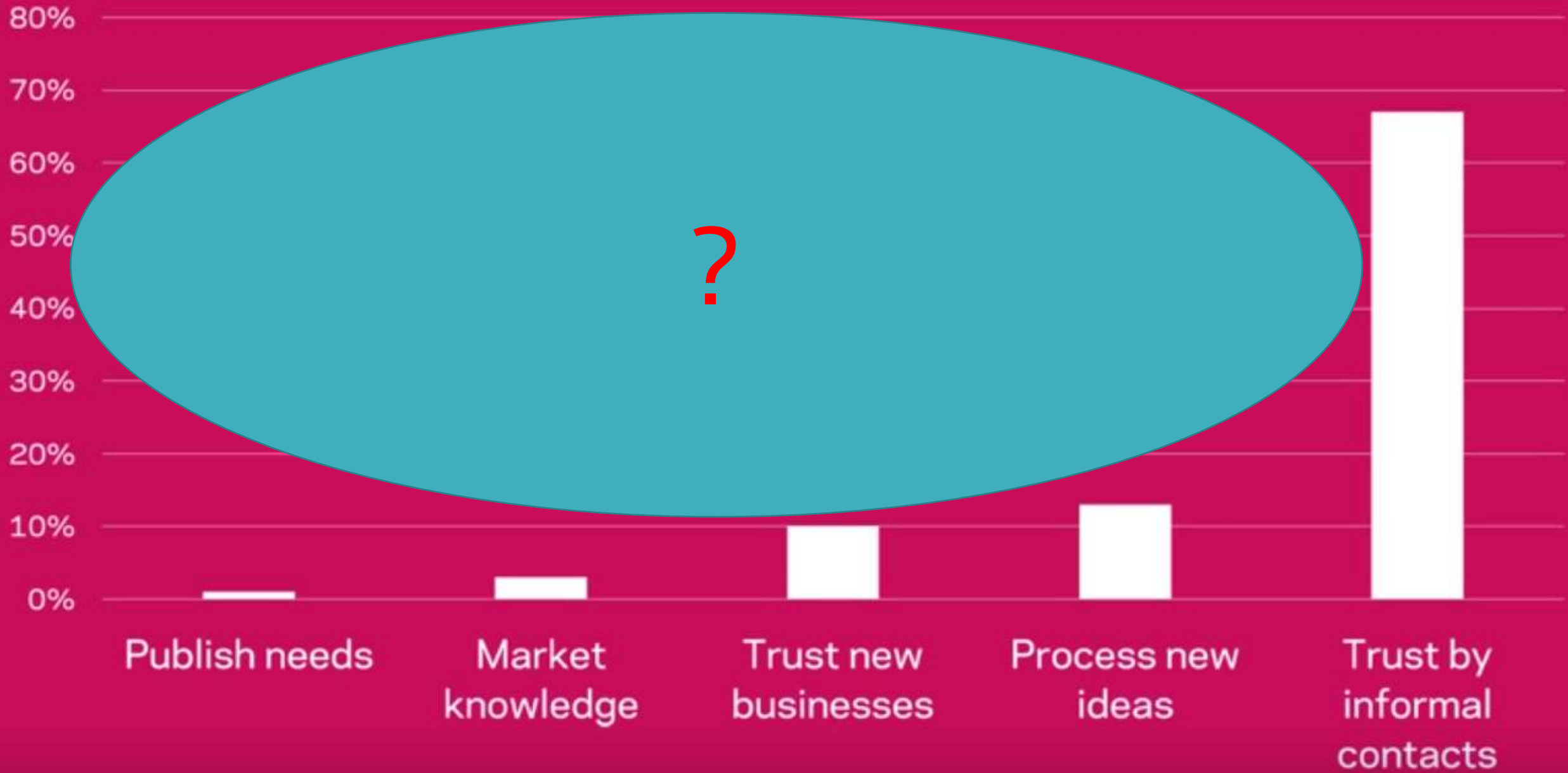


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Serbia's Matchmaker For Creative Types



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Serbian Marko Radenkovic is a matchmaker for creative types, or solution developer, as h designer/entrepreneur and his colleagues vet personally the 39 recent graduates who rent Nova Iskra, a design incubator Radenkovic founded in 2012.

“By hand-selecting people, we try to create a group from different, complementary fields,’ tells me as we sit in an entirely glassed room. Next door, in a similar space, a bicycle is pro against a large wooden worktable. It’s a loaner shared within the office. The workspace, w specially designed lighting and interiors, a mix of industrial and modern, wood and concr creative as its residents, who work in all aspects of design. There are architects, interior d graphic, applied, industrial, furniture, and graphic designers...even web designers.

Co-working spaces are nothing new in Silicon Valley and other places, but Nova Iskra was its kind in the Balkans. In Serbia’s capitol Belgrade, Nova Iskra, became part of the transi socialism to democracy.

“It was a challenge. People here expected to get things for free – that was the culture. And independent. We are only covering operational costs, so people had a hard time understai only do they need to be accepted, but they need to pay a small fee.”

The Serbian hit: how Nordeus became one of Europe’s most successful gaming companies without raising a dime in funding

*Serbian startup **Nordeus** has become one of Europe’s most successful gaming companies ever, led by first-time entrepreneur Branko Milutinovic and without raising a euro in funding. We asked him how.*





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[Kikar Hamedina](#) aggregates all the Facebook activity of the Knesset members. You can follow all politicians in one place, find out which posts were most popular, what issues received most attention, and even perform discourse analysis of the politicians' rhetoric.

