



Ghent Starring living lab

Urban Access Control



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What is DISCO

In a Nutshell



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DISCO Context

- **Background:**
EU green deal reduce emissions with 55% by 2030 with the Urban mobility framework emphasizing a radical reduction of transport emissions
- **Goal:**
Accelerate the decarbonisation of urban logistics through data-driven collaboration tools (I.e Physical Internet)
- **Setup:**
 - Horizon Europe program (05/2023 – 05/2026)
 - 8 Living Lab cities & 5 application domains



Data-driven, Integrated, Syncromodal, Collaborative and Optimised urban freight meta model for a new generation of urban logistics and planning with data sharing at European Living Labs

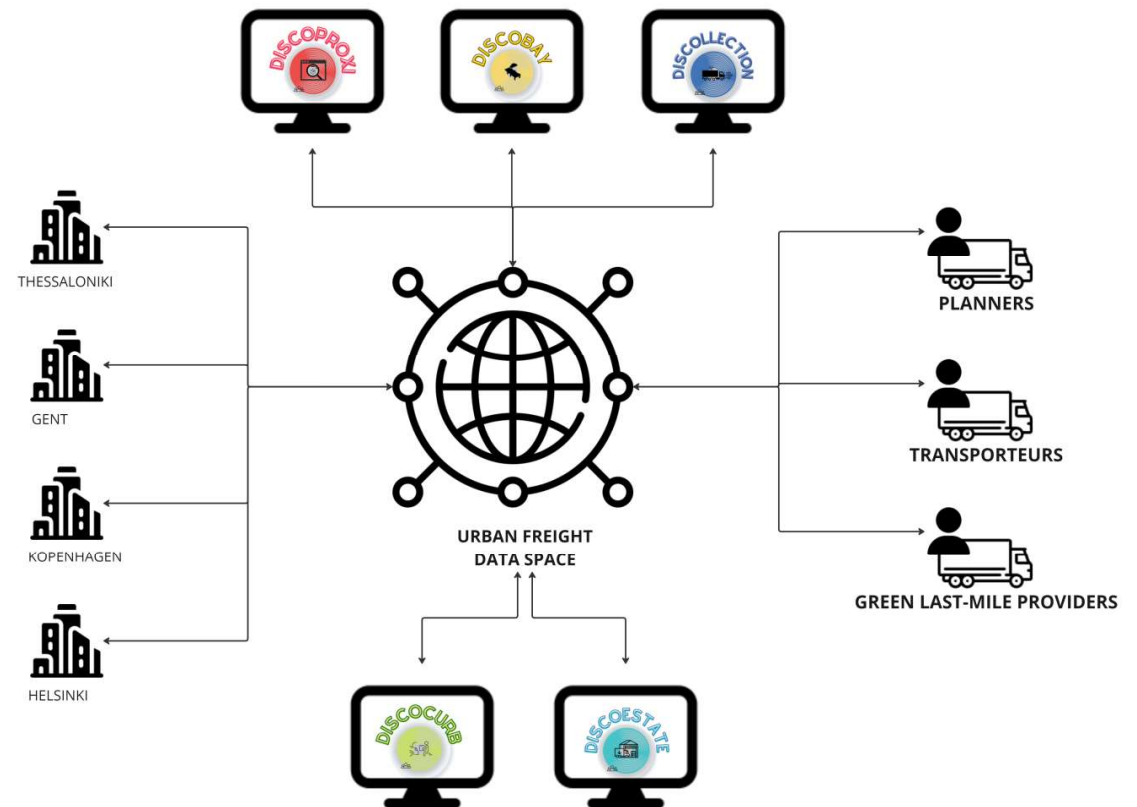




The DISCO Urban Freight Data Space

The purpose of DISCO

- Connect tools, cities and LSPs to the data space
- Enable collaboration amongst stakeholders in all cities
- Allow scalability of applications





DISCO Ghent use case

Integrating city access rules in logistics processes

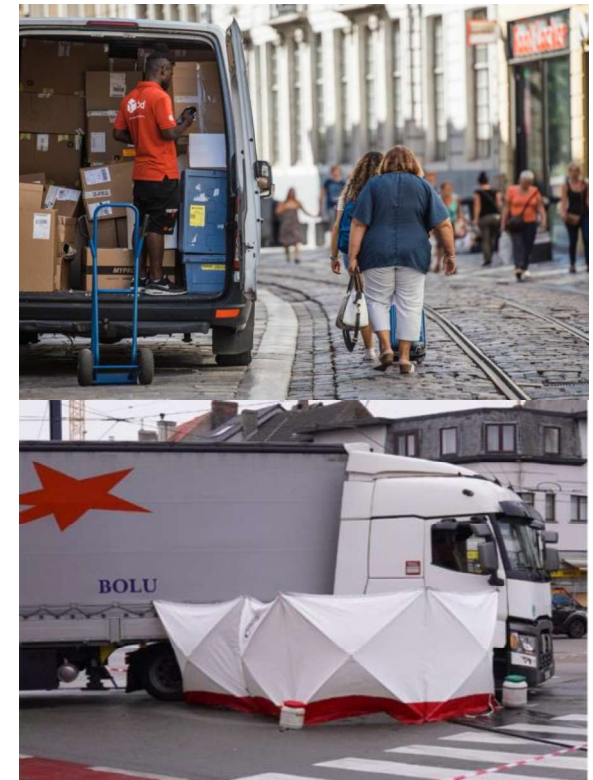


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Urban Logistics Challenges in Ghent

- **Logistics transport:** Dangerous situations, emissions, congestion
- **Access regulation is not transparent** – planning tools do not comply with regulation
- Incompliance leads to **expensive, inefficient city transport**
- **Sustainable alternatives** are available, but do not reach their potential



