT, key factor for the SDGs	ACTION LINE	ACTION LINE	C1: The role of governments and all stakeholders in the promotion of ICTs for development	Goal 1, 3.8, 3.d, Goal 5, 10.c, 16.5, 16.6, 16.10, 17.18
	•	E	C2: Information and communication infrastructure: an essential foundation for the Information Society	1.4, 8.2, 9.1, 9.a, 9.c, 11.5, 11.b
	ACTION LINE	ACTION LINE	C3: Access to information knowledge	Goal 1, Goal 2, Goal 3, Goal 4, Goal 5, Goal 6, Goal 7, Goal 8, Goal 9, Goal 10, Goal 11, Goal 12, Goal 13, Goal 14, Goal 15, Goal 16, Goal 17
			<u>C4: Capacity building</u>	1.b, 2., 3.7, 3.b, 3.d, 4.4, 4.7, 5.5, 5.b, 6.a, 12.7, 12.8, 12.a, 12.b, 13.2, 13.3, 13.b, 14.a, 16.a, 17.9, 17.18
	ACTION LINE	ACTION LINE C6	C5: Building confidence and security in the use of ICTs	1.4, 4.1, 4.3, <b>4.5</b> , 5.b, 7.1, 7.a, 7.b, 8.1, 9.1, 9.c, 11.3, 11.b, 16.2, 17.8
			<u>C6: Enabling environment</u>	2.a, 4.4, 5.b, 8.2, 8.3, 9.1, 9.c, 10.3, 11.3, 11.b, 16.3, 16.6, 16.7, 16.10, 16.b, 17.6, 17.14, 17.16
	ACTION LINE C7 E-GOVERNMENT	ACTION LINE C7 E-BUSINESS	<u>C7 ICT Applications: i. e-government</u>	9.c, 16.6, 16.7, 16.10, 17.8
		E-BUSINESS	<u>C7 ICT Applications: ii. e-business</u>	1.4, 2.3,5.b, 8.3, 8.9, 8.10, 9.3, 17.11
	ACTION LINE CZ	ACTION LINE C7	<u>C7 ICT Applications: iii. e-learning</u>	Goal 4
	ACTION LINE C7 E-LEARNING	ACTION LINE C7 E-HEALTH	C7 ICT Applications: iv. e-health	1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 2.1,2.2,Goal 3, 3.3, 3.8, 5.6, 5.b, 17.8, 17.19
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The UN World Summit on	ACTION LINE C7 E-EMPLOYMENT	ACTION LINE C7 E-Environment	C7 ICT Applications: vi. e-environment	9.4, 11.6, 11.b, 13.1, 13.3, 13.b, Goal 14, Goal 15
Information Societies			<u>C7 ICT Applications: vii. e-agriculture</u>	1.5, 2.3,2.4,2.a, 3.d, Goal 4, 5.5, 8.2, 9.1, 9.c, 12.8, 13.1, 13.3, 17.16, 17.17
	ACTION LINE C7 E-AGRICULTURE	ACTION LINE C7 E-Science	C7 ICT Applications: viii. e-science	1.5, 4.7, 6.1, 6.a, 7.a, 13.1, 13.2, 13.3, 14.a, 15.9, 17.6, 17.7
"a people centred, inclusive and development-oriented			<u>C8: Cultural diversity and identity,</u> <u>linguistic diversity and local content</u>	2., 4.7, 6.b, 8.3, 8.9, 11.4, 12.b
information society" (WSIS, 2003 and 2005)	ACTION LINE	ACTION LINE	<u>C9: Media</u>	5.b, 9.c, 12.8, 16.10
11 WSIS Action lines (Cn)		*****	C10: Ethical dimensions of the Information Society	1.5, 2.3,3.8, 4.7, 5.1, 8.36, 9.1, 10.2, 10.3, 11.3, 12.8, 13.3, 16.7, 16.10, 17.6, 17.7, 17.8, 17.18, 17.19
for ICT driven sustainable development		ACTION LINE	C11: International and regional	17.9, 17.16, 17.17

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1.1 Public space and ICT, key factor for the SDGs



UN Action Line facilitators have produced a WSIS-SDG matrix linking WSIS Action lines with SDGs (www.wsis.org/sdg)

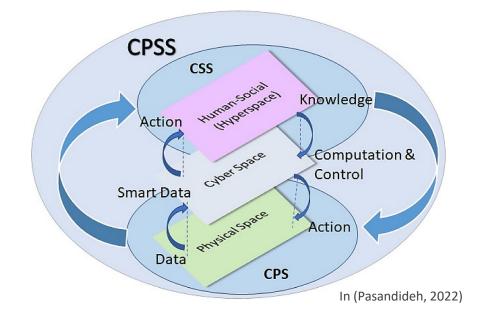
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SDG 1 - No poverty																		
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SDG 3 - Good health and well-being																		
SDG 4 - Quality education																		
SDG 5 - Gender equality																		
SDG 6 - Clean water and sanitation																		
SDG 7 - Affordable and clean energy																		
SDG 8 - Decent work and economic growth																		
SDG 9 - Industry, innovation and infrastructure																		
SDG 10 - Reduced inequalities																		
SDG 11 - Sustainable cities and communities																		
SDG 12 - Responsible consumption and production																		
SDG 13 - Climate action																		
SDG 14 - Life below water																		
SDG 15 - Life on land																		
SDG 16 - Peace, justice and strong institutions																		
SDG 17 - Partnership for the Goals																		

*WSIS Action lines - SDGs matrix* highlighting SDGs related to public space and Action lines related to SDGs 8 and 11 (adapted from https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/sdg/).

