

Smart Heritage Preservation Through Open Data, Crowdsourcing, and Contextual Light Apps

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Heritage as root of social and economic development

- Heritage is a shared resource that both reflects and influences the essence of the communities' identity.
- Heritage as one of the roots of social (and economic)
 development that should be recognized and affirmed
 for the benefit of present and future generations.

Communities and groups are proud of their heritage

Every town/region has dozens of items in the streets (artworks or not) representing its history

- > Statues, old buildings, bridges... but also
- > castles, vineyards, gardens...

Artworks may be nice, but the underlying origin and history are usually more relevant... unknown to most of visitors, even inhabitants.



'De Koeieschieter' ('Cow Shooter')
A story from 1691 that explains why Leuven's people were nicknamed koeschieters or cow-shooters.

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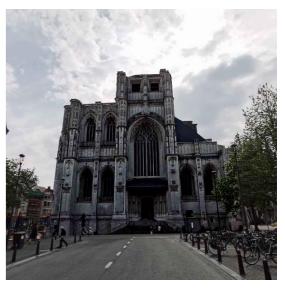
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The Unfinished Church



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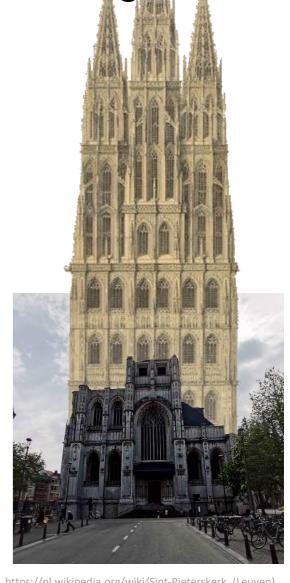
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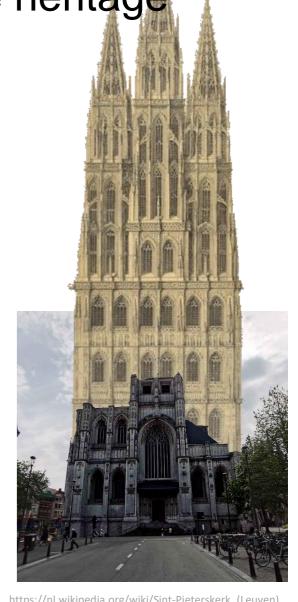
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Large cities already have tourism apps and tools.

Most of small/medium cities usually do not have enough IT resources... but they always have experts and enthusiasts.



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Heritage in... A collaborative methodology & toolset to support local heritage preservation worldwide

Maximizing the efficiency and effectiveness of the institutions and individual actions with **minimum costs**.

- Open (Linked) Data (official archives as the basis)
- Community-driven (open to popular anecdotes, stories...)
- Open Source (based on templates, code in Github)
- Sustainable (low-code approach)
- Accessible (ICT supporting impairments & diverse needs)
- Extensible (adaptable to any scenario)





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https://ow2-quick-app-initiative.github.io/poi-quick-app/

Configuration file & database







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"app": {
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        "complementary": "#00ccf6"
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Change colors, icons, texts... in different languages