[OpenTaba](#) shows interactive municipal zoning plans, where one can find information about the future construction plans in a given area and subscribe for all the latest local planning updates.

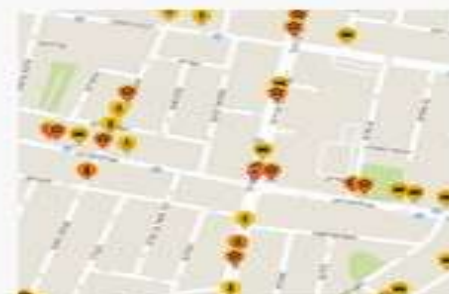


[DemOS](#) is a tool for managing democratic communities such as political parties, cooperatives, local committees etc. It provides an online platform for leading structured discussions, setting agendas, voting and more, increasing public participation in decision-making process.



[AskData](#) is a portal for submitting Freedom of Information requests to various authorities. The responses are tracked and presented publicly on the website.

[ANYWAY](#) is an interactive map which plots road accidents in Israel. It also provides a tool for online discussion of dangerous localities to motivate the local community members to take collective action and fight road accidents.





Quito Crowdsources Innovative Disaster Management Expertise: A Call for Help

<https://the-govlab.forms.fm/cotopaxi>

The goal of these online sessions is to:

1. Better define and understand the nature of the problem.
2. Help connect those people with relevant experience and know how to city officials to help Quito better manage the impending disaster
3. Identify innovative and practical ways, especially using new technology, to tackle the challenge at hand.
4. Result in at least 2–3 implementable ways per topic of doing things differently that could potentially save lives, save resources, and allow for money to be spent on what matters most.

How cities spend 10% of world GDP



Smarter way to use city resources:
collaborative economy

Hilton vs Airbnb



93 years to build



610,000 rooms, **88** countries



4 years to amass



650,000 rooms, **192** countries

Source: Rachel Botsman, 2014

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BY JARED LINDZON

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the latest from the blog



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Colombian app builds rewards into bicycle culture

May 7, 2015



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This summer we're trialling our [innovative trading service](#) with Good Energy, letting renewable generators sell their excess electricity directly to local commercial consumers. This trial is backed by The Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) and Nominet Trust and has the support of Ofgem.

For all those renewable generators out there, imagine if you could sell your excess electricity to your neighbours, the local school or even your own business?

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**Smarter way to tap into citizens' resources:
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More than money - crowdsourcing meets crowdfunding

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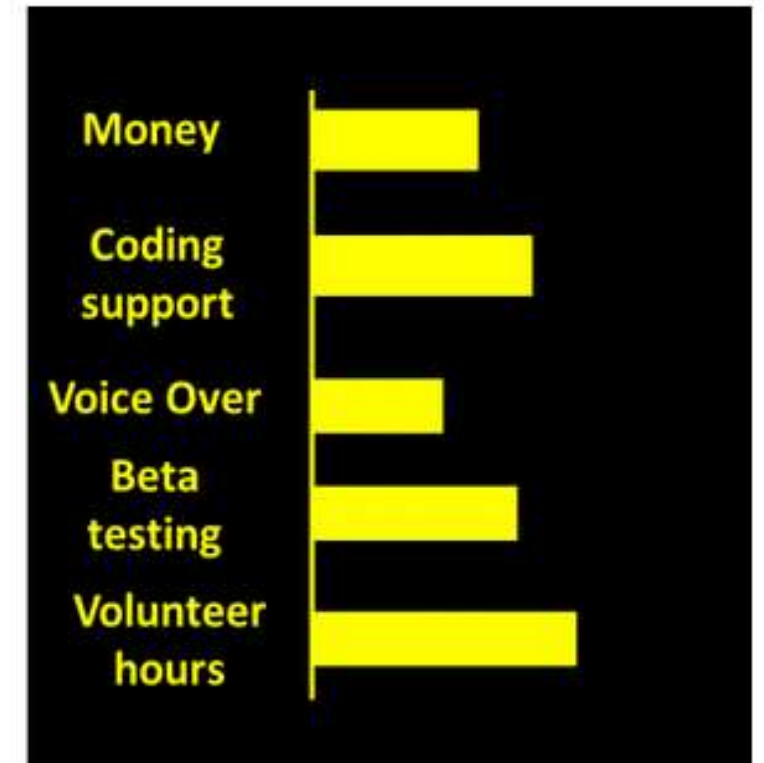
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Crowdfunding and P2P lending's great value has been its ability to involve groups of people in making lots of small financial contributions to collectively fund investments or donations. However, as entrepreneurs raising money are becoming more aware of the high cost often associated with successfully securing funds, they are increasingly seeking to maximise the additional benefits of crowdfunding, by seeking more than money from their backers. Platforms and businesses are doing this by combining crowdfunding with the crowdsourcing of non-financial assets such as people's time, skills and possessions. In the future, the sourcing of non-financial assets could grow to be just as important to projects as getting finance, and platforms will increase their capacity to enable this.

Sites such as [Kaggle](#), [Grabcad](#) and [designcrowd](#) have demonstrated the





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£10m community energy project to power 5,000 homes in the UK

Ellie Ward 28th August 2015

A groundbreaking community owned energy platform which aims to supply over 5,000 homes with solar panels has been launched in Barnsley, UK.