1.2 The role of Urban Cyber-Physical Devices

for Sustainable Smart Cities

- A Cyber-Physical Device (CPD) is a device in which physical components and software are deeply intertwined.
  - Cyber-Physical Device (CPD) and
  - Cyber-Physical System (CPS)
- Our approach to CPDs departs from the architecture and urban design disciplines (assist urban life in public spaces or manage city infrastructures):
  - o Urban Cyber-Physical Devices (UCPD) and
  - Urban Cyber-Physical Systems (UCPS).
  - o Device physicality and impact on site are most important
  - o (as a class of Cyber-Physical-Social Systems (CPSSs))
- UCPDs are the technologic backbone of the Smart City.
- UCPDs are:
  - o sensible hubs, collecting and broadcasting urban information;
  - interactive interfaces between city, individuals and communities, raising awareness and engagement;
  - gateway devices, bridging cyber, physical and social spaces;
  - adaptable devices, pushing for design and governance solutions that address both large-scale long-term societal emergences, and small-scale short-term daily life individuals concerns.

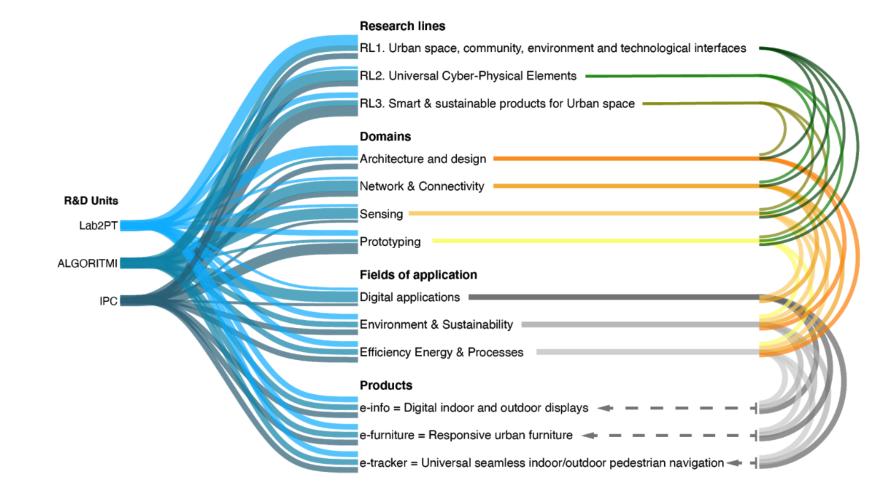




#### 1.3 The Research Project

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#### **R&D Units:**

- Lab2PT: Arts, Social Sciences, and Humanities
- ALGORITMI: Information Communications Technology and Electronics (ICT&E)
- IPC: Institute for Polymers and Composites

1.3 The Research Project

#### Atlas for the design of future e-cities

The initial architecture R&D unit review on the relations between:

Public space – Community – Environment - Digital interfaces

Materialized in an academic publication named *Atlas for the design of future e-cities* that collects, labels, relates and critiques a corpus of heterogeneous UCPDs case study projects deployed in public space around the world.

The scientific importance of this Atlas is trifold:

