

## 1. Appendix 1: User stories for Time to Experiment

Time to Experiment refers to the production of societal solutions where crowdsourcing and experimentation play a pivotal role. Below are some ideas on what types of functionalities the platform could have. The list is not exhaustive.

Idea-maker/experimenter:

*Profile:*

- I can create my own profile and choose my own points of interest from among the categories.
- The profile shows my activity, such as:
  - I can use the platform to record a challenge I have experienced, my idea, my proposal for experimentation or a solution I have found, either as an answer to a challenge presented by someone else or freely.
  - I can attach videos, images and links to the contents I have produced.
  - I can create networks around my contents. I can seek partners and sources of funds for my ideas and experiments.
  - I can endorse and comment on contents created by others. I can share them on social media.
- My ideas are classified in the service according to location and topic (hashtags, keywords).
- I can seek experiments without registration or as a registered user. When registered, I can select topics of interest that the service gathers for me.

*Resourcing (funding and know-how) for my use:*

- I can apply for funding for my experiment from an accelerator.
- I can apply for funding through crowdsourcing (It hasn't been determined whether this is done via the platform or by going to an existing crowdsourcing service).
- I can apply for know-how and support for facilitation, implementation etc. for my experiment.

Funder

- Bodies providing funds or support for experiments can establish accelerators on the platform.
- The founders or coordinators of accelerators can customise their views.
- Materials (such as text, videos, functional tools, a calendar, etc.) can be exported to the accelerator view.
- The accelerator leader and participants must be able to communicate meaningfully with each other.
- Some activities in the accelerator are digital while others take place, for example, face to face or by phone. It is still open how information from all channels is recorded.

Information user (A municipal decision-maker, a developer at a ministry or agency, a researcher etc.)

- Seeks and finds contents, such as challenges, ideas, experiments and solutions on the themes of his or her choice (e.g. food waste, transport etc.).
- Seeks and finds experiments in certain geographical areas.
- Seeks and finds experiments at different stages of development (proposed, being accelerated, implemented).
- Seeks and finds lessons learned from experiments.

Summary of platform functionalities:

- The platform is, above all, a meeting place for the community.
  - o The community is facilitated.
  - o Accelerators provide tailored support for experiments.
- The platform seeks information for the experimenter from existing public information sources (other experimentation platforms, innovation platforms etc.).
- The platform provides the experimenter with a proposal for the classification of the experiment (text mining, semantic web) on the basis of keywords.
- The platform produces, classifies, analyses and reports large masses of data efficiently (big data). Text mining or artificial intelligence provides solutions for automatic classification and information retrieval.
- The intention is to be able to place various platform views (accelerator, joint development of ideas etc.) as embedded elements into other platforms (e.g. the embedding function of YouTube) within the ecosystem of experiments.