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**VIRTUAL COOPERATIVE OF
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Semi Finalist 25: My Forest mobile cooperative

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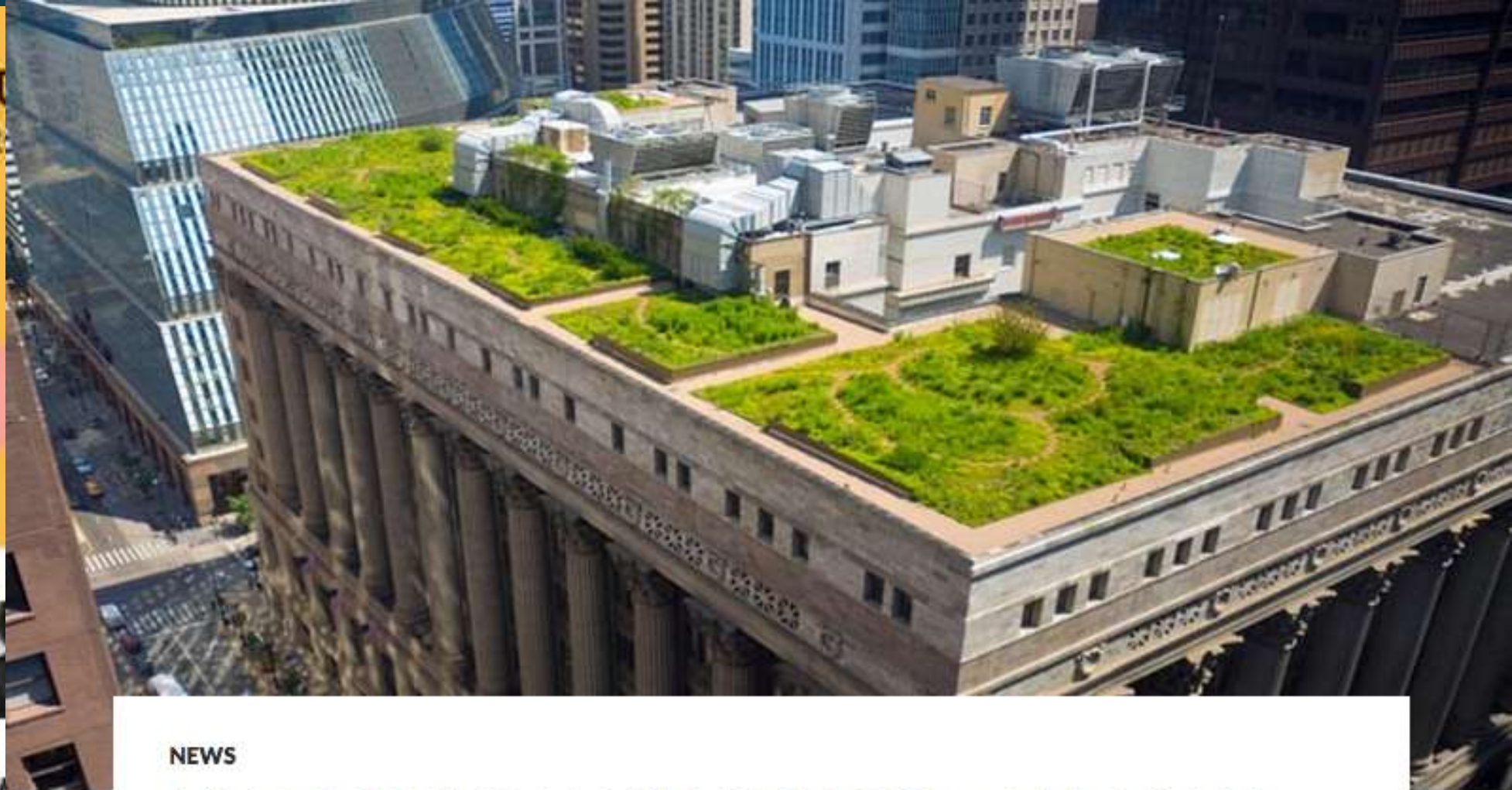
Summary of the idea:

Forest is a living, breathing ecosystem, which today became merely a commodity, an exploitable, in theory renewable, natural resource. While forestry is an important economic sector, we still fail to fully account for the environmental services of our forests. Besides those, there's also a historical and romantic connection between people and forests. However, vast majority of citizens, especially in urban areas, cannot own forest because of the minimum plot sizes on sale, legal limitations, the technical difficulty of managing an actual forest and remoteness of the forested land from the cities. But the shift back towards smart local living, taking care of one's own ecological footprint and a re-established connection with nature is happening.



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Eco-geeks hold open source alternative to UN climate talks

A £20 wind turbine, 3D printed water filter and modular cargo bike among offerings from network of sustainable lifestyle innovators



📷 Designer Daniel Connell is creating a prototype wind turbine that can be built for £20. Photograph: Tristan Copley Smith

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Smarter ways to make decisions: collective intelligence

UNDP Renewable Energy Challenge

A challenge to find a renewable energy solution capable of providing off-grid power to cover the needs of an average war-returnee family in rural Bosnia and Herzegovina. [Show more](#)

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Meet the team behind this project



Challenge video



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Launched a year ago by Nesta and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the Renewable Energy Challenge Prize has a tried and tested winner!