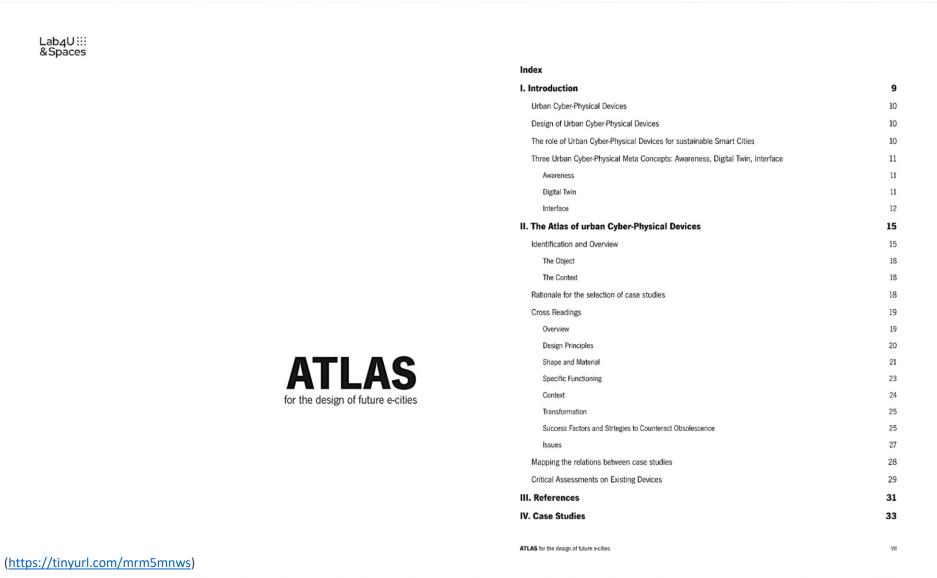
- (i) for the Research Project the lessons learned from the Atlas fed the design guidelines for a Demonstrator of a new breed of environmentally sensible interactive urban devices, which integrates all the project's research lines;
- (ii) for the scientific community: an updated state of the art in the subject, extending related work (e.g., *Pool of Examples of the CyberParks 2014-2018* (CyberParks, 2014) and Active Public Space publications (Markoupoulou et al., 2017);
- (iii) for the non-experts: a theoretical and monographic introduction to the subject, with an ample set of fully illustrated applied cases.

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#### 2. MATERIALS AND METHODS

THE ATLAS STRUCTURE



#### 2.1 Case Studies

Case studies selection rationale:

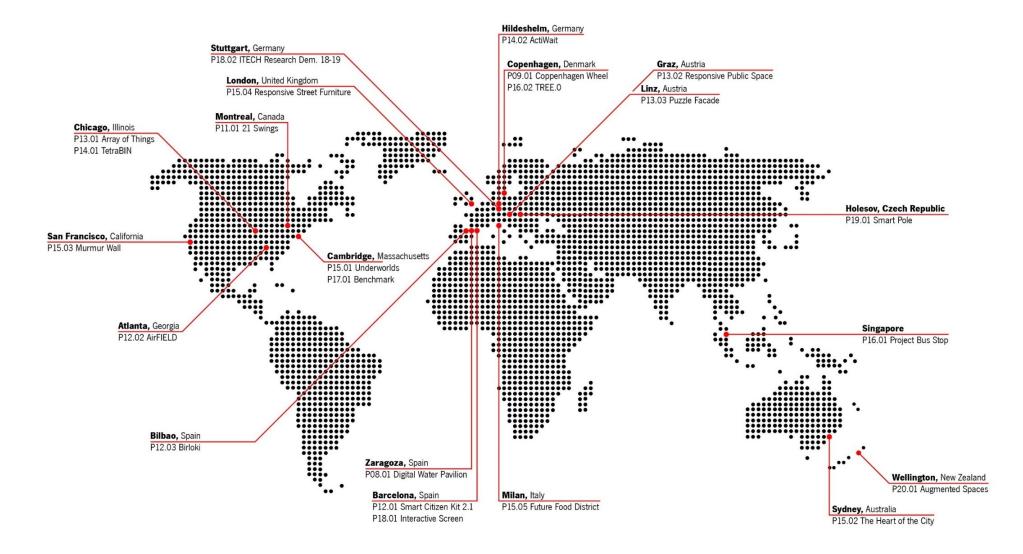
i. Innovative UCPDs;

- ii. To portrait the diversity of:
  - contexts and scales
  - design and deployment strategies
- iii. Priority was given to:
  - functional objects with a physical existence
  - Implemented or prototyped design objects (over untested concepts, purely artistic interventions or digital-only initiatives)
  - Possess some sort of sensing, communication, interactivity or adaptability capacity (augmented physical performance and digital twin)

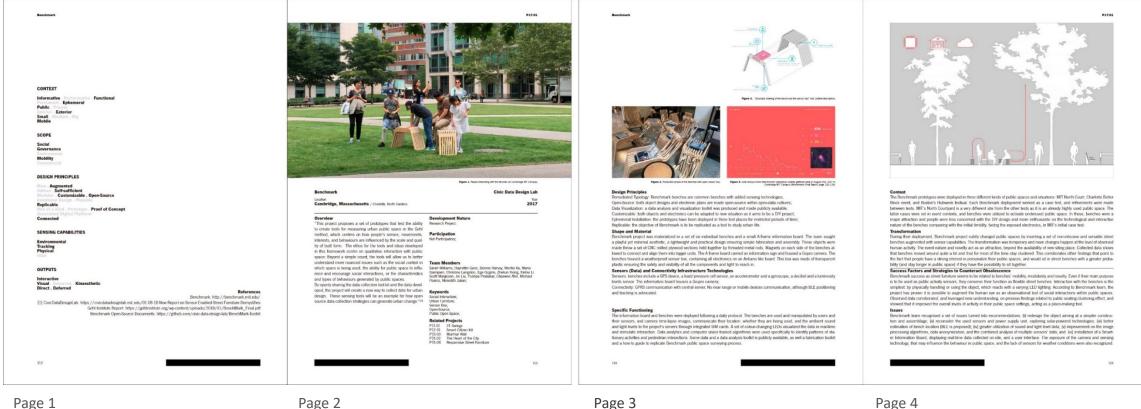
The Atlas currently comprises 24 case studies

