# Co-designing as co-futuring: Tonttila, a community case study in the City of Lahti

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- 1. Defining co-design
- 2. Co-designing a design strategy with Lahti
- 3. Tonttila Designing with a Finnish community
- 4. What next?

1. Defining co-design

#### Co-design is inclusive

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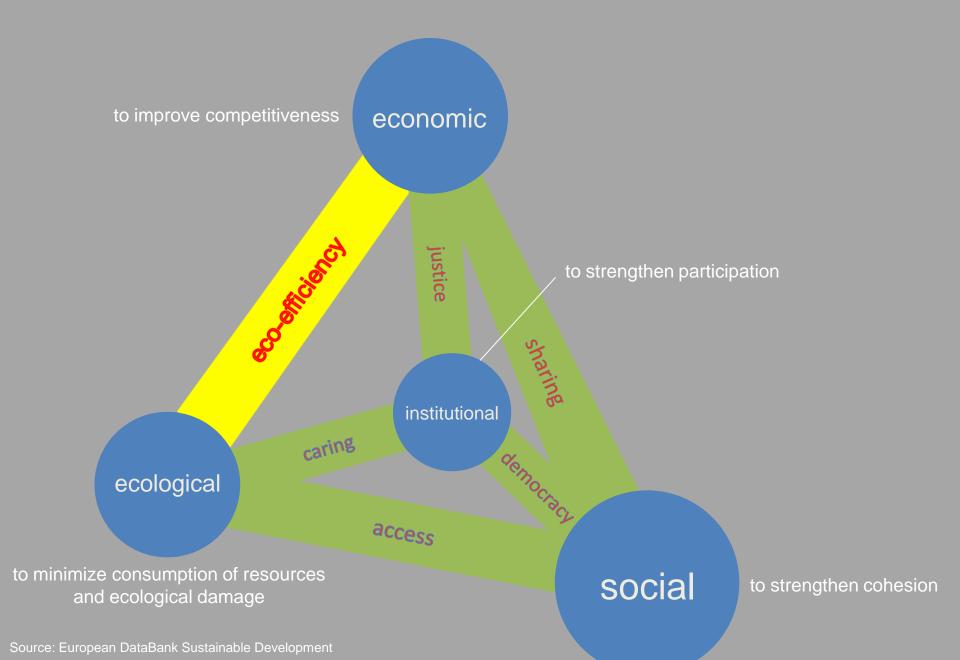
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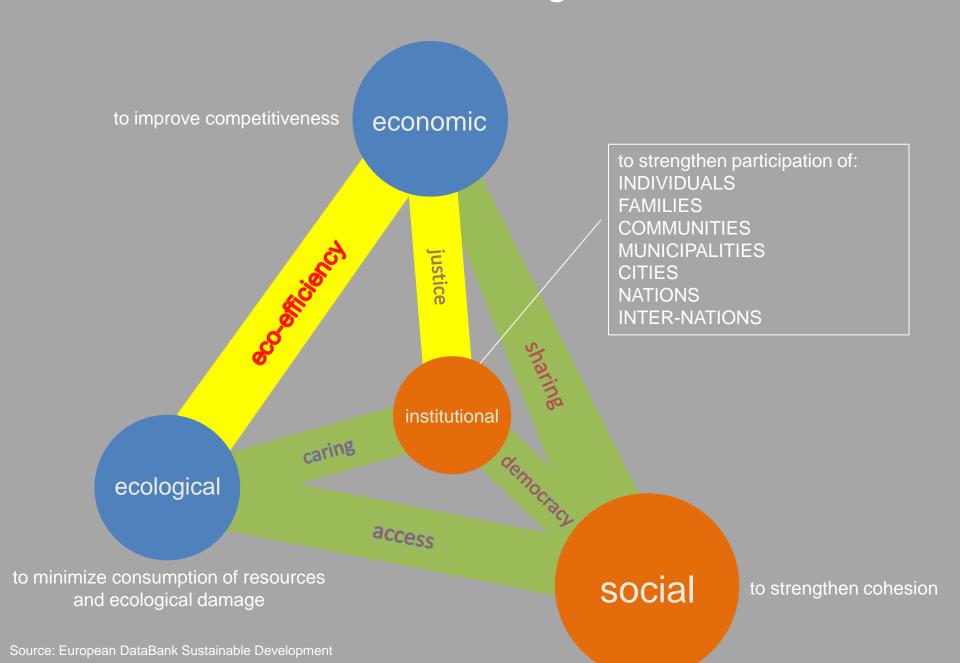
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... is inclusive, encompassing, collaborative, cooperative, concurrent, human-centred, participatory, socio-technical and community design among others