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Best October news so far: we have a winner of our renewable [#energy](#) challenge! Learn more: [on.undp.org/qVXwZ](#) [#UNDPPrize](#) w/ [@NESTA_uk](#)

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From sun solutions to climate cafés: Nationwide campaign taps into local talent

April 14, 2015 by [Sandra Ismanovski](#)

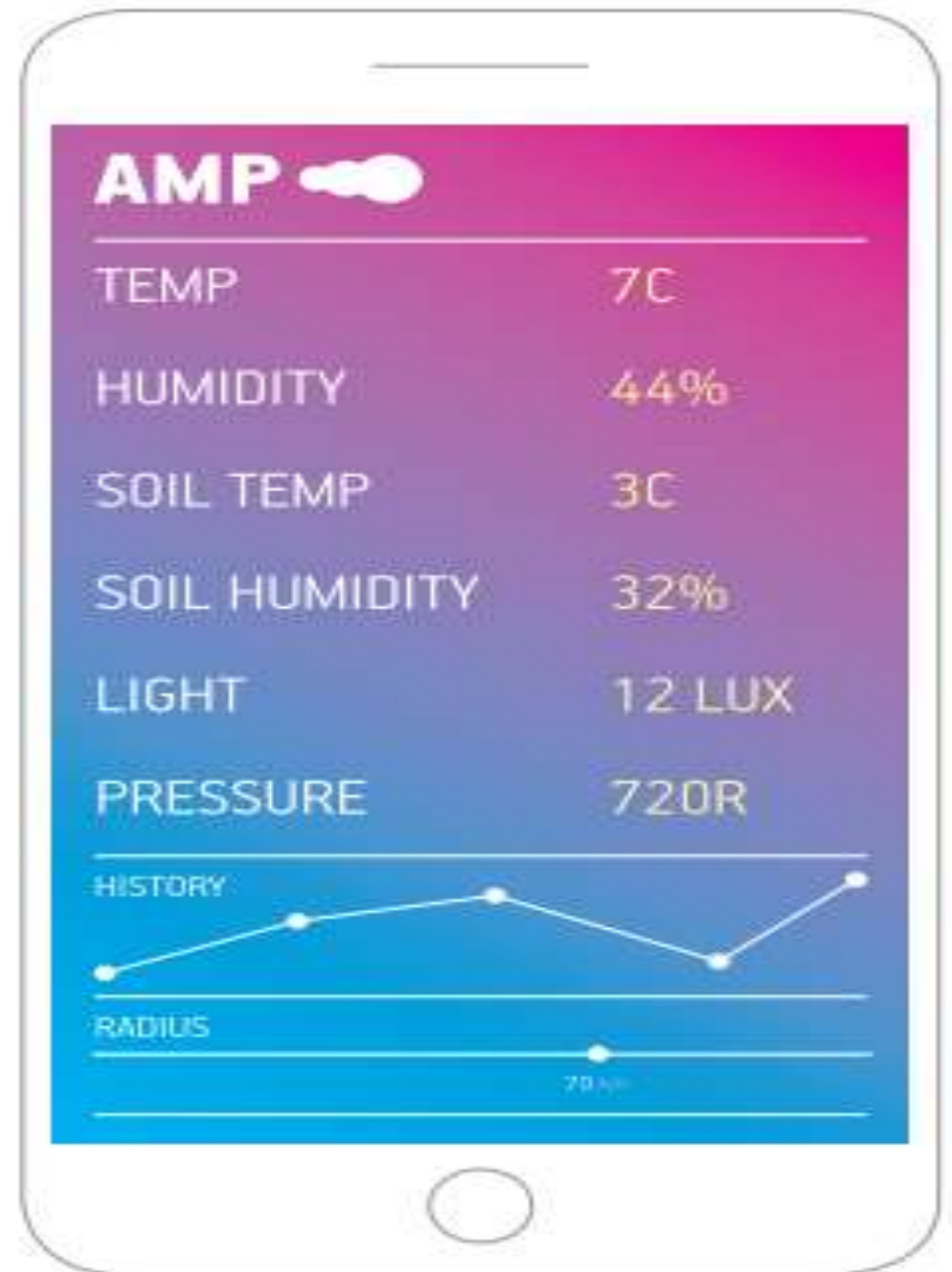
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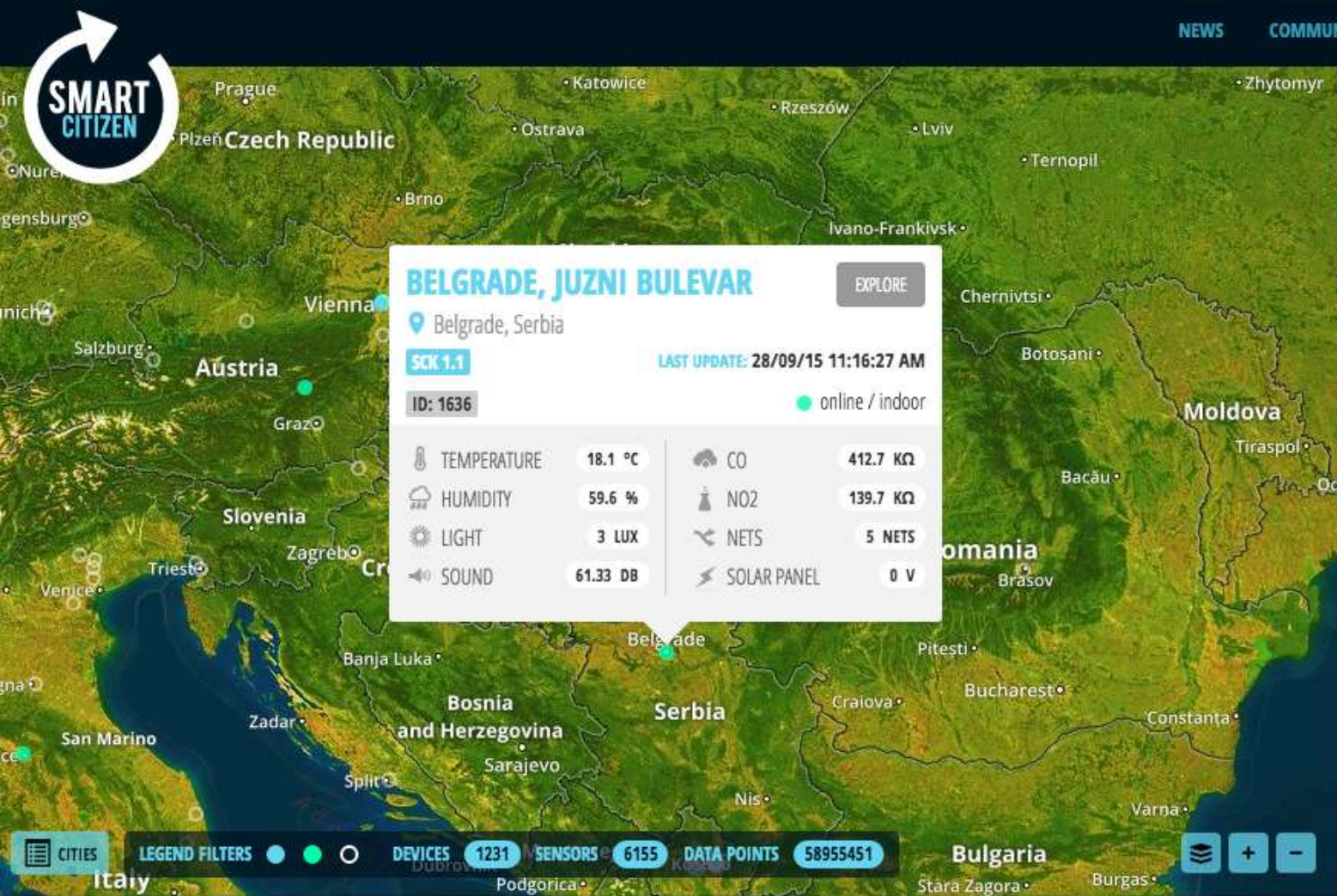
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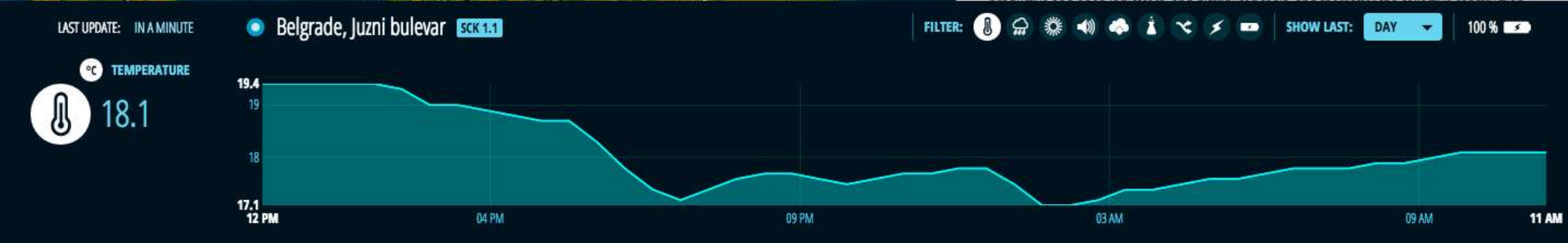
What are the real levels of air pollution around your home or business? and what about noise pollution? and humidity?

