

# The Real-Time Spatial Delphi: fast convergence of experts' opinions on the territory

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# From Delphi to Real-Time Delphi

The **Delphi** method is a technique that uses opinions by a group of experts, generally in a decision-making context and/or a forecasting framework.

In 2006 a **Real-Time version** was developed by Gordon and Pease.

A **computerized questionnaire** without subsequent rounds and a greater efficiency in terms of execution time.

	Questions	Change Over Time	Media Influence	Personal Belief
1	Women are valued more for their physical appearance than their intellect or character.	<p>Suppose that a poll were taken in your country in the years shown. What percent of the people do you think would have agreed with the statement? (please enter numbers only; e.g. 50 for 50%)</p> <p>50 2061 (33.0) (155)</p> <p>60 2011 (56.0) (157)</p> <p>80 1961 (70.4) (155)</p>	<p>Today in your country how often do the media reflect this view?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Always (20)</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Frequently (89)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Sometimes (37)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Seldom (5)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Never (3)</p> <p>Your answer has been entered, and you may change it at any time.</p>	<p>Some stereotypes may be true. What about this one? Do you personally think this statement is true?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Always (4)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Frequently (45)</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Sometimes (53)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Seldom (19)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Never (23)</p> <p>Your answer has been entered, and you</p>

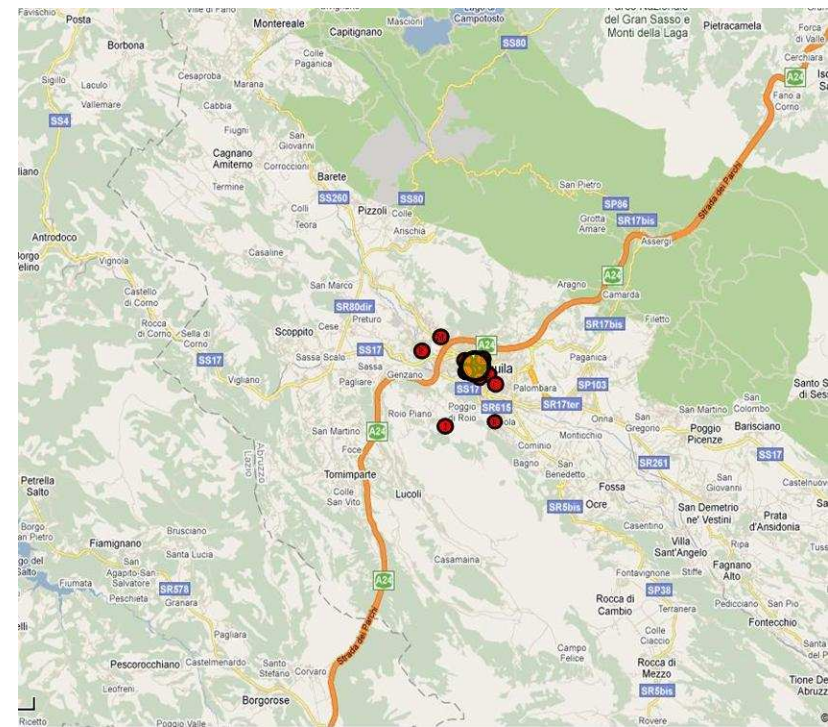
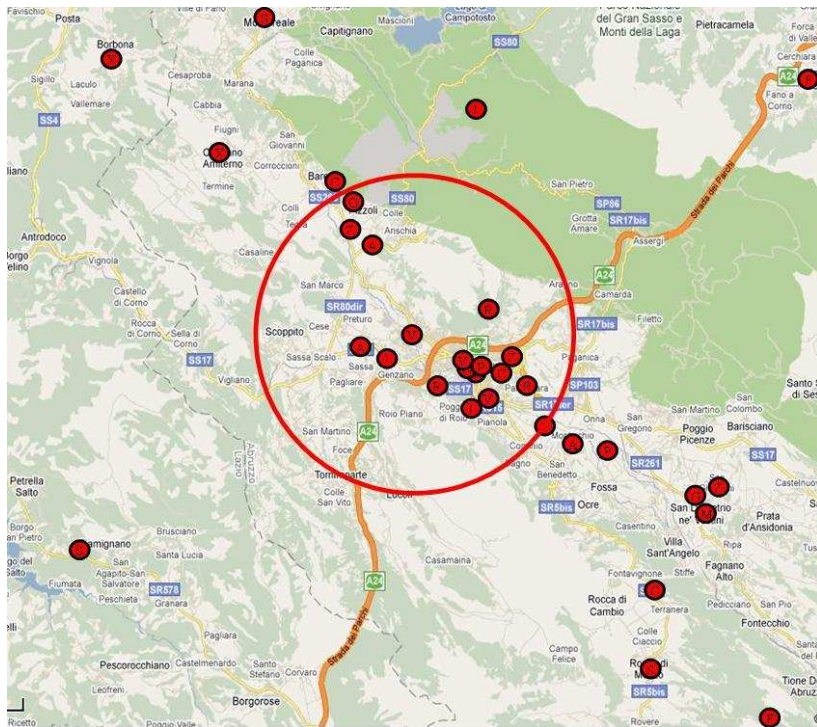
# From Delphi to Spatial Delphi