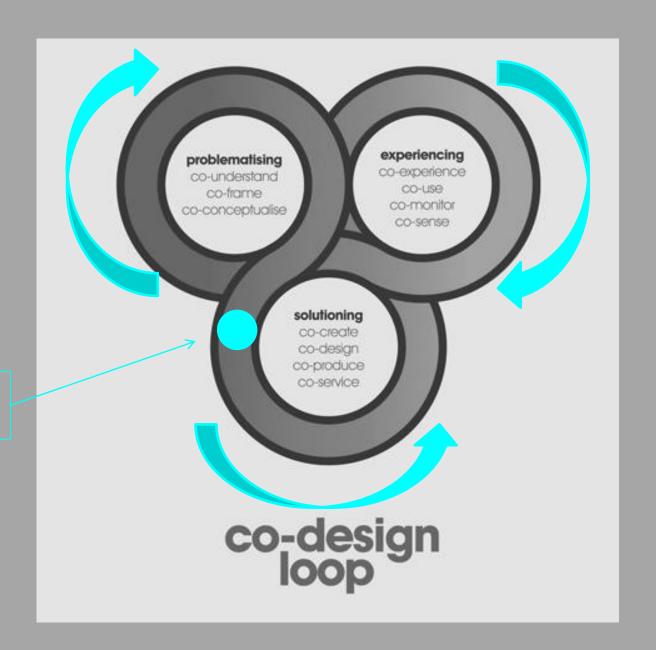
#### Co-design for co-futuring sustainability



#### Co-design is about PARTICIPATION

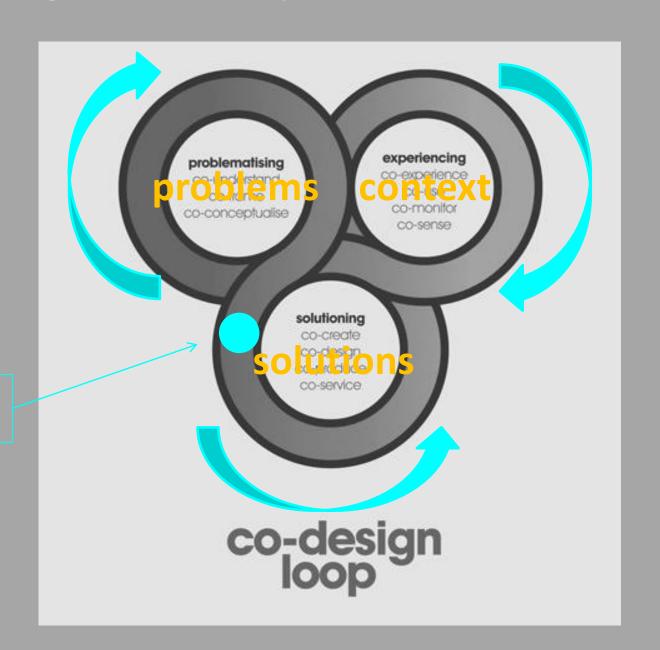


#### Co-designing context, metaproblems, the brief and solutions



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#### We need to co-design *upstream* of the design brief

solutions

#### **Co-framing the** Co-visioning, cocontext and problem creating and cospace futuring context upstream downstream problems solutions understanding designing sharing

experiences

problems

2. Co-designing a design strategy with Lahti

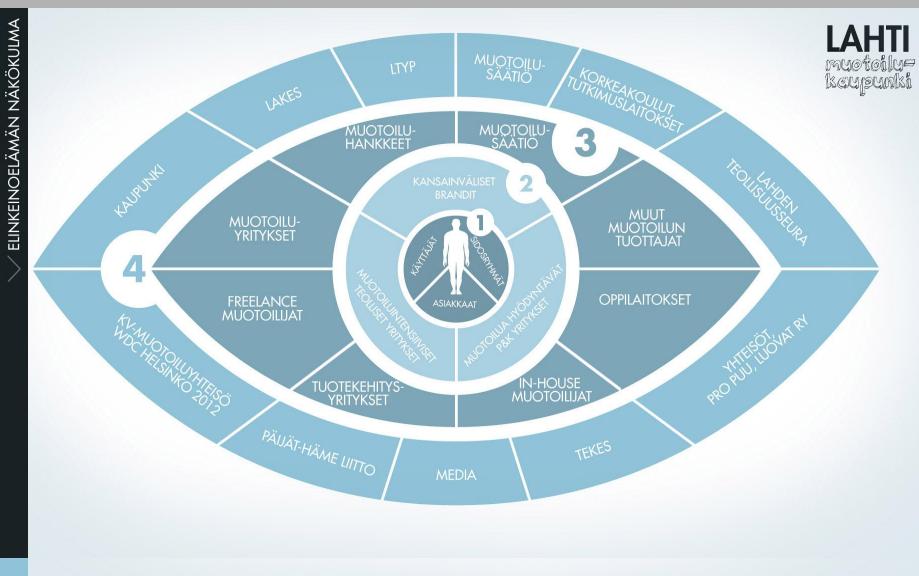
## Lahti ...what kind of sustainable city is designed?