De Gent use cases focusses on integrating the city access rules (UVAR) in logistics processes:

- Efficient communication of the access rules
- Integration of rules with logistics operations (planning, routing..)
- Nudge desired behaviour

UVAR - Urban Vehicle Access Regulation:
Het beheren van logistieke toegang of doorstroom via handhaving van regels dmv digitale platformen en IoT devices

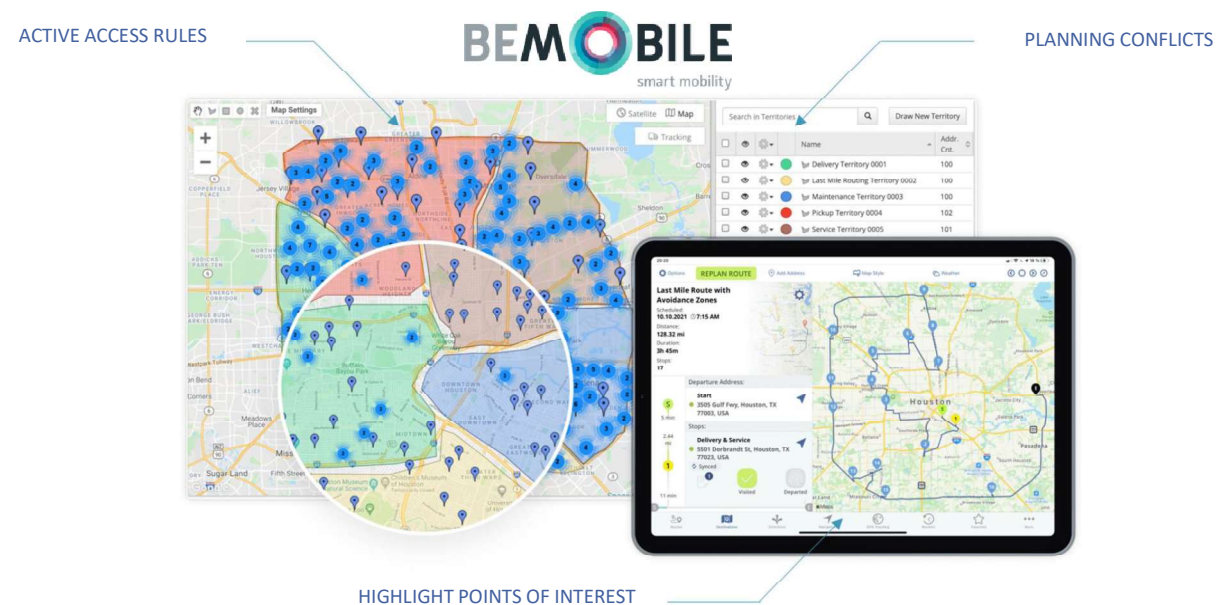




Urban Access Control (UAC)

Integrating city guidance in logistics tools

- Integrating **access rules** in logistics planning
- Calculates and propos sustainable **alternatives**
- Optimized **realtime route navigation** enriched with Points Of Interests (POI)