Often, the (Delphi) decision problem regards to find an **optimal area** on the territory.

- **The present:** choosing an optimal site to place goods or services or to act for a specific intervention;
- **The future:** predicting where a future event will be most likely to happen (catastrophic natural events, events resulting from scenario studies);
- **Underground:** the search for non-visible underground elements (archaeological surveys, mining, oilfields).

# The Spatial Delphi

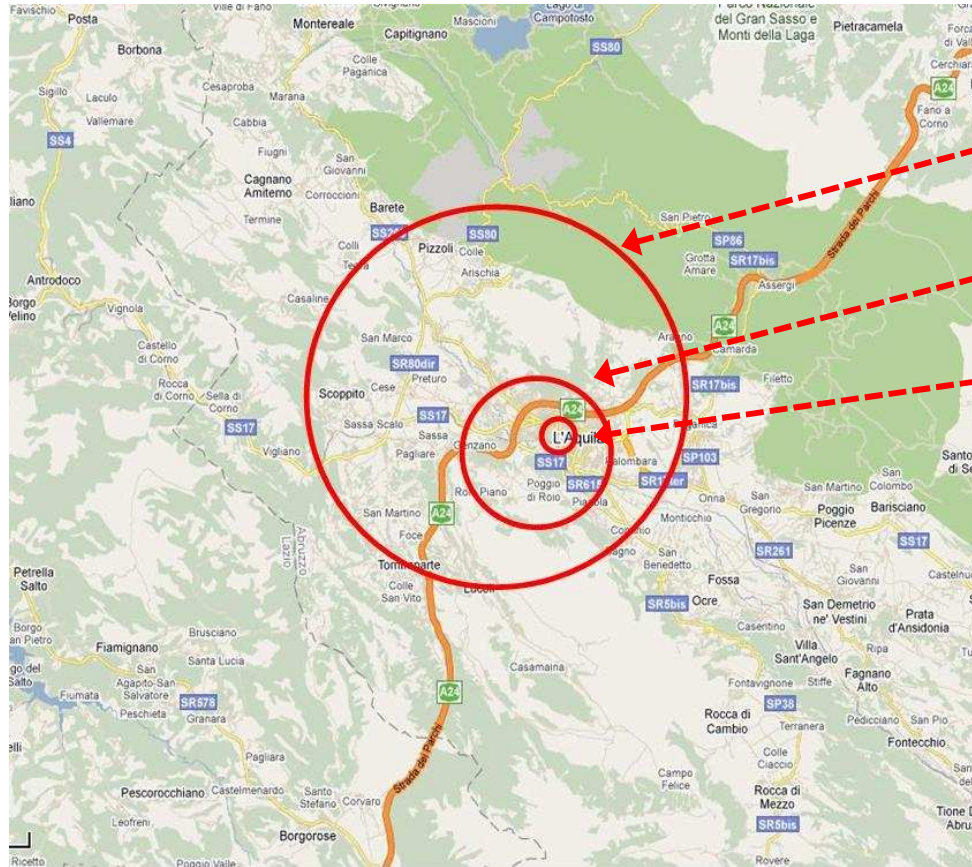
The **Spatial Delphi** (Di Zio S., Pacinelli A., 2011) has the aim to reach a consensus among a panel of experts in **finding an optimal location** in a limited geographic area.



