# DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION ON IOT, A RISK MANAGEMENT APPROACH

Overview of key findings of FG-DPM on data processing and management to support IoT and Smart Cities & Communities

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#### INTRODUCTION

- Digital transformation of cities generate a variety of risks
- At the same time, data heterogeneity and plurality of stakeholders, applications, processes and tools involved in this transformation accentuates the need to strengthen governance
- We propose here a risk management approach integrating operational and strategic objectives



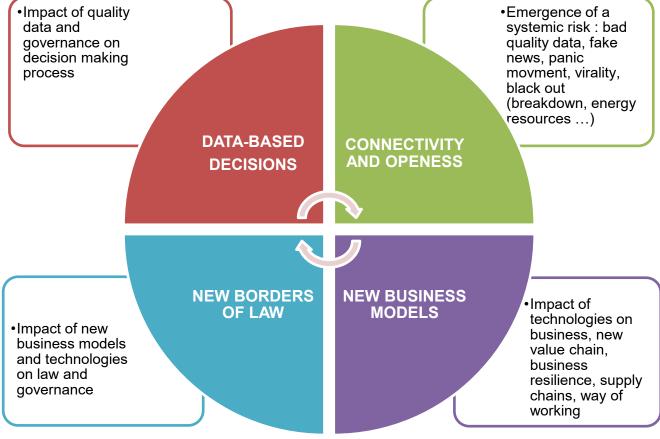
## Digital transformation, IoT and data processing and management generates uncertainty

#### Risks include

- Security
- Privacy
- And also other risks generated by a new paradigm



## Risk evolution due to new paradigm





## Risk management can ensure a safe development of cities

 Existing standards and methodologies could be adapted to the specific needs, contexts and complexities of cities, communities and projects...

• ...taking into account the governance challenges generated by data heterogeneity and plurality of stakeholders, applications, processes and tools involved...



## Risk management framework

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Determination of risk appetite

Facilitate risk management at all stages of the process

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Risk Management for Ecosystem X

Ecosystem global risk monitoring, systemic risk prevention, data aggregation and

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Risk Management for Project 1

Risk Identification

- Risk Analysis
- Risk evaluation
- Risk treatment

Risk Management for Project 2 (...)

- · Risk Identification
- •Risk Analysis

end-to-end visibility of data treatment

- Risk evaluation
- Risk treatment

Risk Management for City A

- ·Risk Identification
- •Risk Analysis
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Risk Management for City B (...)

- Risk Identification
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#### MICRO level 1/4

 Task: identify the different risks and threats that can appear at short, medium and long term

Best practice: regularly evolve the list of risks and threats



#### MICRO level 2/4

- Task: analyse and assess the impact of each identified risk
- Best practice: improve risk assessment (likelihood and magnitude) through the collection and analysis of loss data



#### MICRO level 3/4

 Task: evaluate the ability of the project/city to bear the risk or not, determine the risk tolerance

 Best practice: work on risk appetite, ensure that the maximum risk a project/city can/wants to take is well articulated and communicated



#### MICRO level 4/4

- Task: treat each risk and threat by providing an adapted answer regarding the ability of the project/city to bear the risk or not
- Best practice: develop the knowledge about usual risk answers and foster the development of innovative solutions



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Risk treatment



#### MACRO level 1/3

 Task: forecast and manage risks at 360° and provide quick answers

 Best practice: global risks management, such as systemic risk, suppose an ability to capture the big picture of the global activity through an efficient capacity of reporting, data interoperability and data aggregation



#### MACRO level 2/3

 Task: evaluate the ability of the ecosystem / organization to bear the risk or not, determine the risk tolerance

 Best practice: work on risk appetite, ensure that the maximum risk an ecosystem/organization can/wants to take is well articulated and communicated



#### MACRO level 3/3

Task: facilitate risk management through actions and governance

#### Best practices :

- Digital education and development of a data & risk culture
- Data minimization to reduce significantly the related risks
- Fluent communication btw. heterogeneous systems/players
- Foster collection of loss data at a global level
- Overall coordination of risk management



#### CONCLUSION

- Digital transformation and IoT generate a variety of risks
- Privacy and security represent a significant threat, and other risks are also of concern: systemic risk, concentration risk, risk of bias in decision-making...
- Risk management process is required, distinguishing between operational and strategic objectives, micro vs macro level



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