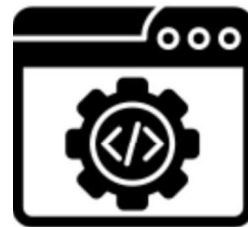
UAC: 3 main components



Access regulation management

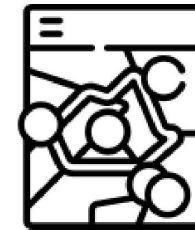
Location manager

Platform for cities to digitize and manage access / traffic regulations



UAC policy-rule engine

Rule-engine integrating access/traffic rules in planning systems of LSP's



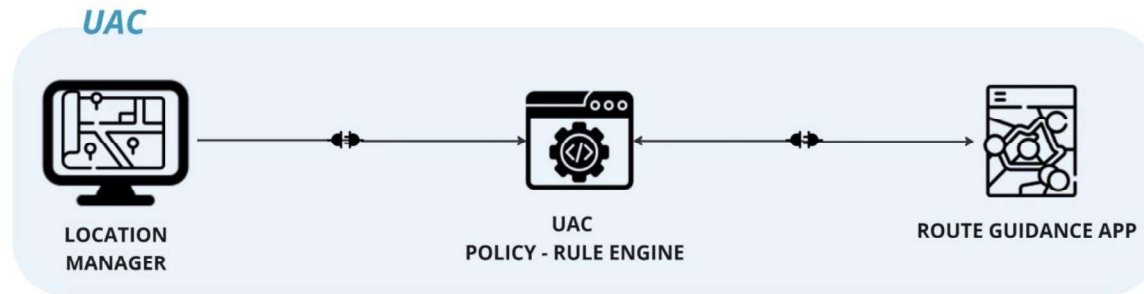
Route guidance

Navigation app

Application for optimized route navigation, with relevant points of interest



UAC in a nutshell





UAC added value



Cities

Increase transparency of access rules & nudge desired behaviour



LSPs

Reduce costly mistakes on access rules & optimize urban delivery

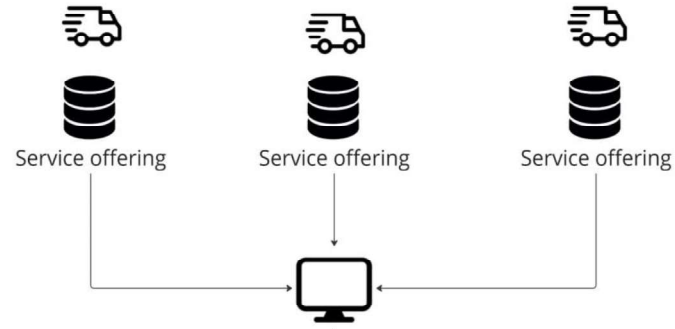


Local green last-Mile solutions

Increased visibility of alternative solutions



**LOCAL GREEN LAST-MILE
TRANSPORTERS**



DATA SPACE
CONNECTOR



**CITY POLICY
MANAGERS**



Access rules

DATA SPACE
CONNECTOR



**URBAN FREIGHT
DATA SPACE**

DATA SPACE
CONNECTOR



**URBAN ACCESS
CONTROL**



TRANSPORTERS



TMS SYSTEM

**UAC in the Urban
Freight Data Space**



Urban Freight data spaces

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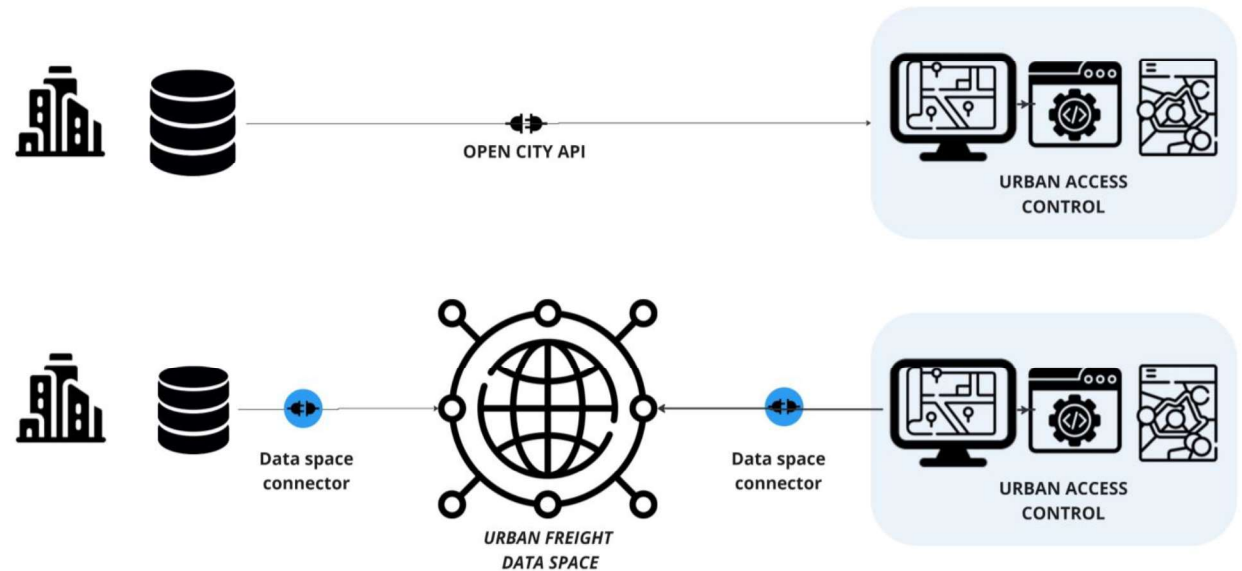
Data space integration does bring additional challenges for cities

Without data spaces

- City data platform open API
- No effort from cities

With data spaces

- Data Space connector integration
- Specific technical knowhow





The road to Maas/Laas

Data Spaces reduce the barrier for integrating with the city regulations and collaborating with other logistics players.

Resulting in a scalable ecosystem of MaaS and LaaS services that brings benefit to all stakeholders





The value of data spaces

For cities, LSPs and regions



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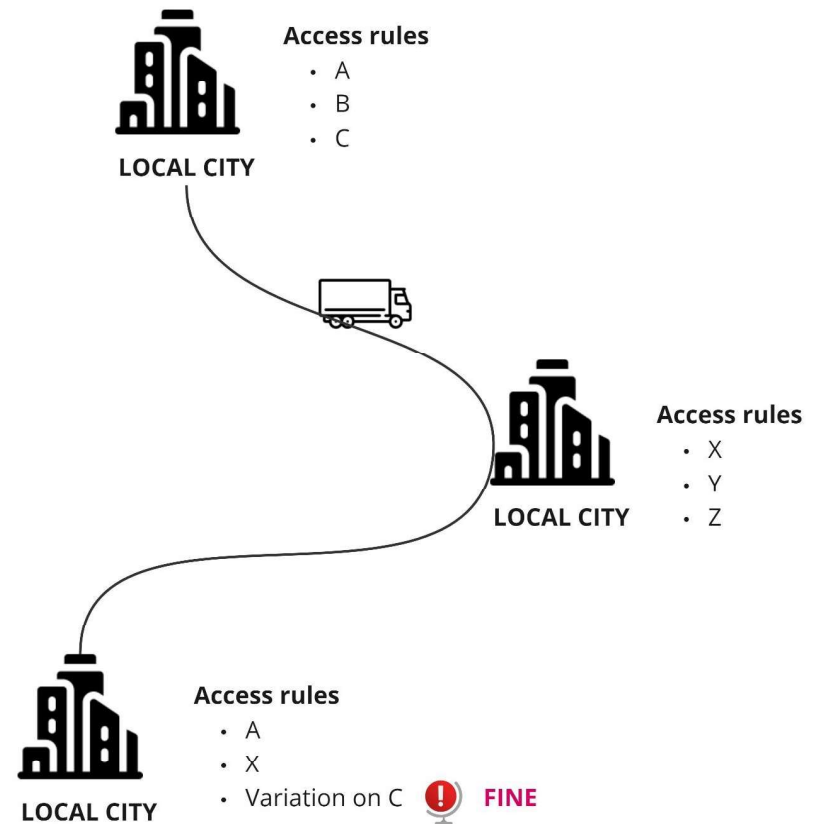
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Value of data spaces

Current Logistics delivery

- No consistent access rules
- Manual integration of rules in planning tool
- No clear communication of rules
- Mistake = Fine