The basis for the questionnaire is a map, on which each expert provides one or more **opinion-points**.



# The Spatial Delphi



Round 1

Round 2

Round 3

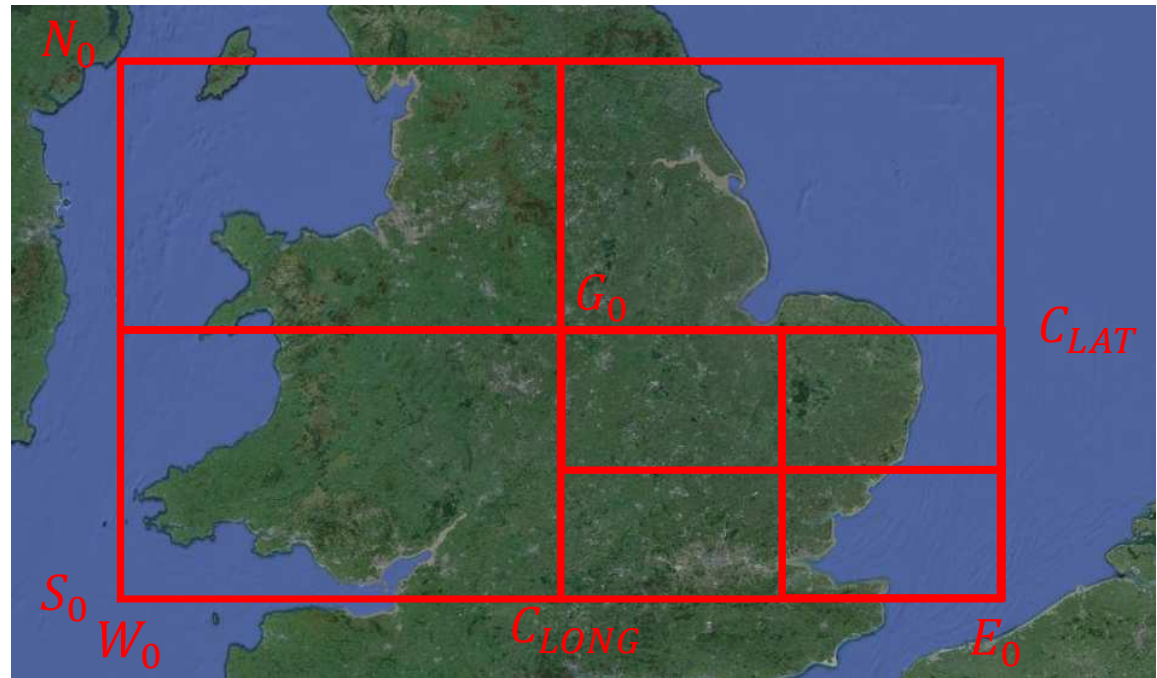
Each circle contains 50% of the Opinion-points

	$n$	$r_{best}$ (Km)	$A_{best}$ (Km <sup>2</sup> )	% of total area	$FD$
<b>Round 1</b>	36	9.55	286.52	10.61%	0.4003
<b>Round 2</b>	24	3.72	43.47	1.61%	0.1797
<b>Round 3</b>	12	0.81	2.06	0.08%	0.0602

# Spatial Shang

- The **Spatial Shang** (Di Zio S., Staniscia B., 2013) is a modified version of the Shang method.
- It is based on judgments of a panel of experts.
- The opinions are expressed by locating points on a map.

1. Draw 4 points on a map;
2. locate a single point in one of four rectangles.



# The Real-Time Spatial Delphi

Here we present the **Real-Time Spatial Delphi**, which combines the advantages of the **Real-Time Delphi** with those of the **Spatial Delphi**.

