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# Creating customeroriented research projects with impact

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# Current trends

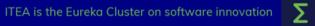


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## Three important challenges

- How to select the right IT methods and tools
  - Many options
  - No real shared expertise on how the select the right ones for a given task
  - Too many digital transformation project failed
  - How to correct use IT is crucial knowledge
- New constraints in IT development
  - Sustainability
  - Cyber security
- Ecosystem creation for larger IT applications
  - Working together with the right level of trust
  - Incentive business model to build and operate the new applications











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- Aggregation of larger knowledge and data sources
  - It is not a linear process; disruption can happen when you reach the sufficient level
  - Example: generative AI for texts and images
  - Question of the ownership of the integration is a societal question
- Distributed dynamic and complex IT applications
  - How to control the underlying infrastructure
  - Awareness of energy consumption and cyber security threats
  - Dialogue between the application and the infrastructure
- Design and operation of complex systems
  - More ambition for the IT application means new tools
  - Enabling more people to design software: low-code / no-code approaches







### Societal trends

- Technology for good
- Energy concerns Sobriety
- Sustainability and environmental concerns
- Sovereignty





# ITEA Smart Cities customer workshop





# ITEA Smart Cities customer workshop Participants

- Attendees of the ITEA Smart Cities customer workshop:
  - Cities: Antwerp, Brno, Ghent, Hasselt, Helmond, Rotterdam, Tampere, Tartu, Major Cities of Europe EU + Zaragoza (remotely)



- Industry: Barco, Bosch, Dassault Systèmes, Esri Canada, Nokia Bell Labs,
  Royal HaskoningDHV, Siemens
- **SMEs**: Digital Ubiquity Capital, GIM, Liveable Cities, Macq, Public Safety Innovation, Sorama, ViNotion
- Research institutes and university: Avans University of Applied Sciences, SIRRIS, VTT
- Keynote presentations by Antwerp, Esri Canada and Nokia (host)



# ITEA Smart City customer workshop Results

### Topics covered

- Environmental footprint
- Mobility
- City evolution planning
- Security and crisis management

### Challenges shared by the city representatives were:

- Evaluation of action's impact on climate neutrality
- Co-creation of a solution by many stakeholders
- Access to the last mile data to improve logistics
- Privacy of personal mobility data
- Crowd management
- ...







### ITEA Smart Cities customer workshop report

Jean-François Lavignon, ITEA Vice-chairman - June 2023

### Introduction of the workshop

### 1.1. Organisation and participants

On 7 June and 8 June 2023, ITEA organised its 9th international customer workshop and this year it focused on Smart Cities, an important challenge of ITEA. The workshop was kindly hosted by Nokia in Antwerp and organised with the help of Esri Canada, Siemens and BABLE.

The event gathered around 35 representatives coming from 10 end users of Smart Cities solutions representing the point of view of the customers and 18 solutions providers - large companies, research organisations and SMEs - with an expertise in the Smart Cities sector. The following organisations took part:

Smart Cities end users / Customers	Industry	SMEs- Research
City of Antwerp (BEL)	Barco (BEL)	Avans University of Applied Scences
City of Brno (CZE)	Bosch (ROU)	BABLE.Digital (GER)
City of Ghent (BEL)	Dassault Systèmes (FRA)	Digital Ubiquity Capital (CAN)
City of Hasselt (BEL)	Esri Canada (CAN)	GIM (BEL)
City of Helmond (NLD)	Nokia Bell Labs (BEL)	Liveable Cities (CAN)
City of Rotterdam (NLD)	Royal HaskoningDHV (NLD)	Macq (BEL)
City of Tampere (FIN)	Siemens (BEL)	Public safety Innovation (NLD)
City of Tartu (EST)		SIRRIS (BEL)
City of Zaragoza (ESP)	1	Sorama (NLD)
Major Cities of Europe EU (GER)		ViNotion (NLD)
		VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland (FIN)