Code	Name	Year	Location	Development Team
P08.01	DIGITAL WATER PAVILION [1]	2008	Zaragoza, Spain	Carlo Ratti Associati and MIT
P09.01	COPENHAGEN WHEEL [2]	2009	Copenhagen, Denmark	MIT Senseable City Lab
P11.01	21 SWINGS [3]	2011	Montreal, Canada	Daily Tous les Jours
P12.01	SMART CITIZEN KIT 2.1 [4]	2012	Barcelona, Spain	Fab Lab Barcelona
P12.02	AIRFIELD [5]	2012	Atlanta, Georgia	Ueberall
P12.03	BIRLOKI [6]	2012	Bilbao, Spain	Nerei Emotional Intelligent SL
P13.01	ARRAY OF THINGS [7]	2013	Chicago, USA	Urban Center for Computation and Data
P13.02	RESPONSIVE PUBLIC SPACE [8]	2013	Graz, Austria	ORTLOS Space Engineering
P13.03	PUZZLE FAÇADE [9]	2013	Linz, Austria	Javier Lloret
P13.04	BEACONS [10]	2013	USA	Estimate (Apple)
P14.01	TETRABIN [11]	2014	Chicago, USA	Sencity
P14.02	ACTIWAIT [12]	2014	Hildesheim, Germany	Urban Invention
P15.01	UNDERWORLDS [13]	2015	Cambridge, USA	MIT Senseable City Lab
P15.02	THE HEART OF THE CITY [14]	2015	Sidney, Australia	Anaisa Franco Studio
P15.03	MURMUR WALL [15]	2015	San Francisco, USA	Future Cities Lab
P15.04	RESPONSIVE STREET FURNITURE [16]	2015	London, UK	Ross Atkin Associates
P15.05	FUTURE FOOD DISTRICT [17]	2015	Milan, Italy	Carlo Ratti Associati
P16.01	PROJECT BUS STOP [18]	2016	Singapore	DP Architects
P16.02	TREE.0 [19]	2016	Copenhagen, Denmark	Interactive Spaces Urban Studio
P17.01	BENCHMARK [20]	2017	Cambridge, USA	Civic Data Design Lab
P18.01	INTERACTIVE SCREEN [21]	2018	Barcelona, Spain	Trison
P18.02	ITECH DEMONSTRATOR [22]	2018	Stuttgart, Germany	University of Stuttgart (ICD, ITKE, ITFT)
P19.01	SMART POLE [23]	2019	Holesov, Czech Republic	INELS (ELKO EP)
P20.01	AUGMENTED SPACES [24]	2020	Wellington, New Zealand	Holly Chan, Victoria University of Wellington

#### 2.1 Case Studies



#### 2.2 The records structure



#### (i) Preview

- Context
- ٠ Scope
- Design principles
- Sensing capabilities •
- Outputs

#### (ii) Datasheet

- Name, location, year
- Development team •
- Development nature •
- Related projects, references, keywords •
- Overview description

#### Page 3

(iii) Object

- Design Principles
- Shape and Material
- Sensors and ICTs
- Specific Functioning (interface)

- Success Factors and Strategies Counteract Obsolescence
- Issues

(iv) Context (top)

Context (Place)

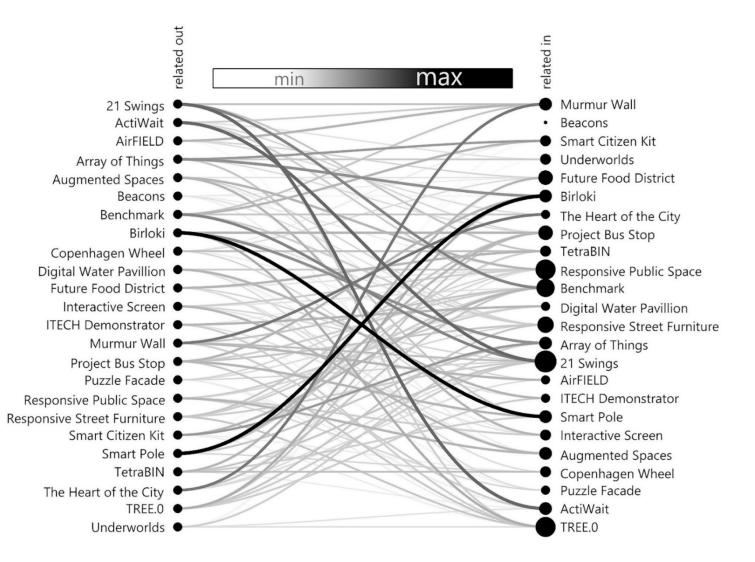
Context Diagram

(v) Review (bottom)