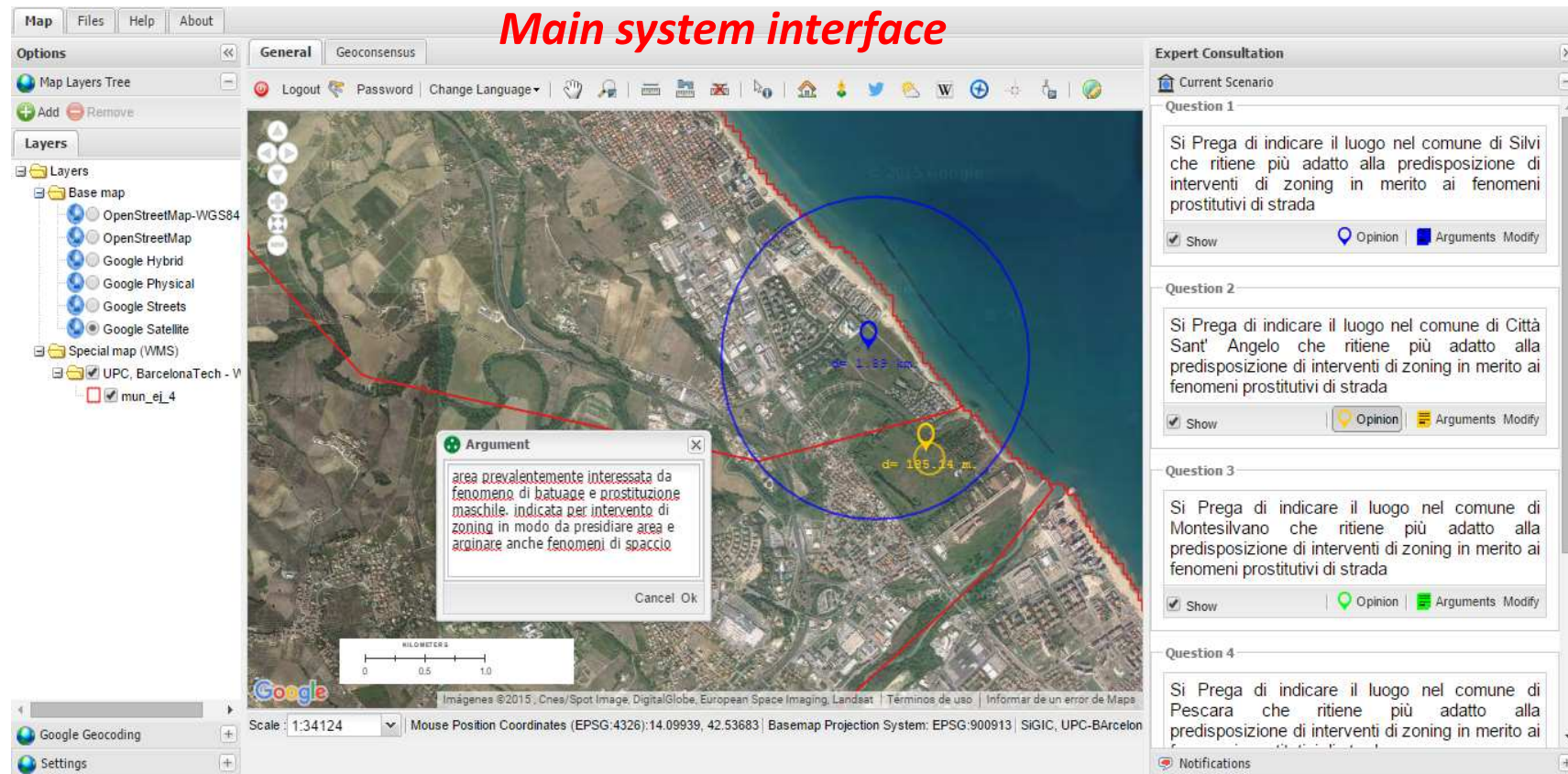
A panel of experts expresses **opinions-points on a digital map**, to reach a convergence of opinions on the location of goods, services or events (scenarios).

It is designed to **support decision-making** in complex situations.