Teams mapping the stakeholders for 'Lahti design city'



#### Stakeholder mapping for 'Lahti design city'



#### I.C.E. and Lahti city 'meta-design brief'



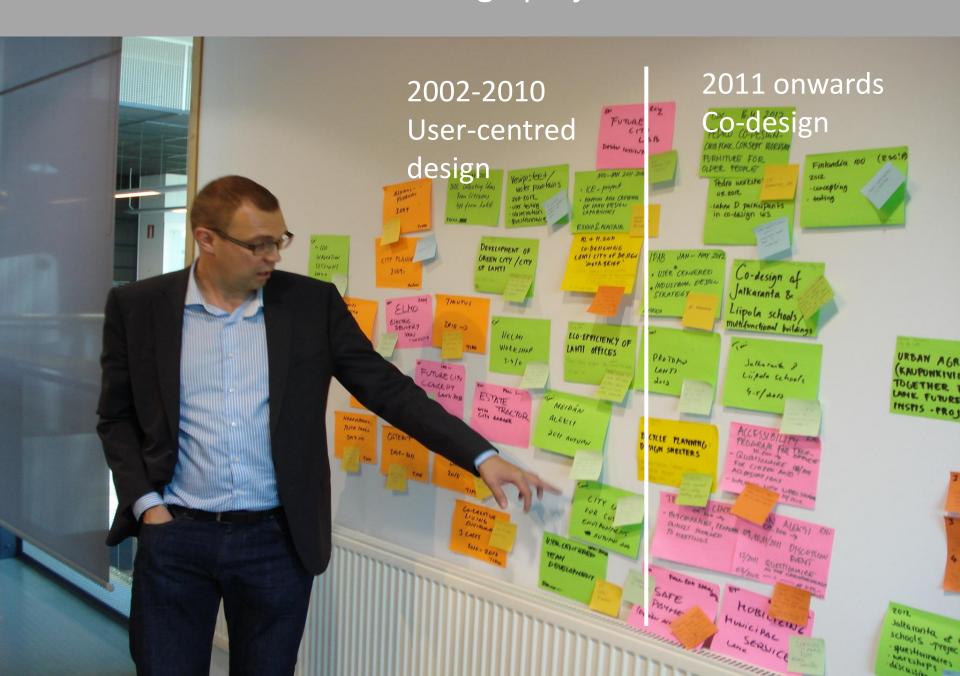
Development of ideas

'Generating ideas and creating stories by joyful and active co-designing while recognising the importance of life cycles and real needs in our local environment and bio-region.'

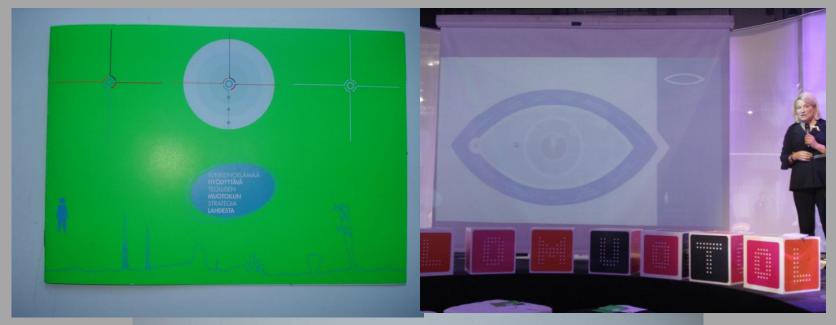
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Ideas