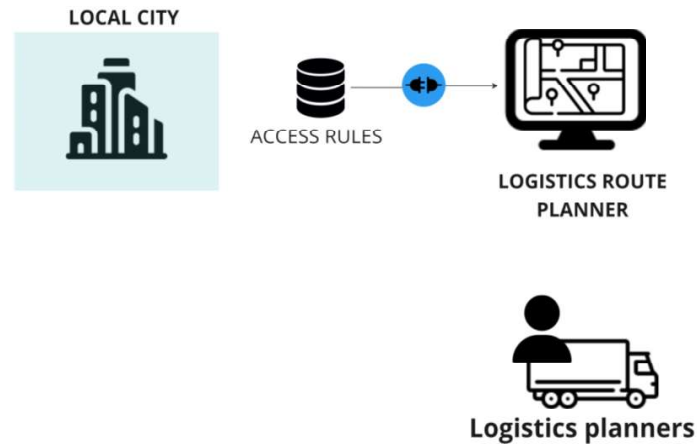




Value of data spaces

Integrating city policies

- Integrate rules via City open data platform
- Individual API connections per city
- Not scalable



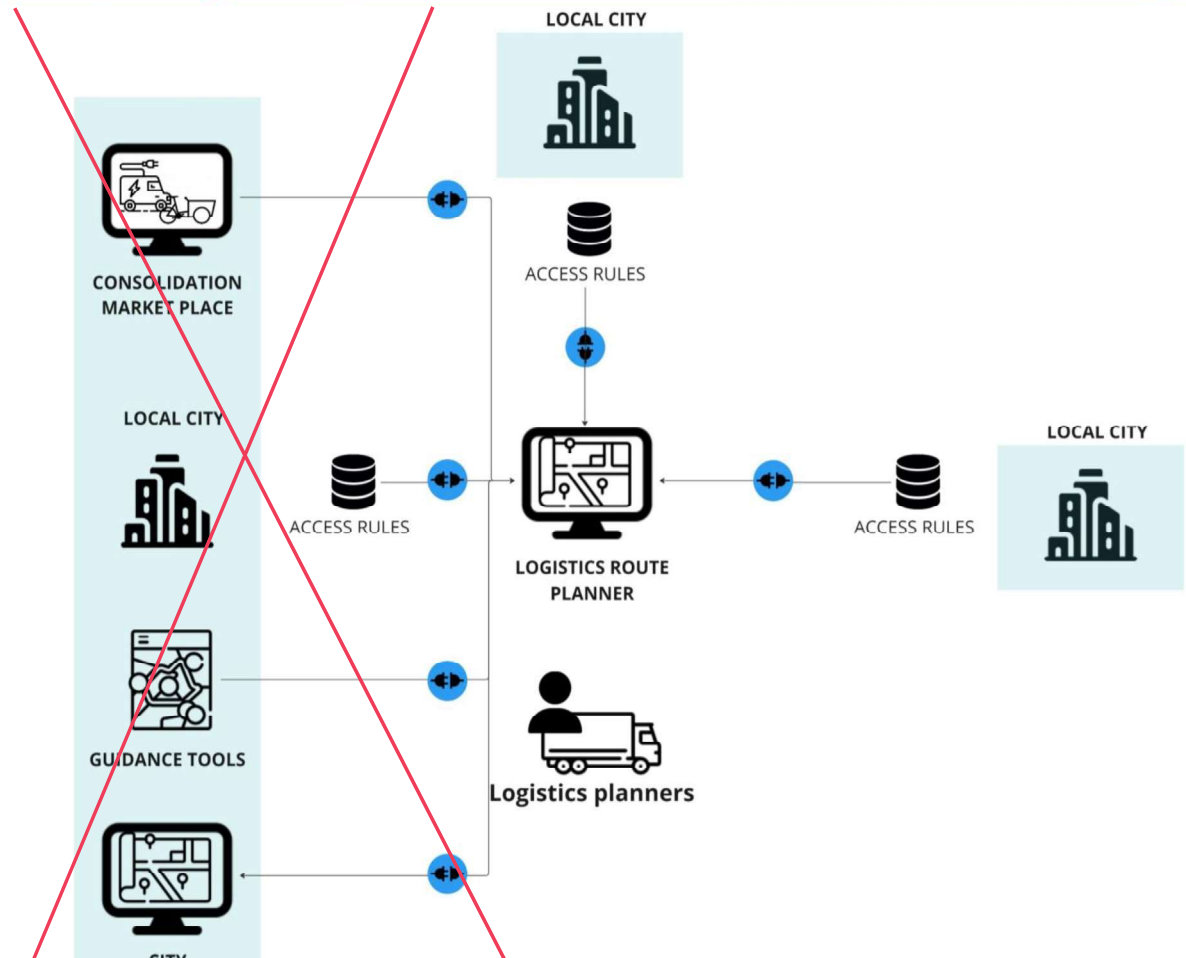


UAC - Case study

Future expansions

- Compliance to optimum route guidance
- Share data to traffic monitoring tool
- Consolidate to local LSPs