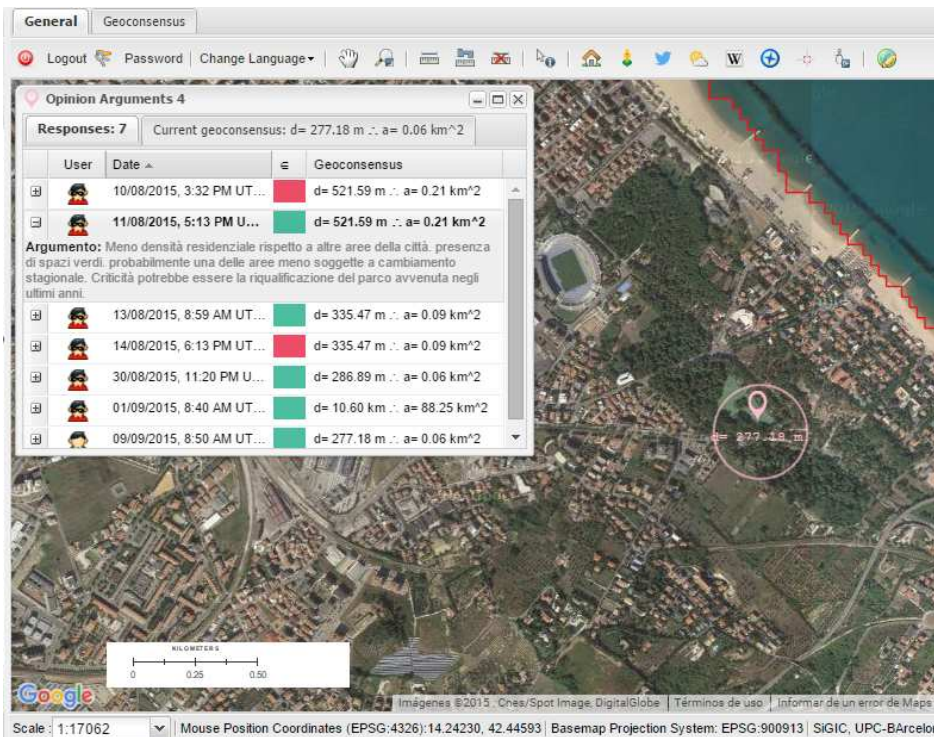
It can be used in **strategic planning** or **forecasting**.



# Key features of the system



- The user can give **opinion-points** and **comments**.
- The user can **change** his/her answers whenever it sees fit.
- The user can give **feedbacks** on the responses of the other (anonymous) panelists.
- After each point, the circle changes **position** and **dimension**