#### User-centred and co-design projects for Lahti 2002-2012



#### Lahti City design strategy development

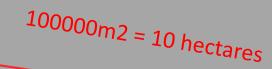




3. Tonttila – Designing with a Finn	ish community



#### Karisto development, Lahti – Design as Planning





#### Zooming in on Tonttila



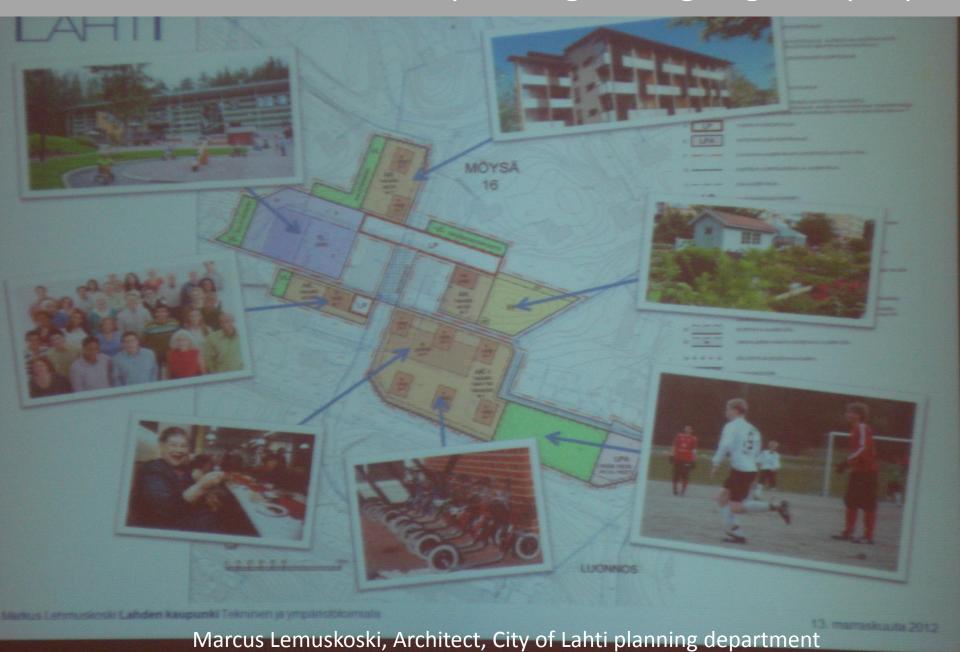
14.11.2011 TONTTELA, LAMTI.

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#### The soft side of planning – designing with people



#### The hard side of planning — (infra)structure

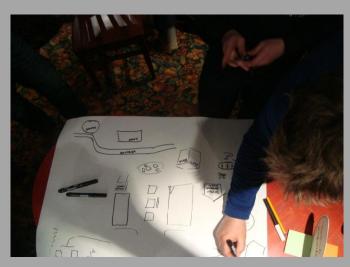


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#### The initial community co-design workshops in Lahti









Getting to know the Tonttila community, Lahti, May 2012, http://window874.com/2012/06/08/tonttila-1-exploring-community-views-and-needs/, Photos: Katharina Mosbus

#### Co-design, UCD, service design, design activism

12 modules+ diversestakeholders

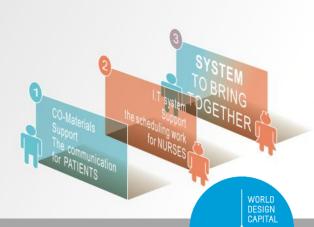






HELSINKI 2012





12 projects exploring how design can contribute to positive wellbeing in the lives of the elderly, Healthcare, the Suburbs, Smoke Free Environments and more, http://365wellbeing.aalto.fi/

#### Aalto and LAMK students and the community of Tonttila

## -- 365 wellbeing suburb



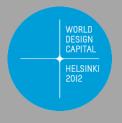
#### Core teaching team:

Professor Alastair Fuad-Luke Doctoral candidate Sandra Vina Design researcher Katharina Moebus









#### The community design cycle



#### Walking the ground and fertilising









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#### Tools to fit the 'design life cycle' and type of work



DSKD Method Cards: Five categories – Collaborate (black), Collect (green), Comprehend (blue), Conceptualise (purple), Create (red)

Friis, S.K. and A.K.G. Gelting (2011) DSKD Method Cards, Kolding, Denmark: Kolding School of Design.

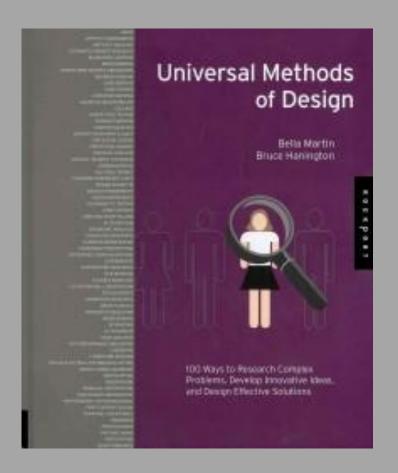
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IDEO Human-Centered Design toolkit

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#### Universal Methods of Design

Martin, B. and B. Hanington (2012) *Universal Methods of Design. 100 Ways to Research Complex Problems, Develop Innovative Ideas and Design Effective Solutions*. Beverly, MA: Rockport Publishers