Now imagine that you could know them, share instantly and compare with other places in your city, in real time ... How could this information help to improve our environment quality?

From Smart Citizen we want to answer to these questions and many more, through the development of low-cost sensors. Now you can be one of these sensors in a network by supporting this project. But we will not stop here ... How can we built a real Smart City...by Smart Citizens?

WHAT

Smart Citizen is a platform to generate participatory processes of people in the cities. Connecting data, people and knowledge, the objective of the platform is to serve as a node for building



GREEN EIGG

The Isle of Eigg – trying to be that little bit greener, step by step.

Eigg Electric 24/7!

Posted on June 30, 2010 by isleofeigg



Eigg Electric provides the residents of Eigg with 24 hour electricity, 92% of which is generated by the three renewable sources of sun, wind and water.

Water, in the form of hydro electric, generates the greatest amount of renewable power with up to 100kW. The four wind turbines generate up to 24kW. Photo voltaic solar panels (PVs), which capture energy from the sun, generate a maximum of 10kW – 10% of the generating capacity of the hydro electric. A bank of batteries, capable of providing power to the whole island for up to 24hrs, has been designed into the scheme to enable us to optimise our usage of energy from the renewable resources. To cover occasions when renewable generation is low, the system is supported by a pair of 70kW diesel generators, which act alternately as back up and reserve.