## In Real-Time the expert can:

- Consult accompanying **documents**
- See the **circle of consensus**

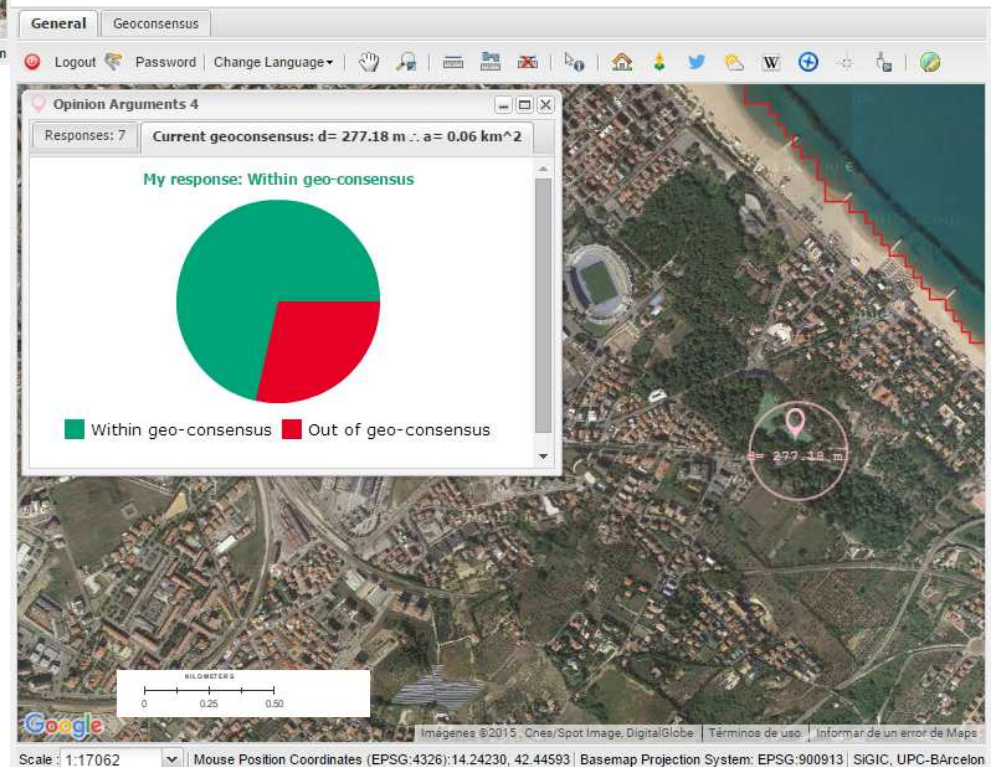
**SDSS**

Simple tools to promote **spatial consensus** in real-time

A GIS **user-friendly interface**

Any kind of **layer**

Any kind of **supporting** and/or **informative documents**



# Potential fields of application

- Logistics operations
- Management and environmental impact
- Generating policies
- Planning infrastructure and services
- Industrial planning
- Spatial planning
- Defence and security



# Running applications

1. Location of air quality **monitoring stations** (Pescara, Italy).
2. Location of monitoring sites for **HIV screening test** in pregnant women (Esmeraldas, Ecuador).
3. Location of points for **blood collection** (Cuenca, Ecuador).
4. Environmental planning and management in **scientific station** (Pedro Vicente Maldonado, Ecuador).
5. **Infrastructure and services** planning (Trempealeau Basin, Spain).
6. **Environmental Impact Assessment** of wind energy (Mexico).
7. **Zoning** of street prostitution (Abruzzo, Italy).

General Geoconsensus Analysis Search

Logout Password Change Language Quick Search to visible layers

Expert Consultation

Current Scenario

Question 1

All'interno della città di Pescara, indicare il punto dove si ritiene più opportuno posizionare una stazione di monitoraggio (facendo riferimento alla tipologia T, ovvero "stazione da traffico in zona urbana residenziale"). Per rispondere, cliccare prima sul pulsante 'Opinione' e poi con il pulsante sinistro del mouse direttamente sulla mappa. Se possibile motivare la scelta. Si consideri che se sulla mappa appare un cerchio, quella è l'area dove gli altri esperti hanno concentrato le loro risposte.

Show Opinion Arguments Modify

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Location of air quality monitoring stations (Pescara, Italy).

Location of monitoring sites for HIV screening test in pregnant women (Esmeraldas, Ecuador).

General Geoconsenso Analysis Busqueda

Consulta a Expertos

Escenario Actual

Cuestión 1

De acuerdo con los datos y estadísticas que muestran las mujeres embarazadas en la ciudad de Esmeraldas, y buscando atender la mayor cobertura de esta población ¿En donde considera usted que colocar un puesto para suministrar tamizaje seria más concurrido?

Visible Opinión Argumentos Modificar

Escala : 1:8531 Posición actual 'X', 'Y' (EPSG:4326):-79.66043, 0.97280 Proyección del mapa base: EPSG:900913 SiGIC, UPC-BarcelonaTech,



# Zoning of street prostitution

The zoning is a new approach which aims to **relocate the practice of prostitution** in areas characterized by low population density, the presence of law enforcement and social workers.

It is a **methodology of harm reduction**: increases the effectiveness of actions aimed at the welfare of citizens and that of prostitutes.