Induced Transformation

#### 3. RESULTS. MAPPING THE RELATIONS BETWEEN CASE STUDIES

- The stronger links: #1 SMART POLE – BIRLOKI #2 21 SWINGS – ACTIWAIT #3 MURMUR WALL - THE HEART OF THE CITY
- The most referred projects:
  #1 21 SWINGS
  #2 RESPONSIVE PUBLIC SPACE
  #3 TREE.0
  #4 BENCHMARK
- The project *BEACON* has no incoming links (related project)
- The most used keywords: #1 Urban Furniture #2 Public Open Space #3 Human Tracking #4 Social Interaction
- The keywords more often ranked on top: #1 Smart City
   #2 Sensor Box
   #3 Big Screen
   #4 Art Installation



#### 3.1 Results from cross readings

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Social	<b>Digital Water Pavilion P08.01</b>	•	•	•	•	•		••	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	• •	•
Governance	Copenhagen Wheel P09.01	•	•	•	•	•	•	•••	•	••	•		•		•	•	••		• •	••
Environment Mobility	21 Swings P11.01	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•		•		•			•	•	••	•
Commercial	Smart Citizen Kit 2.1 P12.01	• •	•	•	••	•	•	••	•	••	••		•		•	•	•		•	•
	AirFIELD P12.02	•	•	•	•	•		•						•	•	•			•	•
DESIGN PRINCIPLES	Birloki P12.03	•••	•	•	••	•		••••	•		••	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	••	••
Now Argumented	Array of Things P13.01	•	•	•	•	•		•••	•	•	••		•			•	•••			•
New Augmented Add-on Self-sufficient	Responsive Public Space P13.02 Puzzle Facade P13.03		•	•	•	•						•		•			•			•
Modular Customizable Open-Source	Beacons P13.04	•	•	•	•	•		•		•		•		•		•	•	•		•
Emotional Design Playable Replicable	TetraBIN P14.01	•••				•			•	••					•	•				••
One of a Kind Prototype Proof of Concept	ActiWait P14.01							•			•					•	•			
Associated Digital Platform Connected	Underworlds P15.01	•••						•	•	•		•				•		•	•	•
Connected	The Heart of the City P15.02		•			•				•				•			•••			
	Murmur Wall P15.03														•					
SENSING CAPABILITIES	Responsive Street Furniture P15.04											-		•						
Environmental	Future Food District P15.05										•									
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	Benchmark P17.01								· ·					•						
OUTPUTS	Interactive Screen P18.01													-						
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[Object]

#### **Design principles**

- Multidisciplinary and codesign approaches;
- Playfulness, Gamification and Emotional Design (shape, interface and media content);
- Adaptability: modular design and/or mass customization (shape and ICT infrastructure);
- Open-source, open-data and data visualization.

#### Shape and material

- No typical size, scale or deployment strategy;
- User interaction mostly happens at human scale;
- Many interfaces are designed for urban scale (being seen from far, turning public the interaction);
- Simple and rectilinear shapes (industrial materials and fabrication methods;
- Some organic and metaphorical shapes (e.g., trees, hearts or animal).



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[Object]

#### Sensors and connectivity

- Mostly environmental, interface and tracking sensors;
- Most collect real-time data (or simulate it by harvesting online data);
- Most used interface is the (touch) screen, from small tablet like to big floor screens;
- Sensor data can be used locally and discarded, or stored in a server;
- UCPDs connectivity with personal devices is mainly Bluetooth/BLE.

#### Specific functioning (interface)

- Interaction with UCPDs via soundscapes, lightscapes and personal device wireless linkage (QR codes, Beacons, Bluetooth);
- Interfaces escapes the common PC experience with gamification of common activities in public space;
- Synesthetic experiences (body as interface);
- Alternative ways of displaying information;
- Data handling manages: Personal and site sensitive data security (legal issues); Communication network and data storage; Energy consumption of systems' maintenance.





#### 3.1 Results from cross readings

[Context]

#### Context (Place)

- Issues addressed: environmental sustainability, public participation and recreation, community resilience and security;
- Installed in public open spaces seeking for high activity or pedestrian flow (e.g., squares, boulevards or important street intersections);
- Few are installed in segregated spaces, aiming at their activation;
- Others are connected to indoor activities and entertainment, or are mobile (not site specific);
- Most devices are designed to interact directly with pedestrians (instead of cars or traffic);
- A fruitful trend targets disabled people and assisted living in public space;
- Cyber contexts (network scale) vary from direct physical interfacing, or in-place mobile device pairing, to global internet connectivity;
- The deployment time frame of research or artistic based interventions is short. Functional and industrialized products are designed to endure harsh outdoor conditions for long periods.