During the summer months, when there is less wind and rain, the island is more reliant on the photovoltaic solar panels & in this instance when the batteries are draining faster than energy is being produced, the generators automatically come on to charge up the batteries.

Diesel generators are very expensive to run and create carbon emissions. In order to reduce the amount of diesel the generator's burn, the simplest solution is to ask that residents use less power. This keeps costs down and creates less carbon emissions. This is not a mandatory requirement, simply a request which most residents are happy to respond to, as they understand the benefits of reducing their energy demands far outweigh the consequences of using more diesel – higher unit cost to the user and increased carbon emissions. Not using an electric kettle, iron, toaster, or even washing machine at peak demand times is not a difficult thing to do. If everyone uses a little bit less, then there will always be enough for us all until the renewable sources of wind and rain return.



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Social Innovation to tackle fuel poverty in Europe

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NEWS

Thursday, 10 Sep 2015

Submitted by Shagana.Ehamparam on Thu, 09/10/2015 - 14:03

This post was written by Laura Zimer, European program coordinator of Ashoka.

In Europe, 50 to 125 million persons are living in fuel poverty according to a 2014 study from BPIE (Buildings Performance Institute Europe). We define fuel poverty as the inability to heat correctly a house for a reasonable price, given the income. Those people find themselves in the incapacity of fulfilling their energy needs (heating, cooking, lighting, etc.), because of low incomes, high energy prices and low energy performance of their housing. Many stakeholders, public or private, NGOs, foundations, etc. are trying to take up the challenge and find solutions to

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April 2, 2015 by Olga Saet

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Meet *Ded* (Grandpa) Trofim.



Multiple parallel experiments



Smarter ways to collect data: crowd-everything



Boston Is Using Uber Data To Plan Better Urban Transportation

For once, Uber does good with its trove of data.

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Yes, Big Data is watching you, including when you hail an Uber car on the way home from the bar. But while the [controversial car service](#) has used that information in creepy ways in the past—like charting out [potential one-night stands](#), just for fun—it can also be used for good. In Boston, Uber is sharing anonymous data about rides to help the city plan for better [transportation](#).

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Why Google's Waze Is Trading User Data With Local Governments



The department of transport control room for the city of Rio De Janeiro. In the photo below, a real-time map from travel app Moovit is up on the big screen. (Photo via Moovit)

About Project Sunroof

Why are we doing this?

As the price of installing solar has gotten less expensive, more homeowners are turning to it as a possible option for decreasing their energy bill. We want to make installing solar panels easy and understandable for anyone.

Project Sunroof puts Google's expansive data in mapping and computing resources to use, helping calculate the best solar plan for you.



Why are we doing this?

How it works

Customizing for your roof

Choose what you need

Computing your savings

Taking next steps

How it works

When you enter your address, Project Sunroof looks up your home in Google Maps and combines that information with other databases to create your personalized roof analysis.

Don't worry: Project Sunroof doesn't give the address to anybody else unless you ask it to.



DUMSOR, or "Off-On" in the Twi Language, is a popular term used by Ghanaians to refer to the inconsistent nature of electricity in the country. We tracked the load-shedding patterns in 32 areas of Accra over two weeks from April 28 to May 11, 2015. Here's what we found...

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of light-offs were unscheduled

The lights were on for

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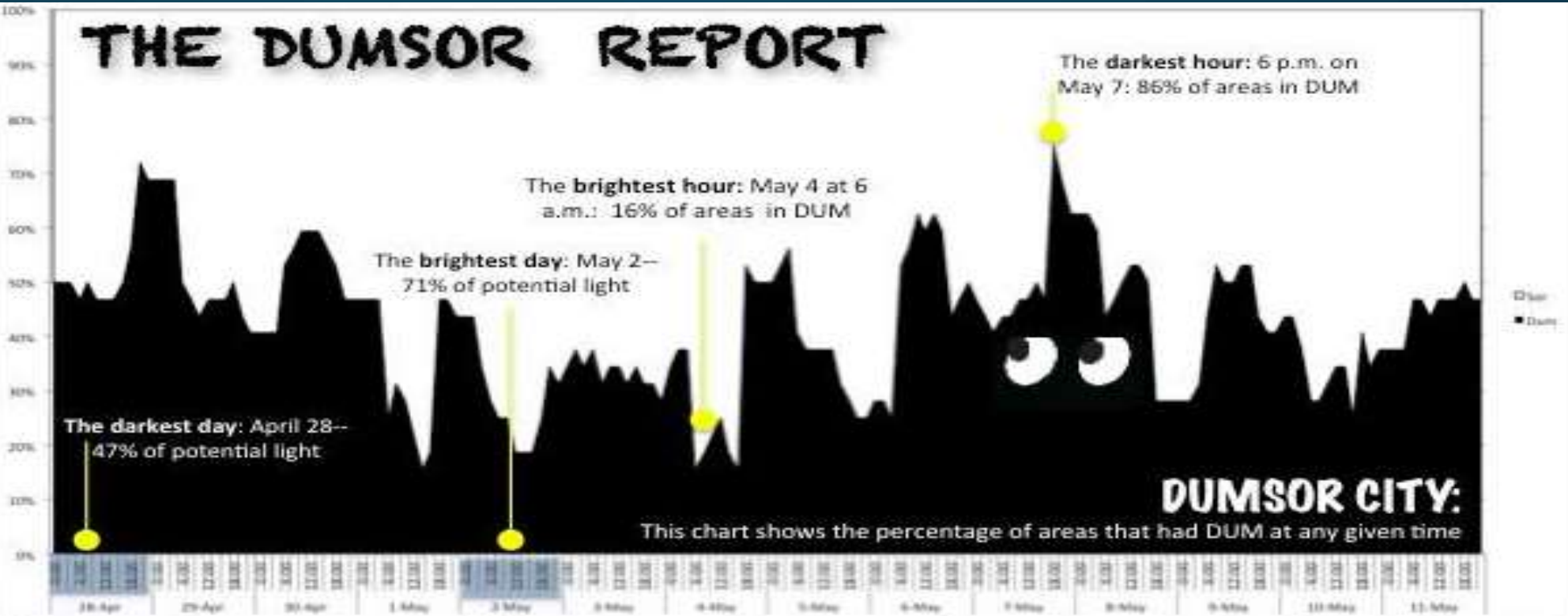
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(Dum, Sor, Dum, Sor, Dum...)