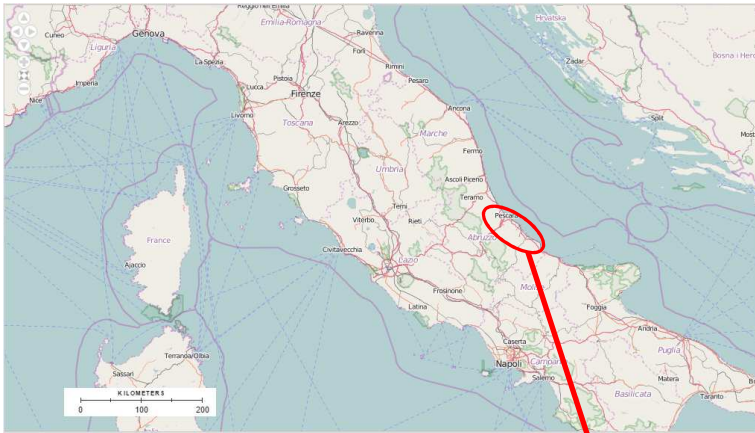
# Zoning of street prostitution

It is a **regulatory policy** that allows social workers and law enforcement:

- **be present** where the phenomenon of street prostitution emerges;
- develop effective **preventive health interventions**;
- protect the **safety of prostitutes**;
- **mediate conflicts** with citizens.

Since **zoning is a complex process** (involving many stakeholders) the phase of **finding a suitable place** on the territory **is crucial**.





# Study Area

5 municipalities

Abruzzo region, Italy

- A panel of seven experts
- A web platform specially designed

A screenshot of a web-based expert consultation platform. The main window displays a map of the study area, with five municipalities highlighted in red: Silvi, Città S. A., Montesilvano, Pescara, and Francavilla. The map includes a scale bar and a coordinate system. On the right side, there is a panel titled "Expert Consultation" with four questions for zoning assessment. The first question asks for the most suitable point for zoning. The second question asks for the most suitable location in Città Sant' Angelo for zoning interventions related to prostitution. The third question asks for the most suitable location in Montesilvano for zoning interventions related to prostitution. The fourth question asks for the most suitable location in Pescara for zoning interventions related to prostitution. The interface includes a "Map Layers Tree" on the left and a "Scale" and "Mouse Position Coordinates" bar at the bottom.



# RESULTS



# History of the movements of each circle

The screenshot displays the Geoconsensus web application interface. The main map area shows a satellite view of a coastal region with a river. A large blue circle is drawn around a specific location, and a series of smaller, overlapping blue circles trace a path around it, representing the movement history of that location. The interface includes a top menu bar with options like 'Map', 'Metadata', 'Files', 'Consensus Charts', 'Admin', 'Help', and 'About'. Below this is a 'Options' section with tabs for 'General', 'Geoconsensus', 'Analysis', and 'Search'. A 'Layers' panel on the left lists various map sources, including 'OpenStreetMap-WGS84', 'OpenStreetMap', 'Google Hybrid', 'Google Physical', 'Google Streets', 'Google Satellite', and 'Special map (WMS)'. The 'Special map (WMS)' section is expanded, showing 'UPC, BarcelonaTech - V' and 'mur\_ej\_4'. On the right side, an 'Expert Consultation' panel contains four questions, each asking for the most suitable location for zoning interventions in a specific commune: Silvi, Città Sant' Angelo, Montesivano, and Pescara. Each question has a 'Show' button and options for 'Opinion' and 'Arguments'. The bottom status bar shows the scale as 1:135494 and mouse position coordinates (EPSG:4326):14.01193, 42.61353. The basemap projection system is EPSG:900913 (SIGIC, UPC-BarcelonaTech).



# History of the opinion-points

The screenshot displays a web application interface for managing opinion points. The main map shows a coastal area with a red circle highlighting a specific location. A pop-up window titled "Opinion Arguments 5" is open, showing a table of responses and an argument.