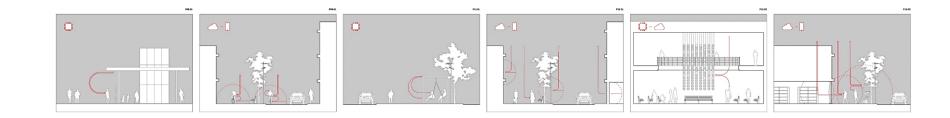


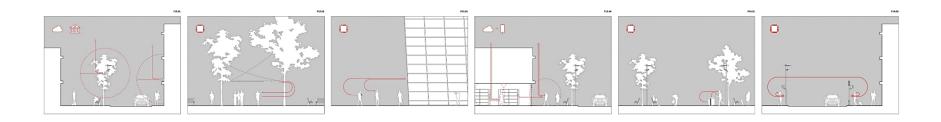


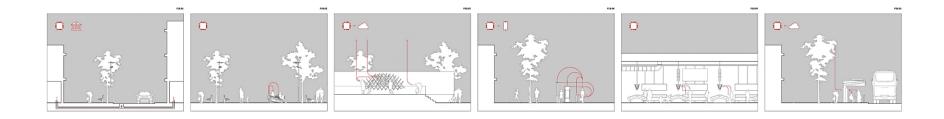


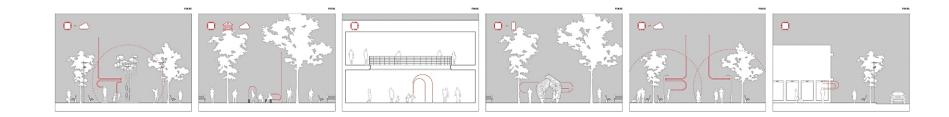
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#### Induced transformation

- Physical presence is the only tangible direct transformation in the public space perception;
- Data collection is the base of governance informed decision-making (that leads to other tangible and intangible transformations);
- Behavioural change, namely sustainability awareness, is an indirect transformation;
- Social inclusion, encouraging rupture of bias and prejudice;
- Urban setting activation (foments social interaction and permanence);
- Facilitation of quotidian tasks;
- Enhancement of city infrastructures that can improve safety and impaired inclusion.





[Review]

#### Success factors and strategies to counteract obsolescence

- Opportune timing and placement (where interaction is welcomed);
- Design quality and physical affordances (fall-back against digital obsolescence);
- Enjoyable experiences and discovery through emotional design;
- Perceived utility of the device, inclusive goals and intuitive interface;
- Open-source design strategies.

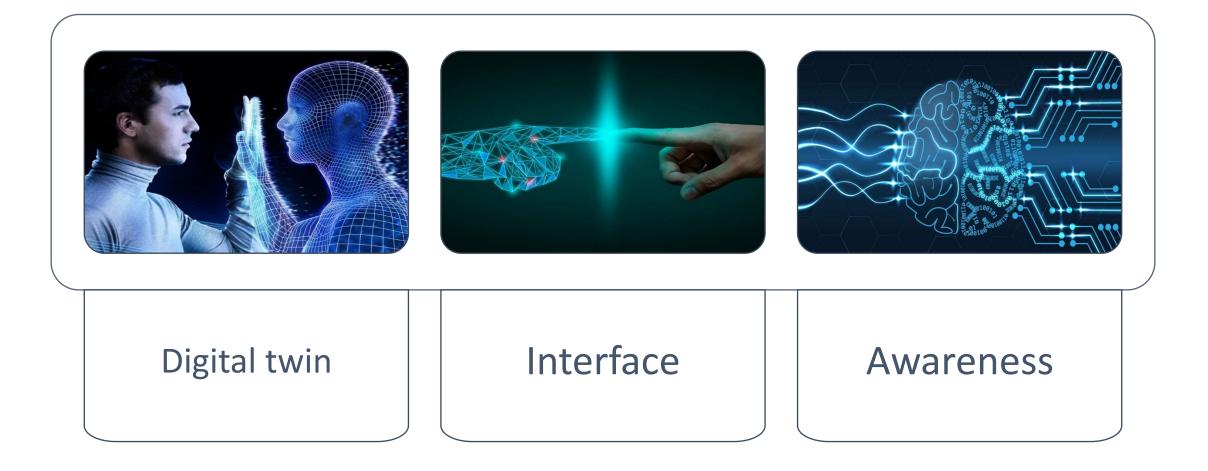
#### Issues

- Cost effectiveness and counterproductive dependencies;
- Inequality of access, digital illiteracy or the users bodily condition;
- User safety, both user's physical and personal data security;
- Ecological impact of UCPDs fabrication and energetic consumption.

