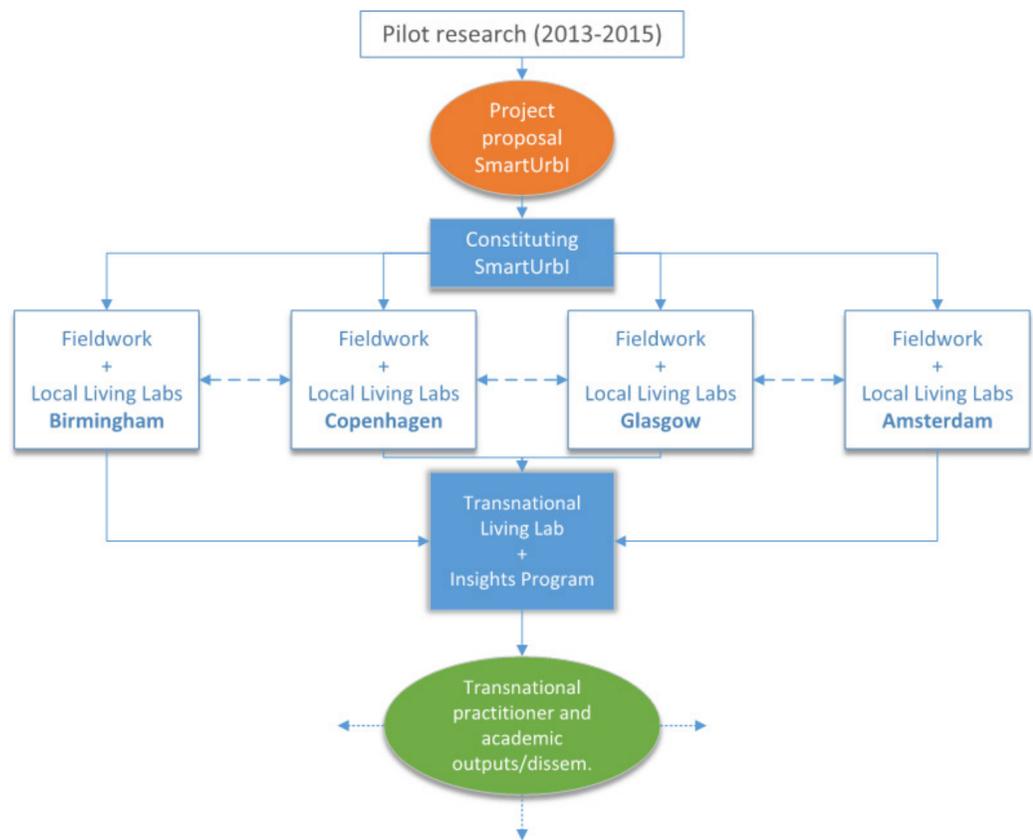


# Smart Urbl

Urban neighbourhoods are sustained and mobilised by networks of key individuals who act as intermediaries, forging connections between and within communities, and between communities and institutions of urban governance. Such intermediaries are invariably social innovators: they create new links where there were none before, and often transform those that already exist.

SmartUrbl sets out to understand how they do so and to analyse their contribution to smart urban development. It is grounded on systematic, comparative and empirical pilot research.

SmartUrbl will generate distinctive conceptual insights, strategic options and practical means for generating social innovation and urban development, in order to enhance liveability and resilience, and work towards vibrant communities.



## Aim/objective

- Surface & support the contribution of key individuals in neighbourhoods through an emphasis on intermediation & collaboration practices 4 social innovation

## Approaches/methods

- Anchored in urban neighbourhoods & networks in four European cities
- Multi-method design & learning infrastructure of local & transnational living labs
- European insights programme for knowledge exchange

## Expected results and impacts

- Knowledge of the role of urban inter-mediaries & their collaborations
- Trans-disciplinary insights, strategy & means for the facilitation of urban development
- Learning infrastructure & debate on the contribution of intermediation to reach, involve and impact trans-European user communities

## Involved cities

- Amsterdam
- Copenhagen
- Birmingham
- Glasgow

### Smart Urbl – Smart urban intermediaries – trans-European research, learning & action

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