## Choosing and using the right tools

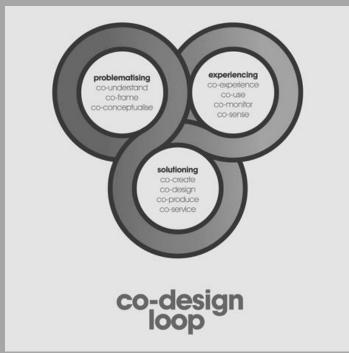


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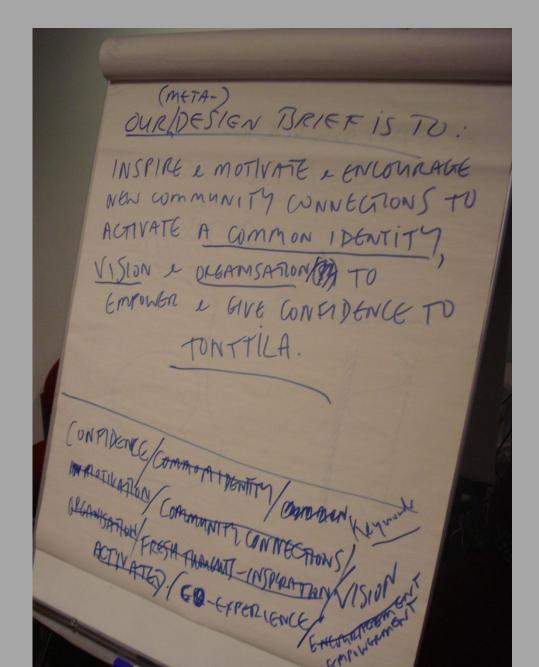




#### the 'meta-brief' for Tonttila

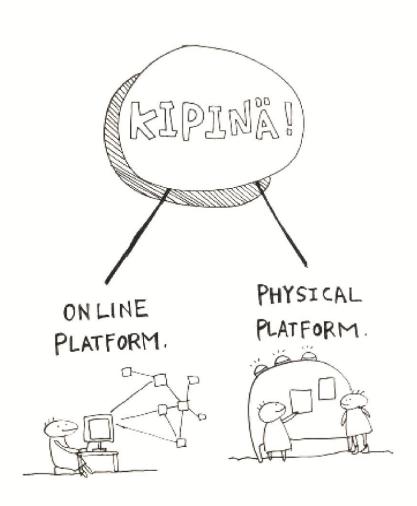






## Prototyping & implementation – development of concepts





KIPINÄ - To enable community and people of Tonttila Saana Turunen, Julianna Nevari, Hyeyoon Min, June Seo and Satomi Koyanagi

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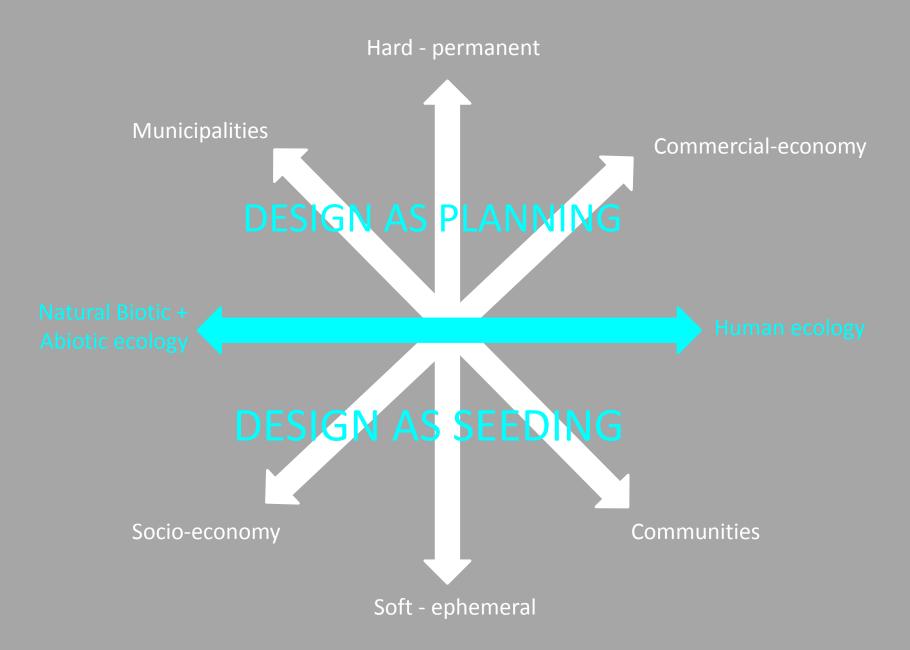
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## How to balance Design as planning with Design as seeding?



