



LIVE LAB

The toolbox for 21st century cities

Imagine yourself organizing a public consultation on the design of the public space of StrijpS (Eindhoven). You want real discussion, present information, you want the public to have an opinion, having already discussed the topics with other inhabitants, you want the people to actually participate in the proceedings. You want them to choose from several solutions and designs. There will be workshops with interactive tools, A beautiful website that shows the designs and give space for forums and discussions. In the period before the consultation; a Marker (interactive billboard) is placed near the center of the area. It's a beautiful and semi-transparent screen where information is showed 24/7 and where you are able to interact with, it responds. Not only will the information be available virtually and online, but it will also be shown in the public space itself in 3D.

Live Lab is working on the integration of multiple information technologies with state-of-the-art social - and design knowledge into practical tools and protocols.

Live Lab wants to help to achieve a better living environment by coming up with innovative solutions for implementation. It could be a mobile and flexible lab with screens/digiboards, voting boxes for the participants, a stand-alone interactive vandal-proof outdoor screen that can be placed in the public space. It could be an online environment where background information, chat and exchange of media is possible to prepare the meetings. The project builds on experiments in the past such as "Decision rooms", "Design Spaces" and the current "Future Centers". However, Live Lab wants to be implemented on a low budget and to be user friendly.

For the Live Lab iCity tender we have concentrated on a combination of three specific tools:

- The external interactive Marker
- A virtual interactive environment
- Tools for the Design/Decision room

Atelier Tom Veeger is working on this concept in close cooperation with MAD emergent art center, forming part of the project Stadslab Eindhoven.

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