



# Living Lab, a tool for social acceptability of an electromobility campus

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# Social acceptability, a complex concept













For Canadian sociologist Corinne Gendron (2014), social acceptability is the « Public assent to a project or a decision resulting from the collective judgement that this project or this decision is superior to known alternatives, including the status quo. »

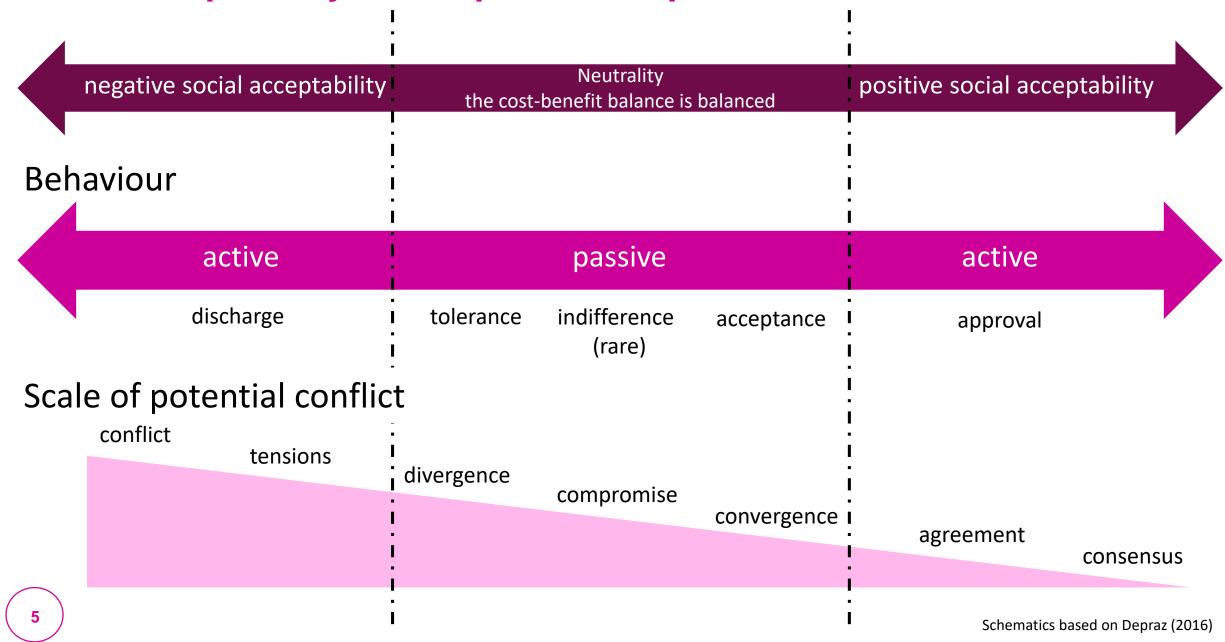
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anticipate the obstacles and resistance of the public by adapting the message or project

include public participation in the project development process

Schematic based on Batellier (2012)



spatialisation of issues, urban development

actors' roles, power, political sociology

subjective factors in social acceptability

legal constraints, general interest, equity

representations, attitudes, social psychology



- EV is the subject of many prejudices
- A complex mix of emotions and practicality is involved in vehicle choice

(Haddadian and al., 2015)



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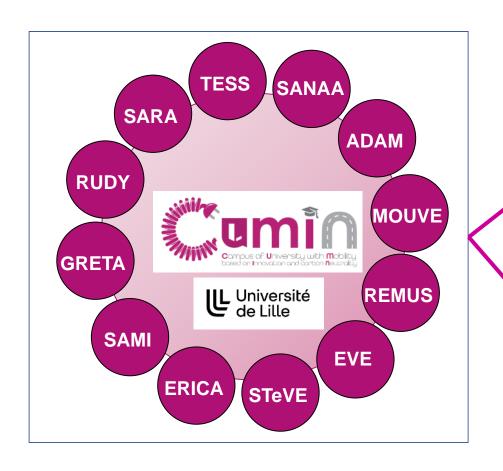








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A Living Lab is an open innovation laboratory. It is a research method that places the conscious user at the centre of the process. The user then becomes an actor and collaborator.

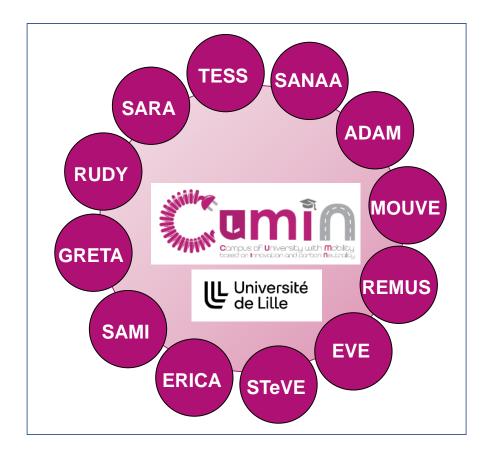
(Dell'Era, Landoni, 2014

#### Living Labs have two objectives:

- to involve users, who can then define their needs, wishes and ideas
- experiment in real-life situations

(Schuurman et autres, 2011)

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- Assess the long-term social acceptability of electromobility and the electrification of mobility
- Work with users to develop a plan for the gradual electrification of mobility
- Testing electrification timeframes and scenarios
- Educate users about electric mobility
- Create a database



# A living lab in an open-air **laboratory**













### A living lab in an open-air laboratory

# University campuses are ideal places to engage in new, more sustainable mobility practices.

- Campuses have a stratified sample of the local population, infrastructure, history and culture
- Campuses have the financial resources of a small town and contract many needs from government

(Finley and Massey, 2012)

Higher education institutions have become aware of their sustainability practices

(Leal Filho et al., 2019)

Universities are important sites of transformation as they are centers of discourse and convey social change

(Finley and Massey, 2012)



### A living lab in an open-air laboratory

#### Organisation consultation workshops with master's students from the University of Lille



#### Conduct of the consultation workshop:

- 1) Information and consent
- 2) Survey 1
- 3) Study framework
- 4) Presentations
- 5) Quizzes
- 6) Survey 2
- 7) Discussion time



# Conclusion













#### **Conclusion**

- > Social acceptability is a complex concept
- Social acceptability is evolving, and a living lab is an interesting tool for measuring it over time
- > Campuses are ideal laboratories for developing new forms of electric mobility
- The prejudices surrounding electric vehicles are still very present and influence the social acceptability of electric mobility





Our university as an exciting living lab towards eco-cities through an innovative transdisciplinary framework!



