...but **Ministries** had only **1** DUM which lasted for 10 hours

THE DUMSOR REPORT



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31%

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98%

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with less than 1 hour of SOR and then back to DUM for hours

The shortest SOR was for

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Ministries also had the longest stretch of SOR - 326 hours (13.5 days)

Pokuase ACP had the longest stretch of DUM - 74 hours (3 days)

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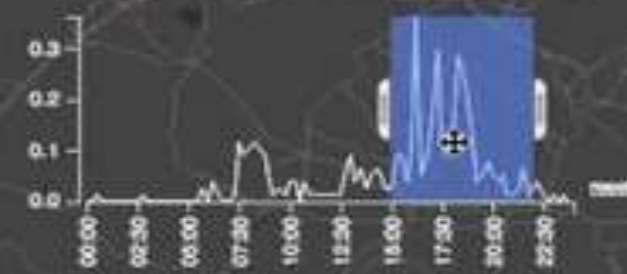
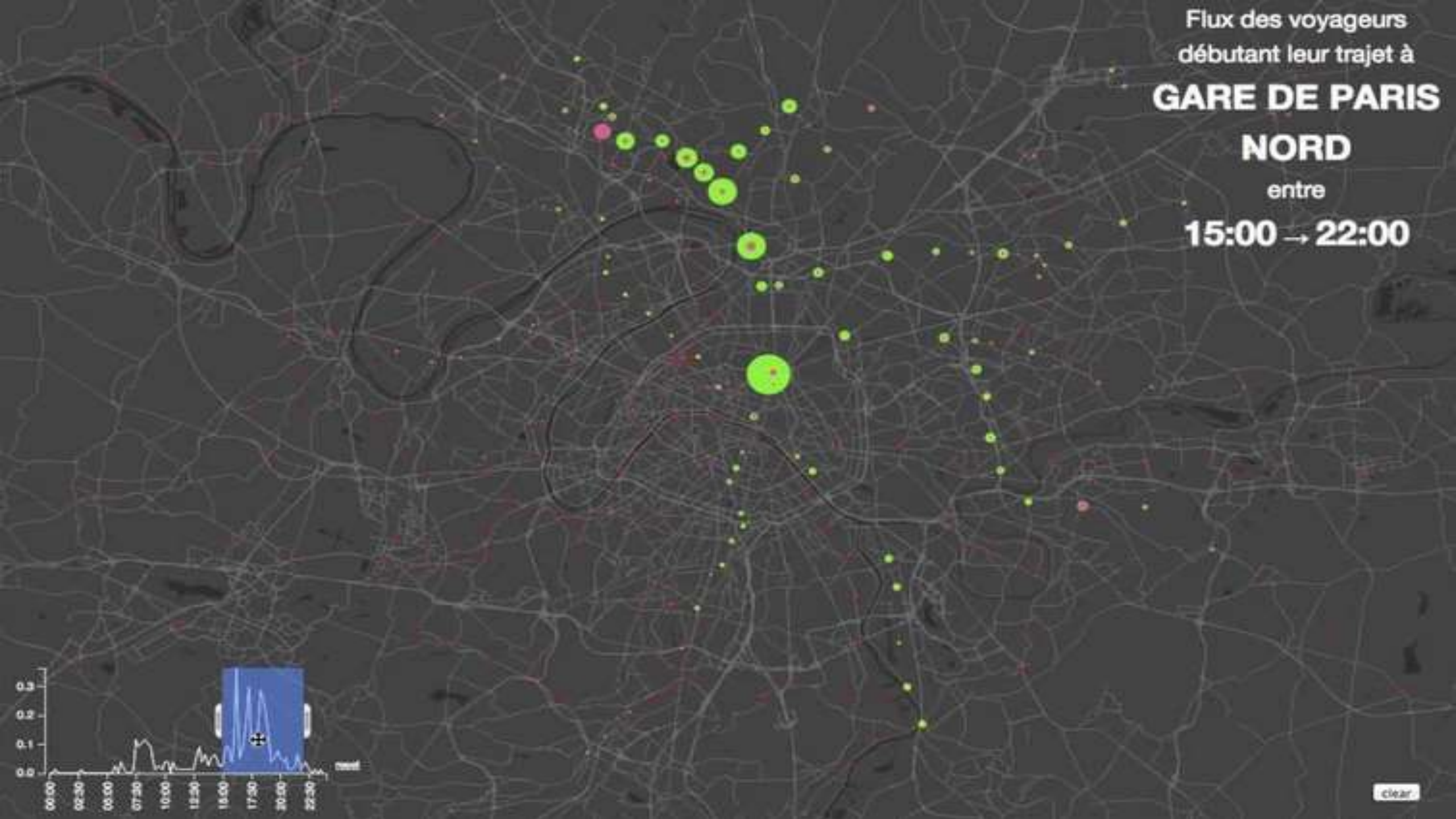
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by Katerina Ryabets