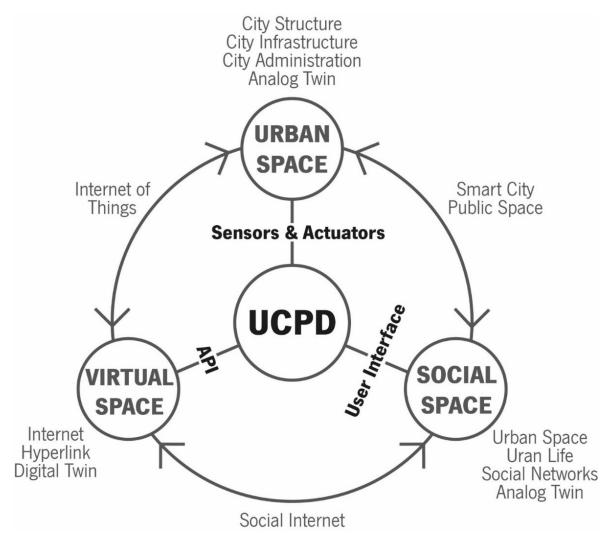




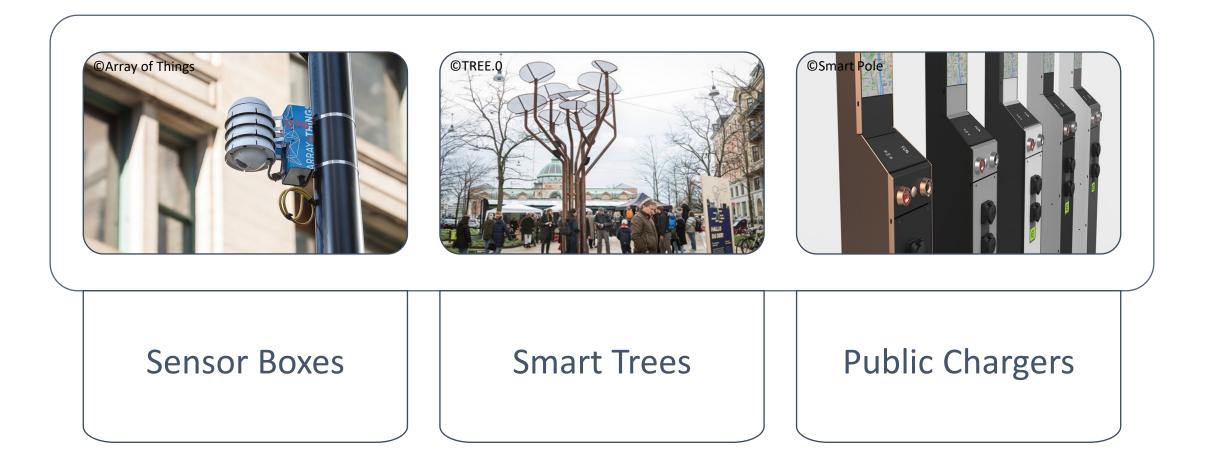
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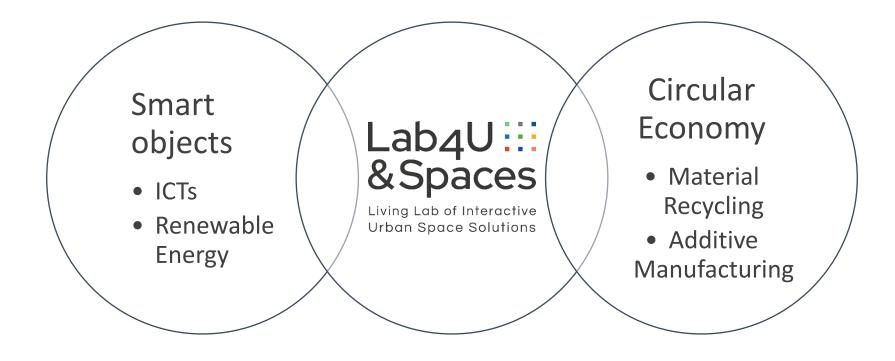