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x2 Ready-to-use Light Apps

Based on W3C Standards

- Progressive Web Application (PWA)
- MiniApp, based on Quick App technology



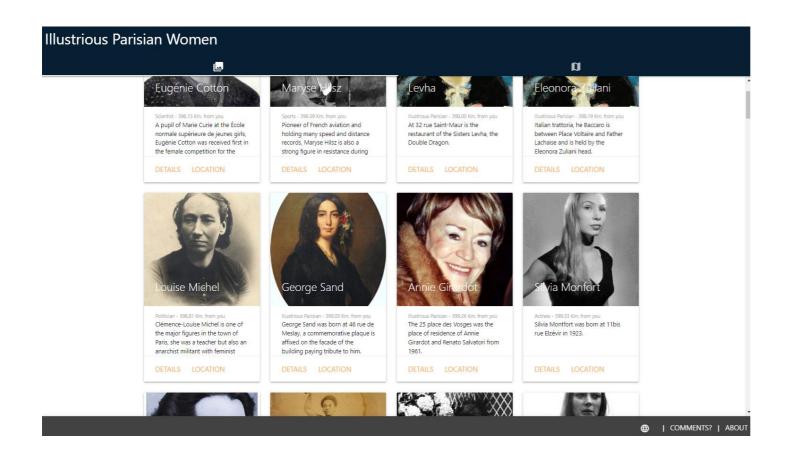




Delivering content based on context (POIs around)

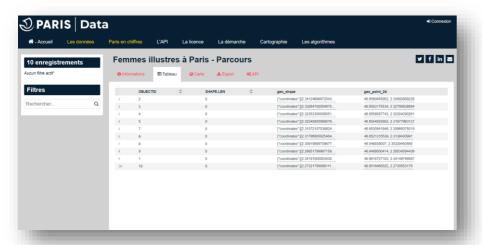
Test, and deploy it in seconds

https://heritagein.info/_/?url=https://ow2-quick-app-initiative.github.io/poi-quick-app-implementations/fr/paris/women/data.json





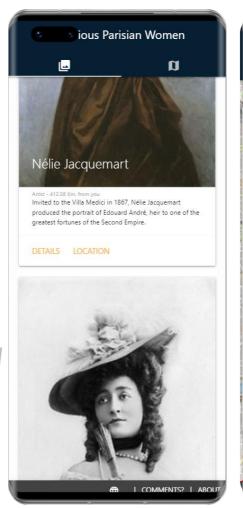
This example was made in one hour



https://opendata.paris.fr/explore/dataset/femmes-illustres-a-paris-parcours/table/



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Illustrious Parisian Women

In GitHub

Applicable to any type of heritage and community

Cultural Heritage (art, local culture)

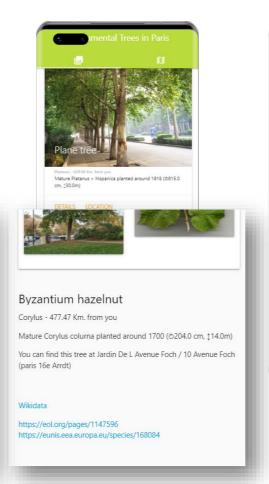


Big Bang Theory (astronomy)

Peratoom Leuven



Monumental Trees (botany)



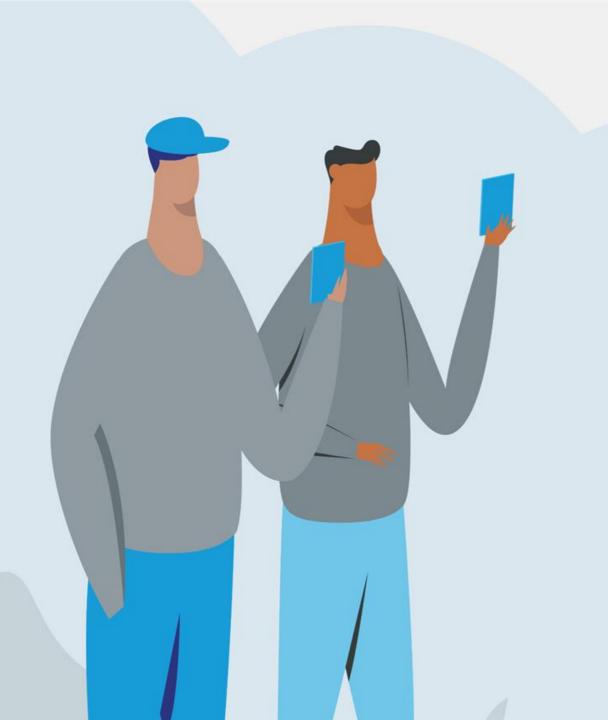
Beaches (tourism)



Illustrious Women (humans)



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Thank you!

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