## Open co-design?

New ways of generating concepts



Nicholas Mika's Intermodal pop-up cafe space at TEDx Grand Rapids, on openideo.com



Instructuables restaurant Afrikaanderwijk, Rotterdam, at instructablesrestaurant.com

Collaborative, user-centered, user-driven, co-design, co-creation, sharable, crowdsourcing, half-way designs

# MetaboliCity – modular experiments



MetaboliCity by Loop Ph <a href="http://loop.ph/bin/view/Loop/MetaboliCity">http://loop.ph/bin/view/Loop/MetaboliCity</a>

# Ecobox – community experiments



Ecobox project, La Chapelle by Atelier D'Architecture Autogeree, http://www.urbantactics.org

## Taking the Street – design interventions



## 'Social' urban acupuncture – ephemeral structures

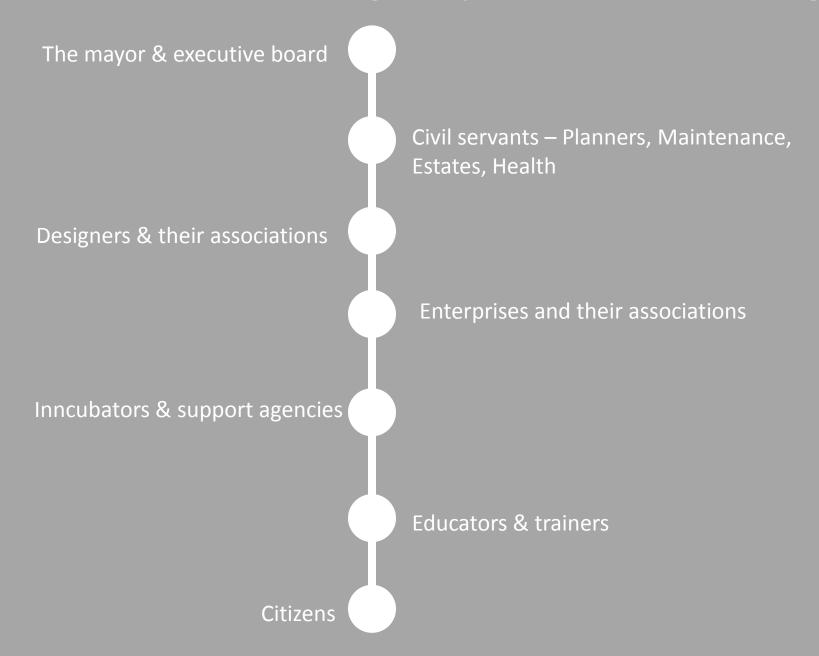


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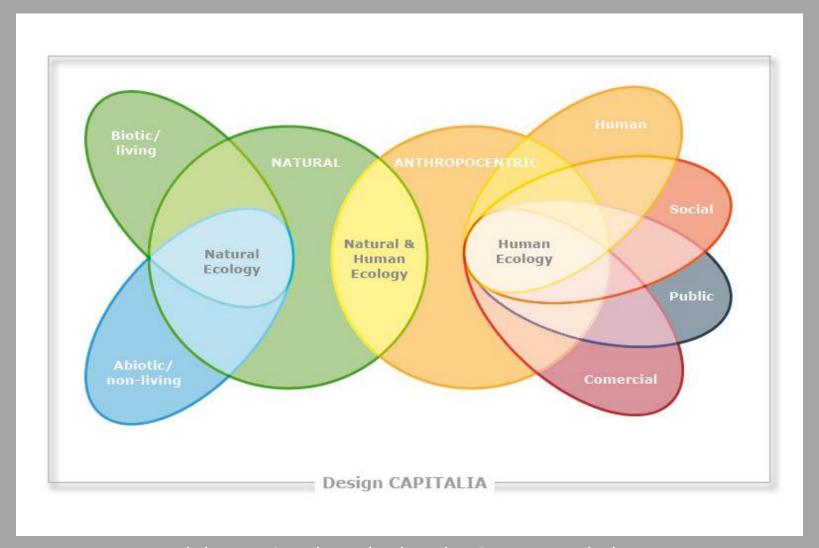
What next for co-design in Lahti?

- 1. Train everybody how to co-design how to frame contexts, understand problems, develop design briefs and create solutions TOGETHER...to deal with complex 'wicked' problems for sustainable city development
- 2. Ask 'What are we trying to grow, nourish, protect or diminish' in Lahti apply the open source designCAPITALIA model