### 1.2. Target of the workshop

The target of the workshop is to identify the actual customer needs, in order to create new ITEA projects based on clearly stated customer or end-user requirements. For this we have defined the following steps:

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# Cyber Security Advisory Board meeting



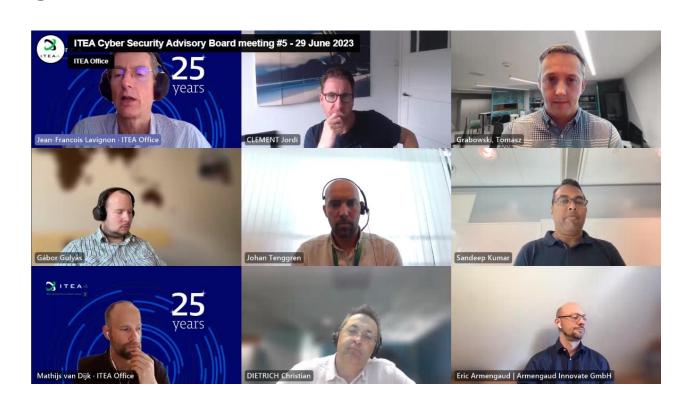


# Cyber Security Advisory Board meeting **Participants**

### CySAB members attending last meeting:

- Assa Abloy
- Armengaud Innovate
- Saab
- Signify
- Viratex Studio Ltd

Keynote presentation by Thales: Identity and access management



# Cyber Security Advisory Board meeting Results

### Challenges shared by the CySAB members were:

- Federated machine learning
- Large language models
- Traceability and trustability of complex decision process
- Onboarding people without cumbersome processes
- Trusted collaborative spaces
- Adaption of products and production processes to new cyber security regulations
- Responsible cyber security
- AI/ML for cyber security
- Post-quantum cyber security





### ITEA Cyber Security Advisory Board (CySAB) report

Meeting 29 June 2023, online

On 29 June 2023, the fifth ITEA CySAB meeting took place with the following Advisory Board members:

Company	Country	Represented by
Assa Abloy	Poland/Sweden	Tomasz Grabowski
Armengaud Innovate GmbH	Austria	Eric Armengaud
Saab	Sweden	Johan Tenggren
Signify	The Netherlands	Sandeep Kumar
Vitarex Studio Ltd	Hungary	Gabor Gulyas

In addition, both Jordi Clement Chief Technology Officer, Identity and Access Management (IAM) at Thales and Christian Dietrich, who is also from Thales and member of the ITEA Steering Group, Joined the meeting.

ITEA is a Eureka Cluster instrument to build innovative RD&I projects that are funded by nationa funding agencies and that are based on the urgent needs and requirements of end-users.

The ITEA Cyber Security Advisory Board (CySAB) has been established to understand the urgent customer needs and requirements in the cyber security domain to build up innovative research projects by the ITEA Community solving cyber security challenges. In addition, this Board enables the member organisations to learn and to get inspired from each other and to create collaboration among members and between members and the ITEA RDBI Community.

This CySAB meeting was set up to review the State-of-the-Art in identity and access management with an analysis of the main trends. It was also the opportunity to listen to the Board members providing insights into their important cyber security issues. Finally, a discussion took place regarding the ITEA CySAB portal that was set up to gather the challenges and solutions and other relevant information in one central place.

### Identity and access management landscape

According to Jordi Clement, who gave a keynote during the meeting, digital identity is the basis of trusted digital interactions because we continuously need to know with whom we are dealing with and what actions are authorised for this identity to develop secure digital applications, in addition.

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# General advices



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- Define which impact is targeted (KPIs), for which customers & end users
- Describe clearly your innovation challenge
- Choose a light consortium, no sleeping partners, a partnership with a purpose (extract from the value chain)
- Check eligibility for funding with PA
- Don't just collect text from everybody but share a clear and compact, common story
- Use the ITEA project to prepare long-term business partnerships



# "Aller Anfang ist schwer." All beginnings are hard **German proverb**

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# Thank you for your attention