THIS REACHES A BREAKING POINT

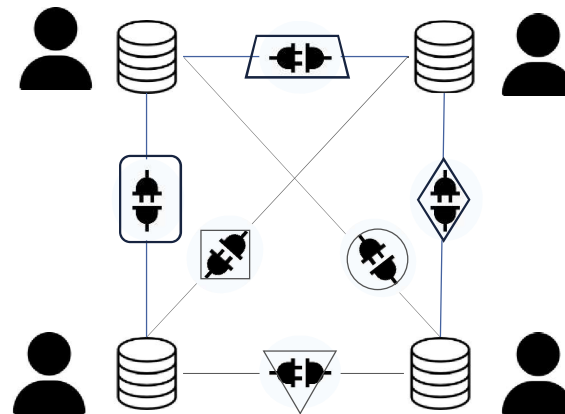




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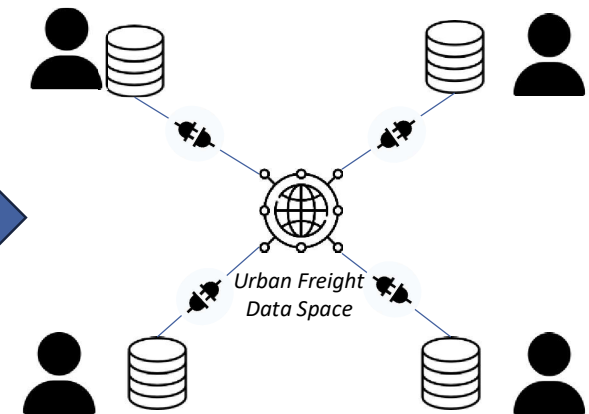
Collaboration through data spaces

Data Spaces create a single-entry point network to collaborate with all stakeholders & access all data sets



Collaboration through 1on1 API connections

- Separate API connections
- Custom made
- High setup cost
- Not scalable

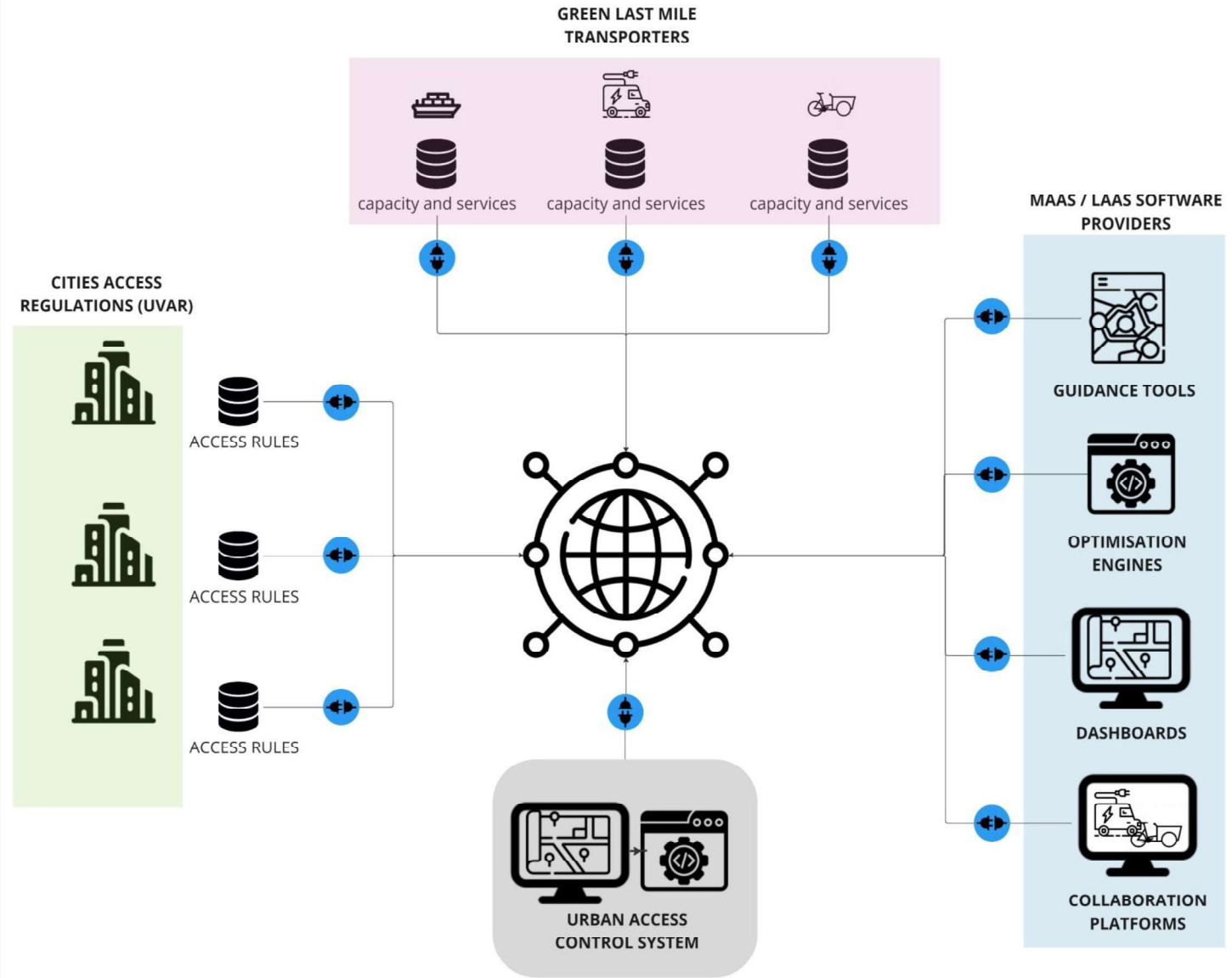


Collaboration through data spaces

- Universal connectivity
- One connection to all
- Low setup cost, high scalability



The UAC on an Urban Freight Data Space





Value of data spaces

If we want to reach a MaaS / LaaS revolution, we need to enable scalable interoperability, not only within but across cities



