



Nephtis Brandsma



About Groningen

- 230,000 inhabitants
- 80,000 students
- 5th biggest city in the Netherlands
- Very young, innovative city
- 2nd largest start-up scene in the Netherlands



- Started in Madrid
- 100 million euro a year, plus other functionalities
- Several awards, including UN Public Service awards
- Madrid invested a lot in collaboration and actively wanted to share the software

Welcome to Consul

This is Stem van Groningen

Participate!



Participate in 3 steps

Optional secondary text.



1
Sign-up

Short text describing some of the data that is expected to be asked when making an account.

Make an account in 5 minutes



2
Decide

Share your ideas and vote on the changes you want to see in the city.

See what's happening around the city right now



3
Share

Keep up with the ideas that matter to you the most, and share them through social media.

Another optional call to action

Why

Open Source & Consul?

- “*Proeftuin*” digital democracy
- Open Source was recommended
 - More transparant
 - Public money, public code
 - Democratic
- Consul was the tool with the most functionalities

The past

What made it succesful?

External

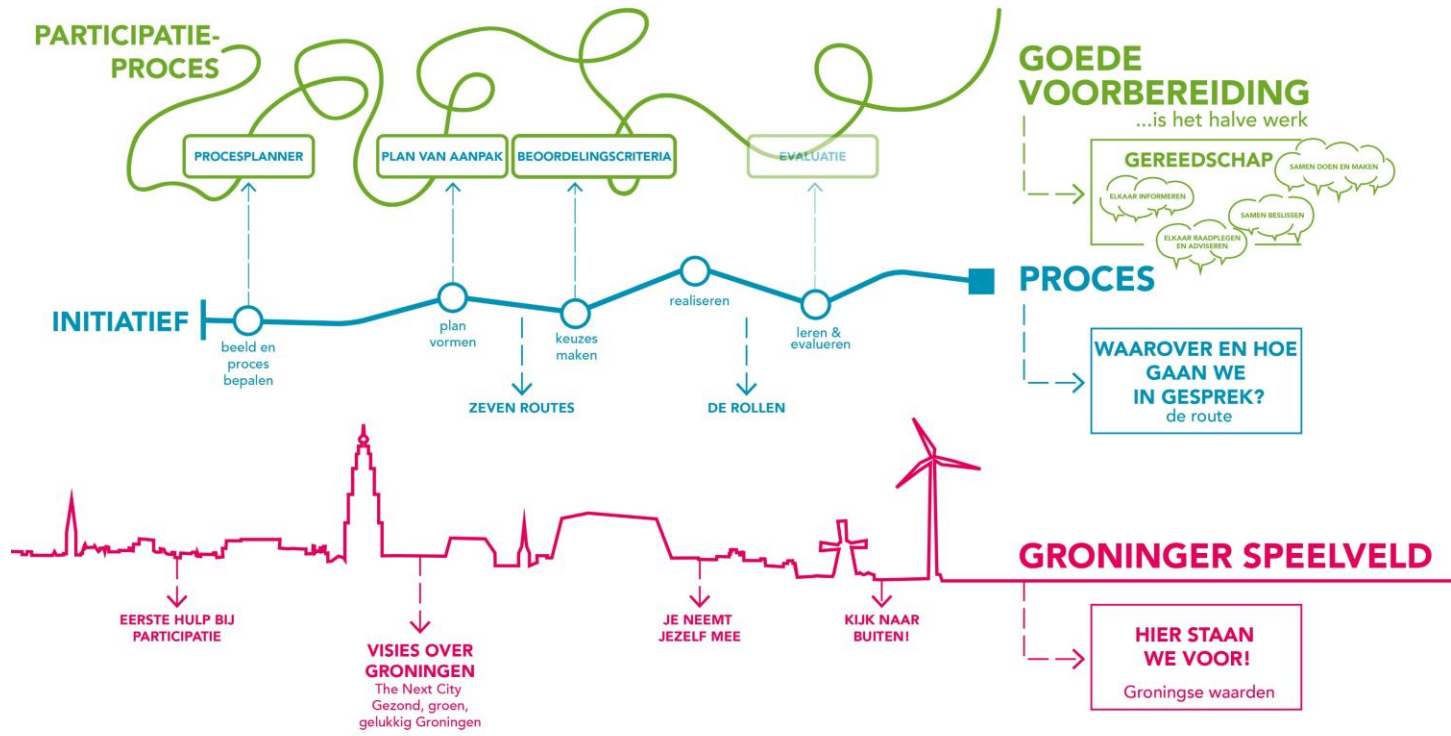
- Product itself
- Its history
- Swift and helpful community
- Ministry, NGO, VNG, EU

Internal

- Willingness to pay 'learning money'
- Mindset: OS as a principle
- Enthusiasm

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The present

What is happening now?

- Support from the Ministry of Internal Affairs and VNG (coalition of municipalities)
 - Guides, helping, coordinating, investing and connecting
- Collaboration between cities on developing the tool and processes

Sustainability

What is needed?

1) A core

- If it is a city such as Madrid: be receptive of the needs of other users
- Invest time in developing and reviewing changes wanted by others. Often a foundation is formed for independence

Sustainability

What is needed?

2) Supportive members

- A willingness to collaborate and spend resources in development and sharing experiences

3) Easy set-up

- Documentation, support
- User friendly for admins

Sustainability

What is needed?

4) Trust

- Being sure that you 'get back'
- A sense of community

5) Fun (and funding 😊)