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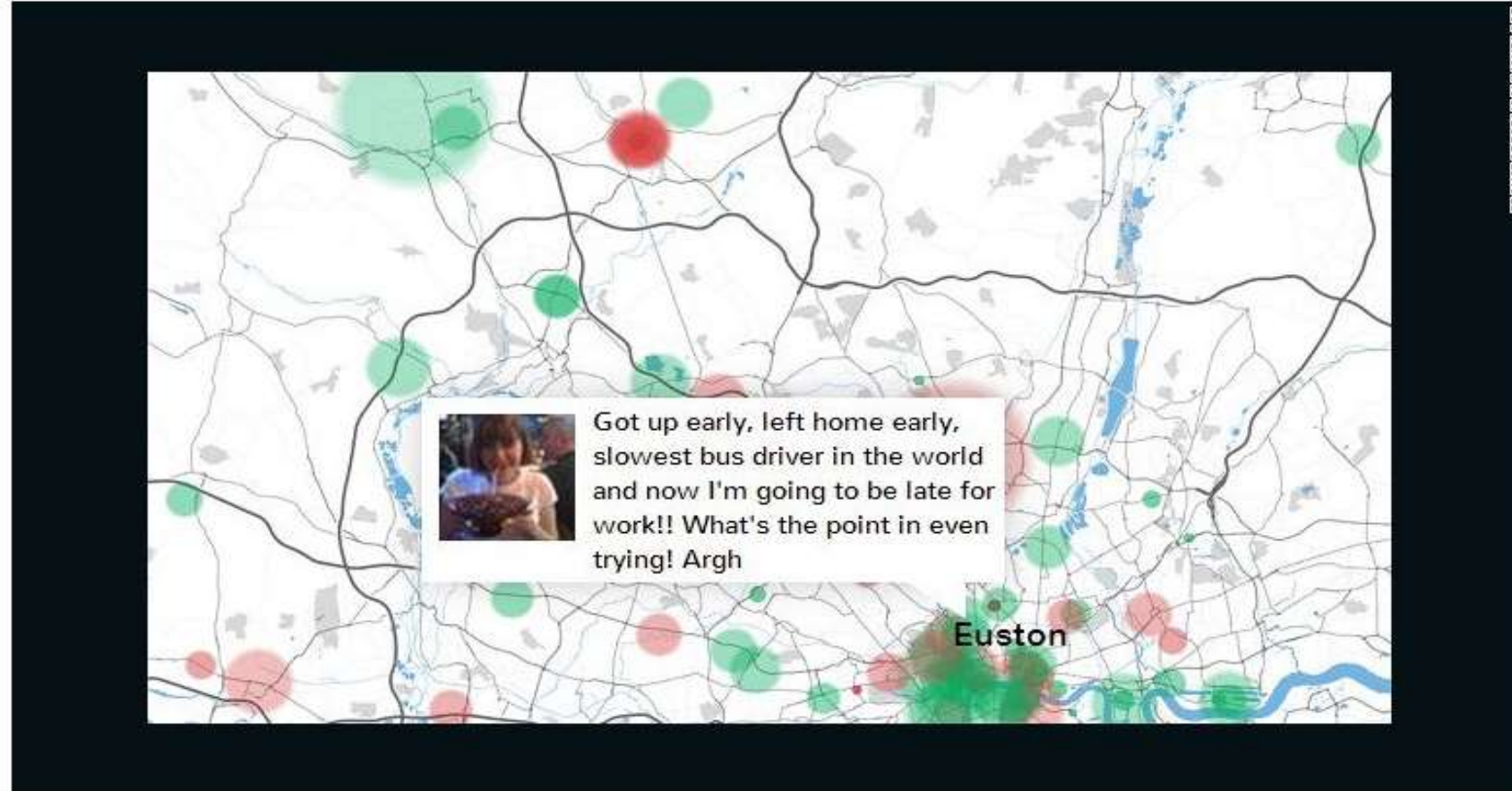


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Share your feelings! How emotion maps will transform your daily journey

By **Teo Kermeliotis**, for CNN

🕒 Updated 1337 GMT (2037 HKT) June 16, 2014



The live sentiment mapping "demonstrator" that is being projected at the new Transport System Catapult innovation center.

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How a Portuguese City Turned Its Buses and Taxis Into Wi-Fi Hotspots



Kate Knibbs

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How cities spend 10% of world GDP



What can local governments do:

- Use data and open platforms to mobilize collective knowledge
- Take human behavior as seriously as technology
- Invest in smart people not just smart technology
- Spread collaborative technologies to all parts of society (elderly, young, sick, poor)

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