4.1 The rising of new (and remediated) types of urban devices

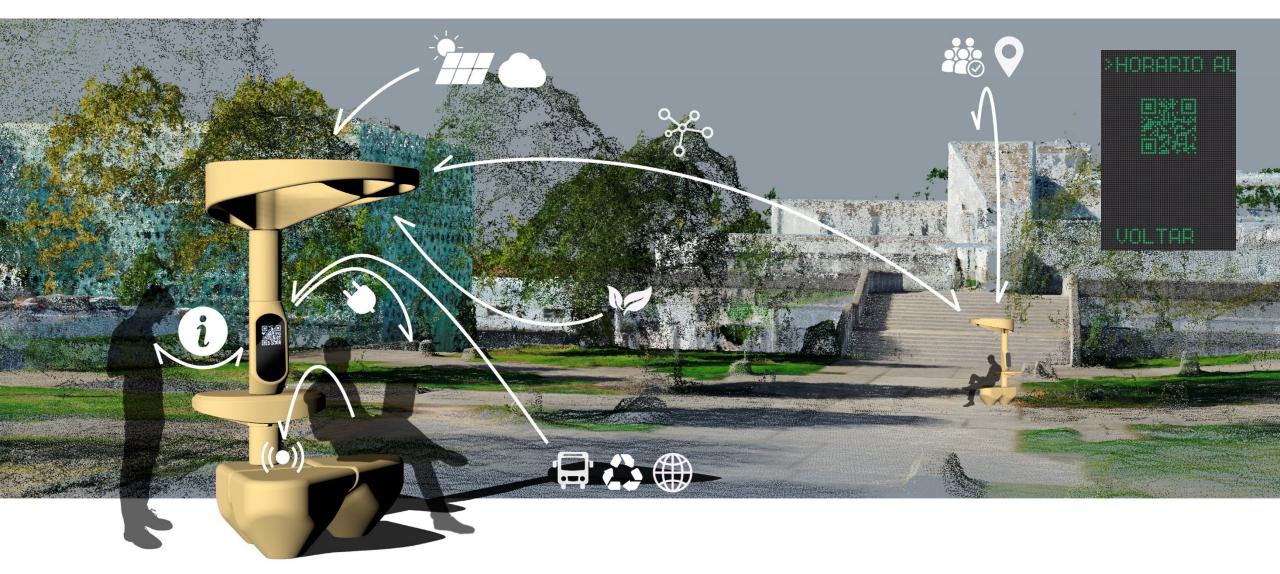


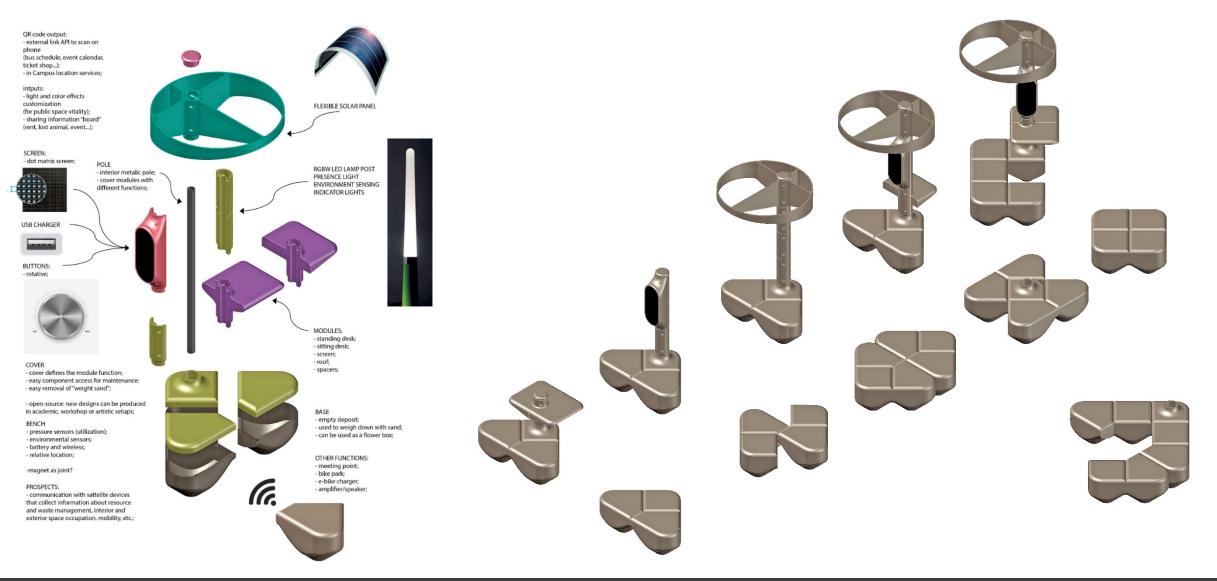
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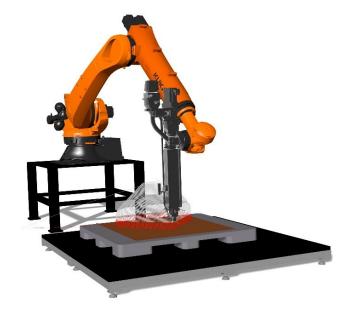


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#### 6. DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

- The Atlas reveals examples of how the dynamics between physical and digital spaces, are allowing the reviving of public space.
- The Atlas provides a perspective on new ICT mediated relations between citizens in public space, that allow to pursue SGDs with innovative strategies for inclusion, local economic opportunity and sustainability awareness.
- UCPDs have the potential to open public space to the most vulnerable.
- They develop digital literacy, community participation and environmental action.
- These devices also contribute to a reinvention and diversification of uses and activities in public space.
- As most of UCPDs are urban data sensors, they provide (big) data that also becomes a local social and economic opportunity.
- Many of the case studies in the Atlas depends on considerable financial, material and energy resources, and although sustainability problems are main design motivations, these concerns are not equally reflected in the production of the devices themselves.

The lessons learned from the Atlas fed the demonstrators' requirements and design guidelines, balancing digital integration and physical affordances, as well as needed resources and expected results.



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