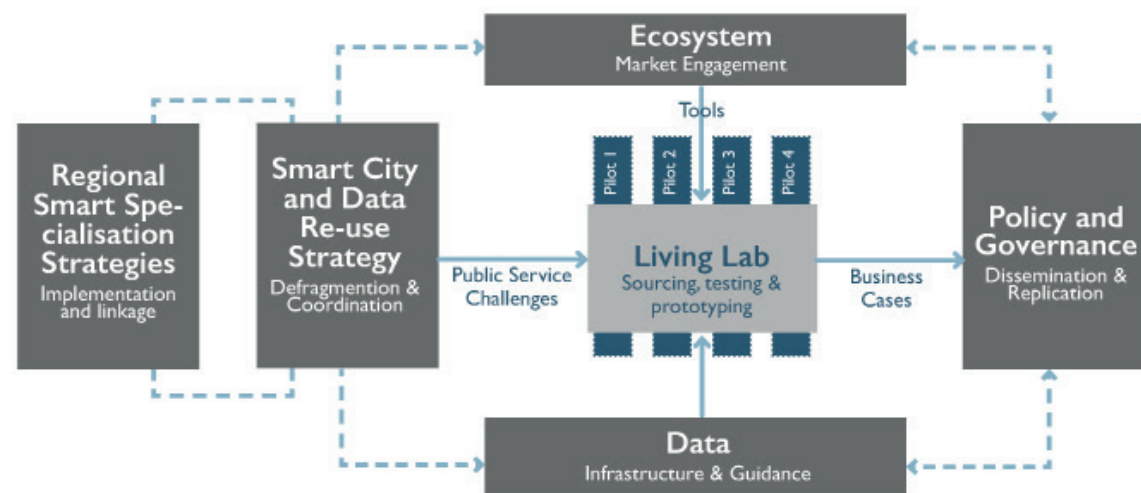


# SCIFI Smart Cities Innovation Framework Implementation

Programme	2 Seas
Duration	4 years
Project partners	8-10
Budget	€3.5 - 5M
EC-contribution	60%
Coordinator	City of Mechelen



SCIFI proposes a framework for innovation bringing together business, research and government

## Background

Regional Smart Specialisation Strategies identify Smart City and open data as key innovation areas with the potential to stimulate regional economies. Usage of Public Service Information (PSI) is estimated to have €300B of unlocked value (EU, 2015).

Being both data suppliers and users, cities are ideally positioned as launching customers for innovative products and services.

## Aim

SCIFI aims to design and establish an innovation framework for collaboration across partner cities; and between public service providers, citizens, innovators and experts.

These collaborations will result in Smart City products and services (applications, software or algorithms) that address joint urban challenges such as parking, air quality, and energy efficiency.

## Approach

Smart Cities typically start by opening up public data. However, this has not and will not automatically lead to innovative products and services. SCIFI uses a novel demand-driven approach to unlock appropriate datasets and engage with the regional marketplace.

Thus, SCIFI helps cities more deliberately guide the innovation market towards data-based solution that serve their needs.

## Results

The SCIFI framework will establish the 4-helix relationships and the methodologies for 2 Seas cities to source innovative solutions to urban challenges under a Smart City approach.

This framework will increase the competitiveness of the 2 Seas region in the field of urban innovation, increase quality of life in the participating cities, and stimulate the innovative sectors of the regional economy.

## Impact

By acting together, medium-sized cities can better pool the innovative potential of the 2 Seas region. SCIFI links their common strategic threads to each other and to local Smart City initiatives. Through a nested ecosystem of local and transnational actors, SCIFI: provides cities wider access to innovative products and services, increases the growth potential for regional SMEs, and leverages the world-class knowledge institutions in the region.

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