## Training everyone in Lahti in co-design



## designCAPITALIA – Two domains, six key capitals



Alpha version, launched at the Open Knowledge Festival, Helsinki, 19.09.2012

# The capital 'cards'





Six KEY capitals

32 SUB capitals

## The Sub-capital 'cards'



SUB capital definitions



Blank SUB capital cards for YOUR OWN definitions

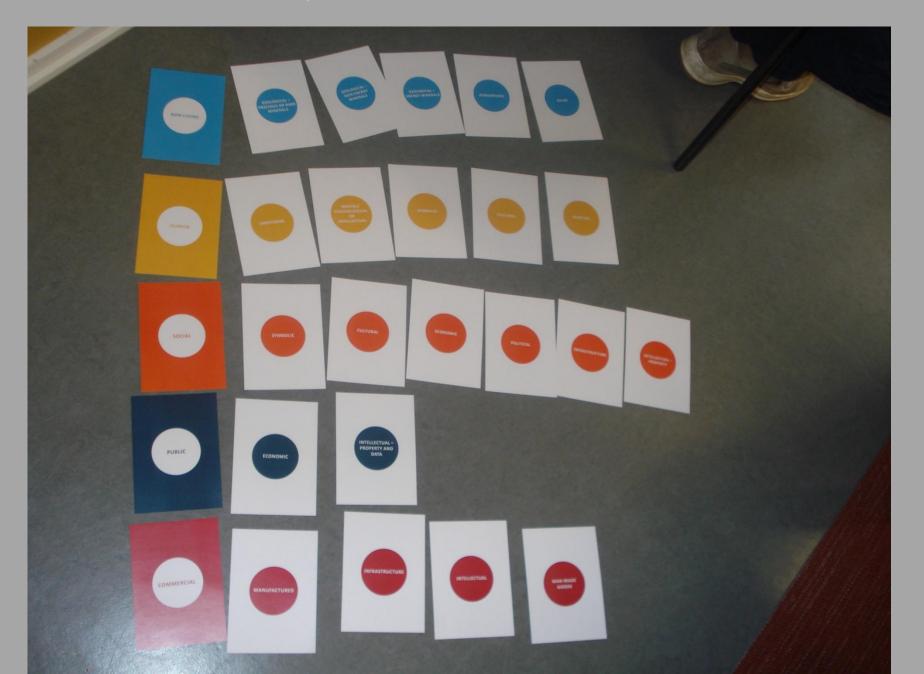
### Phase II - Interpretive

Step 3. Select the Key capitals and Sub capitals that you think are relevant to your chosen context. Lay the cards out on a large sheet of paper.





Phase II – Interpretive – FabLabs – 5 key capitals, 22 sub-capitals



## Phase II - Interpretive

Step 4. Arrange the capitals in relationships which are meaningful to you. How are they related? How are they orientated to each other? Are some more important that others?



## Developing designCAPITALIA as open source framework...

....the next step is to apply the framework to your own project whether it is in the conceptual or planning stage or is an existing, real life, project...



The Alpha version of designCAPITALIA is available at our blog, <a href="http://window874.com">http://window874.com</a>

## I love Atina – a Clear Village project









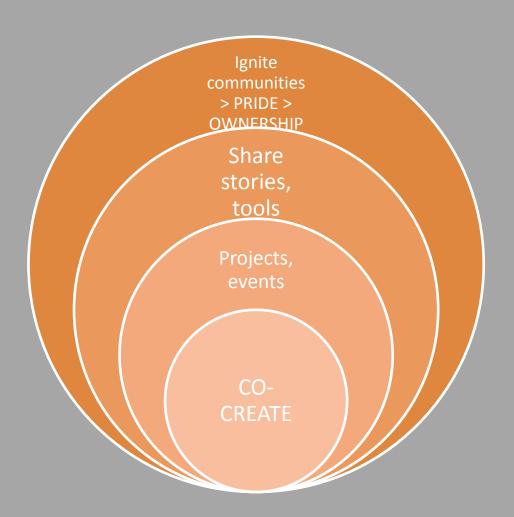
A polydisciplinary not-for-profit organisation engaging communities with a clear design communication strategy.

## DESIS project – design for social innovation



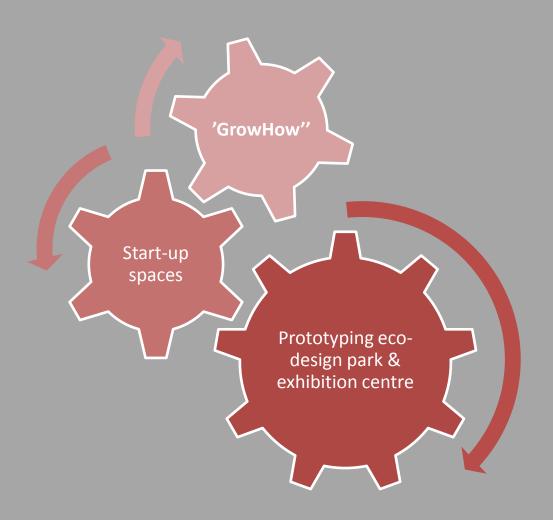


## Growing 'social capital' in Lahti...



Co-create tools, stories and projects/events to share design knowledge among and within all communities in Lahti to 'ignite' the 'design city' and give it pride, while giving ownership back to everyone

## Growing 'manufactured capital' in Lahti...



An exhibition and prototyping eco-design/green design park where "GrowHow" knowledge (business) sits alongside (bio-)materials, bio-mass energy, quality assurance, supply chain and technical manufacturing advice/knowledge.

