WALK & the CITY App

Measuring walkability in European cities through open & crowdsource data
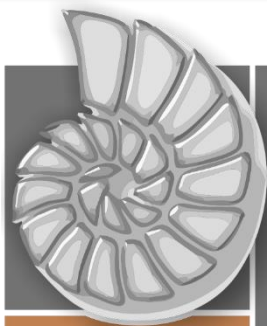
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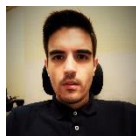
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Walkability Index Map (0-100)

100-85	70-84	55-69	40-54	25-39	0-24

Land Use Mix *(Entropy Index)*

Population Density
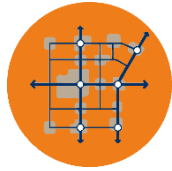
Roads Connectivity *(Intersections Density)*

Roads Density

Pedestrian Streets Density

Access (400m) to Basic Food Stores

Access (400m) to Public Transport

Slope

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London

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Stockholm

Vienna

Paris

Berlin

Roma

Top 10 Walkable Cities
1. Munich
2. Torino
3. Brussels
4. Vienna
5. Copenhagen
6. Bremen
7. Krakow
8. Helsinki
9. Praha
10. Zurich

The populated 1km2 cells of the open & free European Reference Grid (European Environment Agency) have been used for the purpose of the geovisualization of the index's results
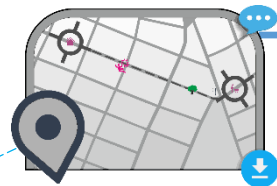
App records citizens subjective data about their walking routes & the built environment's dynamic & problematic characteristics

**1. Walking Trips GPS Recording**

2. Geo-Tagged Walkability Photos

Evaluation Questions about the Built Environment Features

Traffic Safety · Personal Safety · Noise Level · Cleanliness Level · Shading/Lighting · Sidewalk Width · Spaciousness · Pavement Quality · Aesthetics

Geo-Tagged photos are categorized on the map depending on the pedestrian friendliness or unfriendliness of their depicted concept

2. Why our app is an innovative idea?
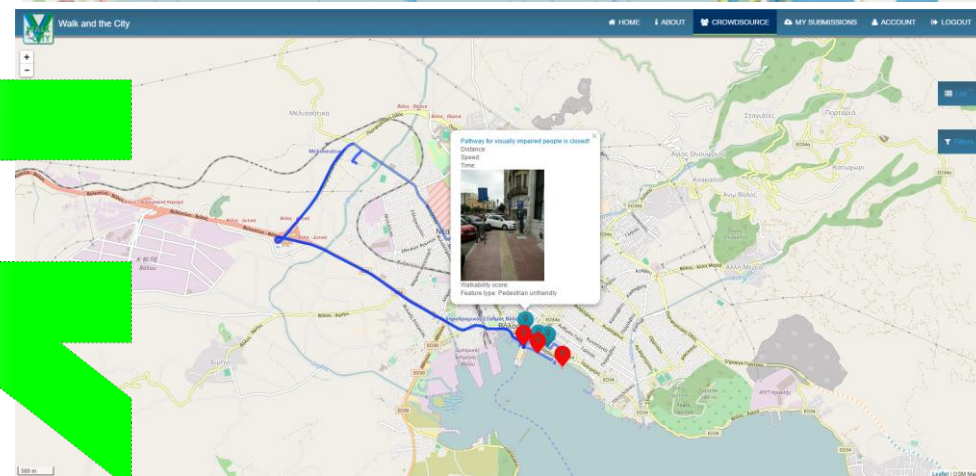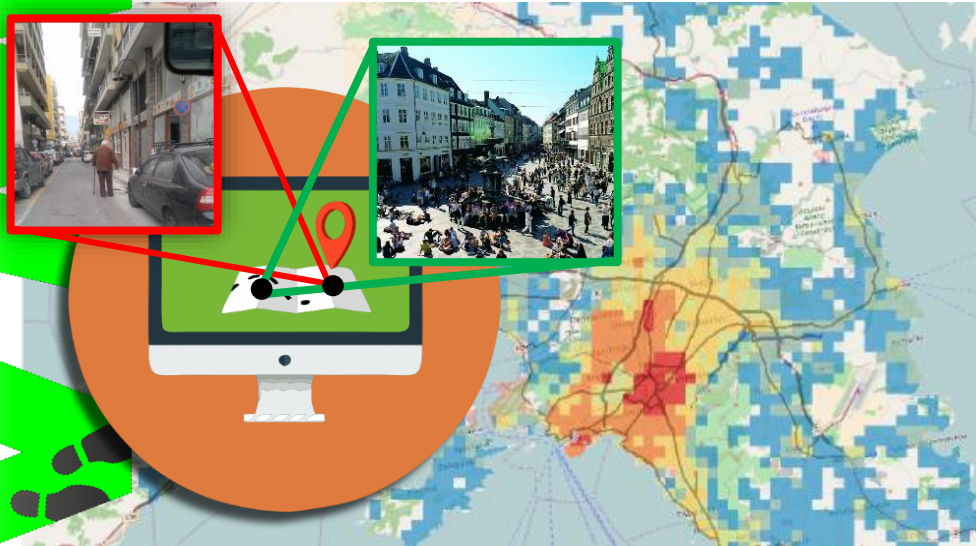
- ❑ Citizens have the chance to **in-situ report** and/or analyze dynamic & problematic urban features regarding walking accessibility of their communities.

- ❑ The WALK & the CITY app constitutes the first **pan-European index** which delves into in a comparative and objective manner the walkability level of our cities by utilizing exclusively open datasets.

- ❑ The proposed index helps citizens and urban authorities to make better spatial decisions as well as to organize sustainable, healthy and **less car-oriented lifestyles**.

- ❑ Last but not least, our Walk & the CITY web-platform acts as a **prototype citizens' observatory** for urban active mobility.