Cities

Integrate city guidance, enforcement & monitoring in a logistics ecosystem



LSPs

Optimise your operations by integrating with an ecosystem of Logistics Services



Government

Enable consistency and scalability between local policies



DISCOLLECTION goal

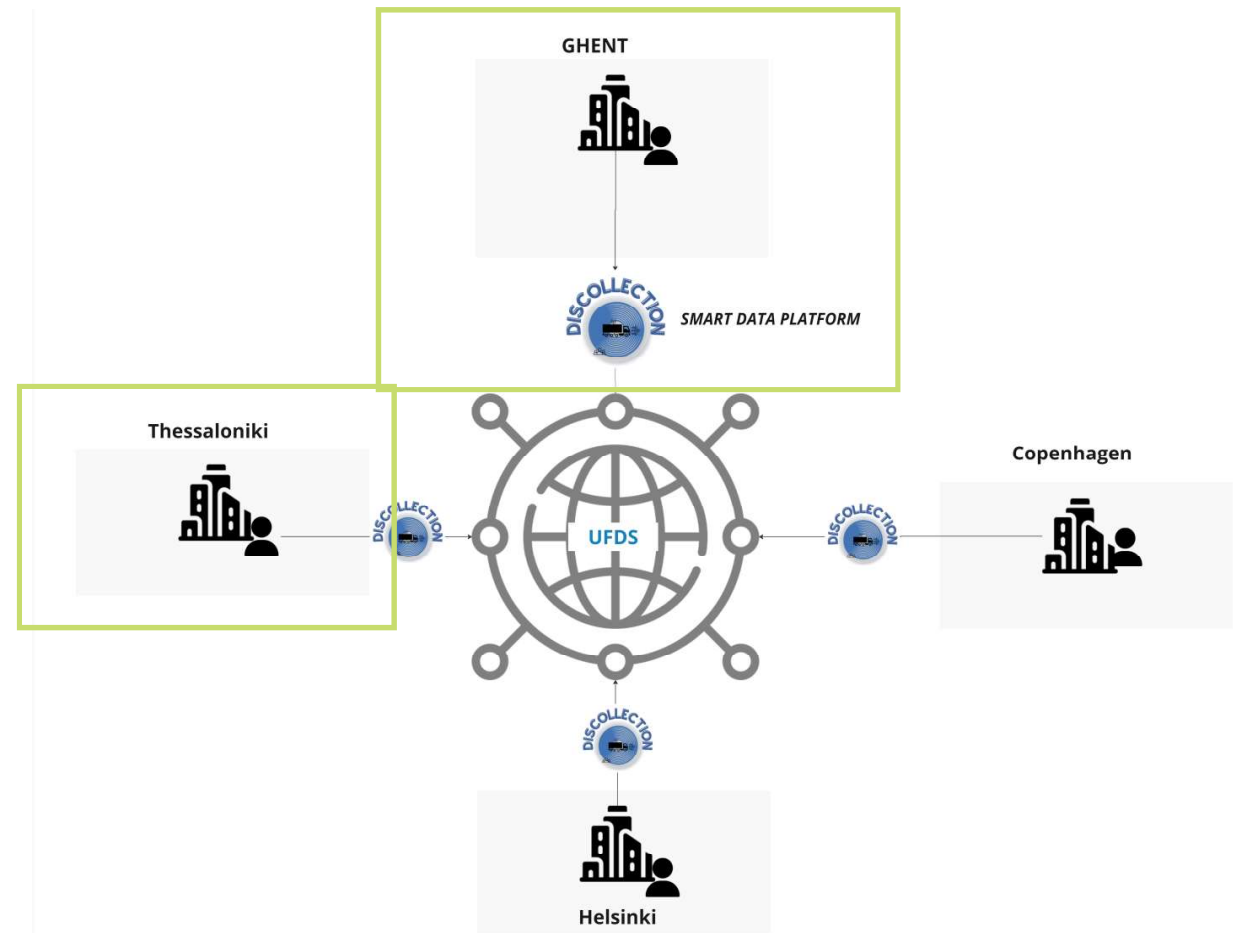


DISCOLLECT Phase 1

The goal of DISCOLLECT is to enable all cities to connect to the data space

Steps taken:

- Built PoC of Smart Data Platform (SDP)
- Connect first 2 cities to the data space
- Identify available connection points (open data platforms) of other cities





SMART DATA PLATFORM components

1. The Smart Data Platform (SDP) basic

- Dagster Data base for storing the data
- UFDS connector + middleware to connect to the data space

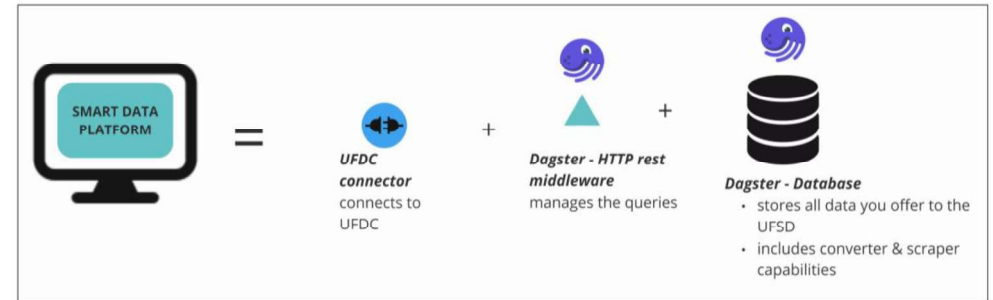
2. Additional capabilities

- Data scraper
- Data model converter

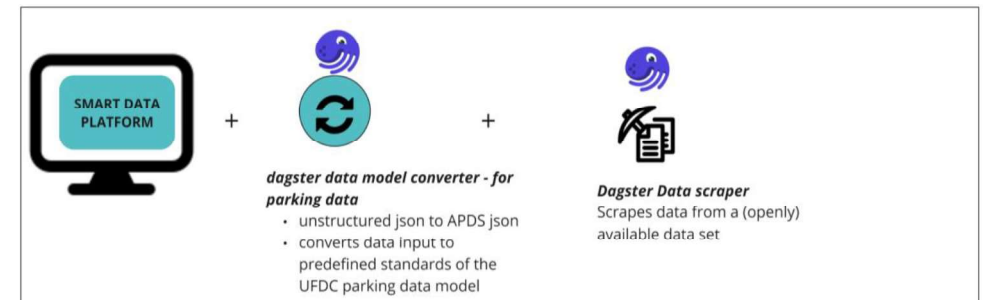
3. Required components from cities

- City data portal/platform
- Open API connector to connect the data portal to the SDP