Inexpensive or free start-up space to help grow the design communities.

## A new Clean Design Centre has recently opened in Lahti





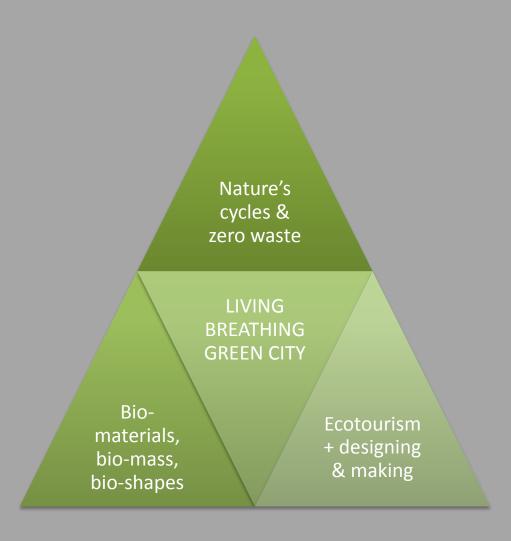
The new Clean Design centre, Lahti Science & Business Park, Rikka Salokannel and others, http://www.lahtisbp.fi/fi/toimitilat\_tutkimustilat/cleandesign\_center

#### Growing 'financial capital' in Lahti...



More easily accessible funds and 'seed capital' for pilot projects, SMEs, young entrepreneurs, accepting that some of the funds have to accept the risk of some failure against the potential successes. Proof of Return on Design investment. Imaginative ways of raising money from not-for-profit and co-operative banks and by crowdsourcing (sourcing from communities, individuals).

#### Growing 'natural capital' in Lahti...



A living, breathing, zero-waste, green city reflecting nature's aesthetic shapes on a small and large scale, with hydro cycles, bio-mass energy and a vibrant 'making' ecotourism culture in and outside the city.

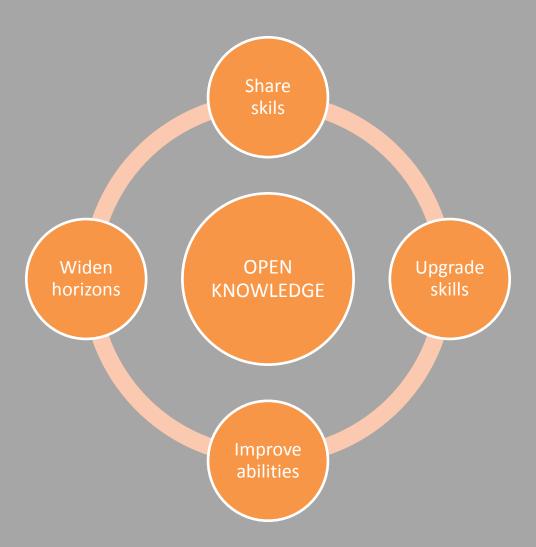
## Involving the citizens and other stakeholders in Lahti



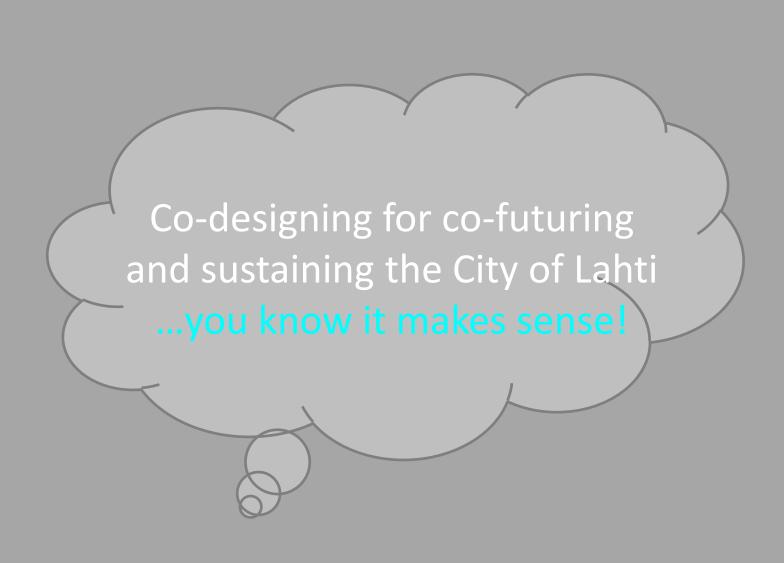


http://www.greencity.fi/en

## Growing 'human capital' in Lahti...



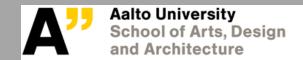
Widening horizons by improving skills and abilities, then sharing them and making the knowledge open to benefit everyone. Upgrading skills to strengthen individuals [and the potential of Lahti].



# Kiitos! Thank you!

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