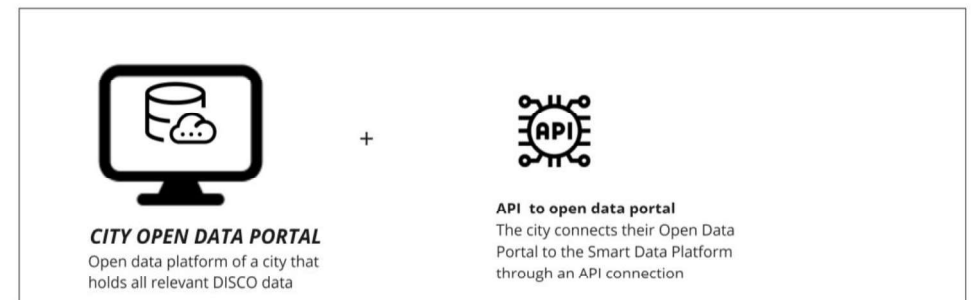
1. SDP basic package



2. SDP package + data conversion additions



3. City components

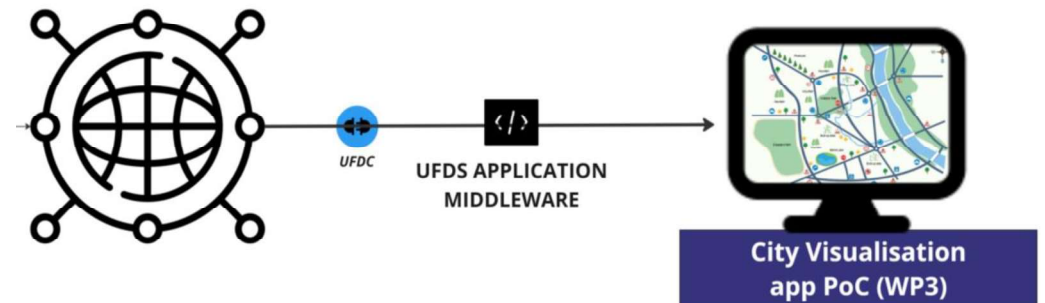




UFDS application Middleware (by Inlecom)

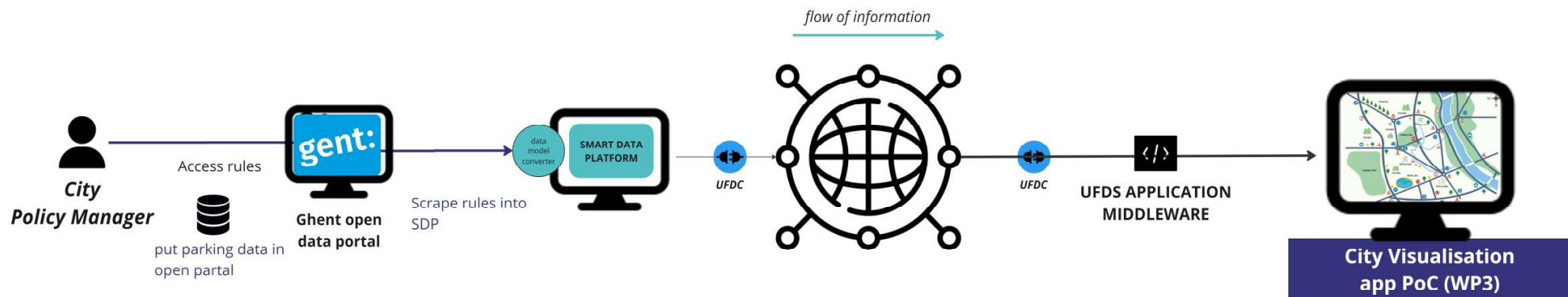
- Standardisable component
- Scalable solution
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→ SDP helps connect data
UFDS application middleware helps connect
applicaties



- In Ghent LL, we connected the SDP to the Ghent open data portal to pull parking data
- We scraped the parking data and converted it to the right standard
- On the consumer side, Inlecom is building a 2D visualizer app with a Middleware that will connect the app to the data space
- Ongoing: The 2D visualizer app will pull the parking data from the SDP and visualize it

DISCOLLECT POC 1: Case study - implementing Ghent parking data in the data space





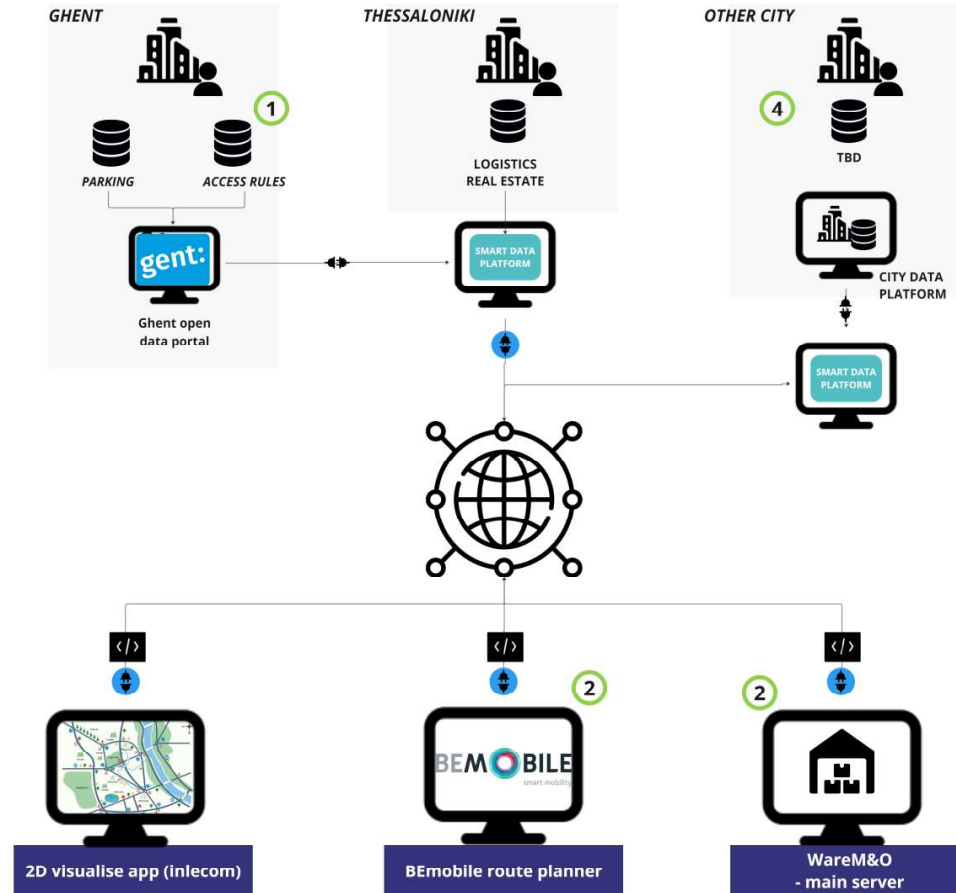
DISCOLLECT Phase 2 Next steps



DISCOLLECT Phase 2

Next step is to extend our SDP setup

1. Connect Access rules as a second **data set** in Ghent
2. Integrate Bemobile (and WareM&O) as first commercial **applications**
3. Add a additional city with its own **SDP**





Integrating SDP in your city

Cities can share data with the UFDS by connecting their Open Data Portal to the SDP

1. Set up the Smart Data Platform
An instructional Cook book is provided to support cities with the setup.
2. Choose the relevant data set
Parking locations; access rules; logistics real-estate locations
3. Connect the Smart Data platform API with the open API of your city's data portal

Imec can support the setup for cities. However, cities are encouraged to install and host their own SDP. Any solutions hosted by imec, will be terminated at the end of the project

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CITY OPEN DATA PORTAL
Open data platform of a city that holds all relevant DISCO data



API to open data portal
The city connects their Open Data Portal to the Smart Data Platform through an API connection



Smart Data Platform

- Scrape data sets
- convert to right data standard
- Store converted data

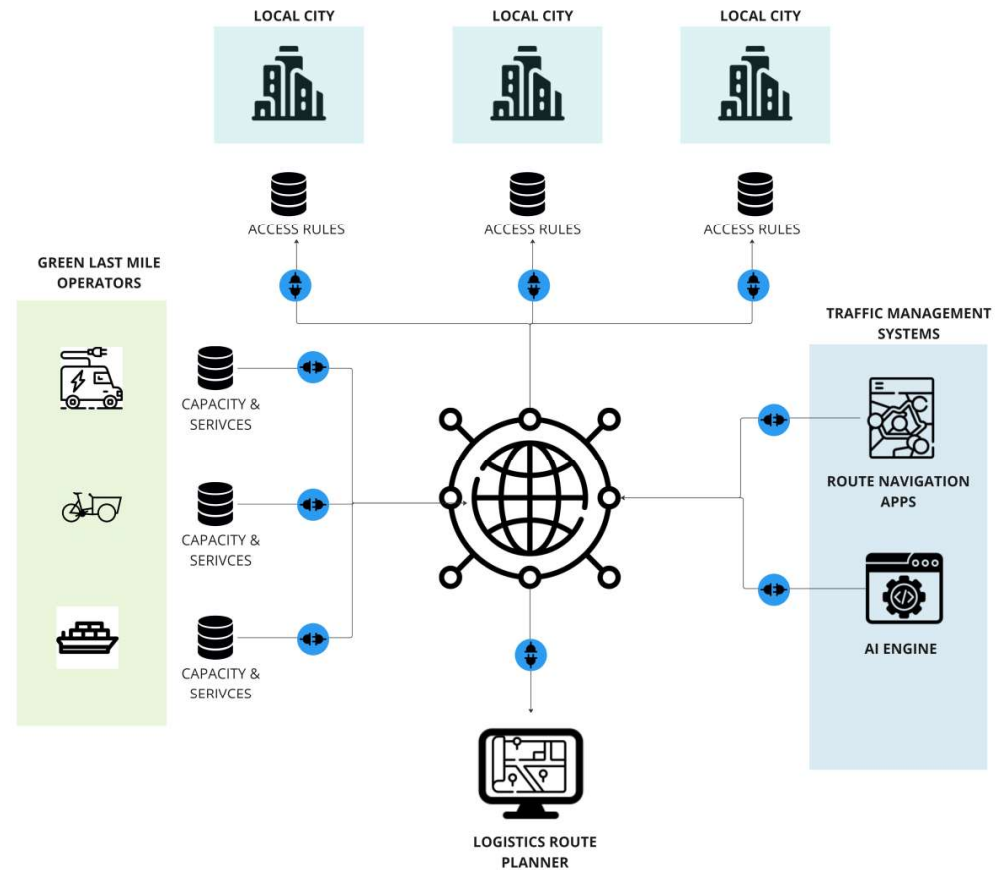


Urban Freight data spaces

With data spaces

- Everyone only needs one connection
- The solution is scalable to additional stakeholders
- The bigger the ecosystem, the more incentivized LSPs will be to join it

→ The city can enrich its ecosystem and attract LSPs





Ghent Data Space use case

Questions?



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