**Opinion Arguments 5**

Responses: 7    Current geoconsensus: d= 1.86 km · a=

User	Date	Geoconsensus
[Avatar]	09/09/2015, 8...	d= 1.86 km · a= 2.72 km <sup>2</sup>
[Avatar]	01/09/2015, 8...	d= 1.86 km · a= 2.72 km <sup>2</sup>
[Avatar]	30/08/2015, 1...	d= 1.86 km · a= 2.72 km <sup>2</sup>
[Avatar]	14/08/2015, 6...	d= 2.07 km · a= 3.38 km <sup>2</sup>
[Avatar]	13/08/2015, 8...	d= 3.78 km · a= 11.24 k...
[Avatar]	11/08/2015, 4...	d= 3.72 km · a= 10.85 k...
[Avatar]	10/08/2015, 3...	d= 2.29 km · a= 4.11 km <sup>2</sup>

**Argumento:** Area di Francavilla scarsamente abitata, quindi particolarmente densa a lotteico intervento di zoning.

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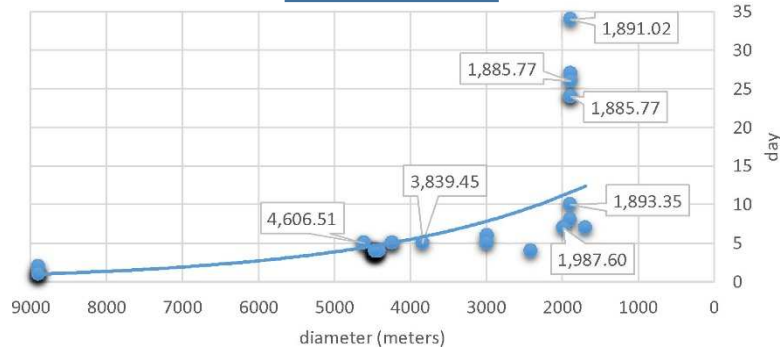
# Descriptive Statistics

Municipality	surface (Km <sup>2</sup> )			Measure of cons.	No. of experts	No. of opinions
	Initial circle	Minimal obtained	Final circle			
<b>1</b> Silvi	62.180	2.258	2.809	<b>4.52%</b>	7	34
<b>2</b> Città S. A.	162.860	0.029	0.027	<b>0.02%</b>	7	40
<b>3</b> Montesilv.	41.396	0.082	0.314	<b>0.76%</b>	6	35
<b>4</b> Pescara	88.247	0.060	0.060	<b>0.07%</b>	7	24
<b>5</b> Francavilla	60.545	2.716	2.722	<b>4.50%</b>	7	27

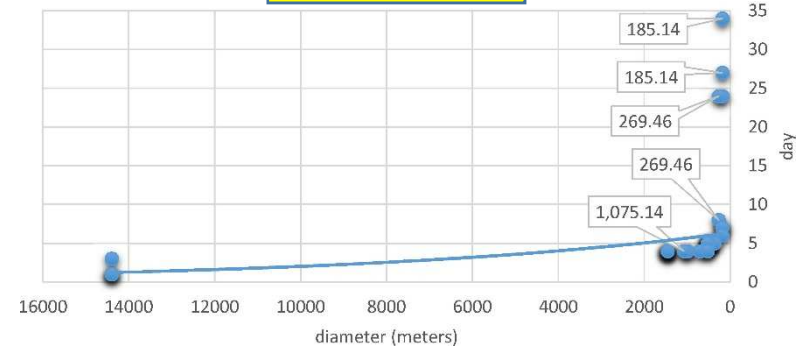


# History of the geo-consensus

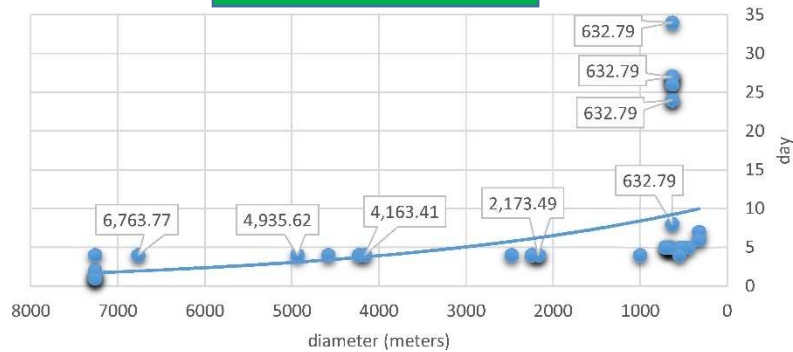
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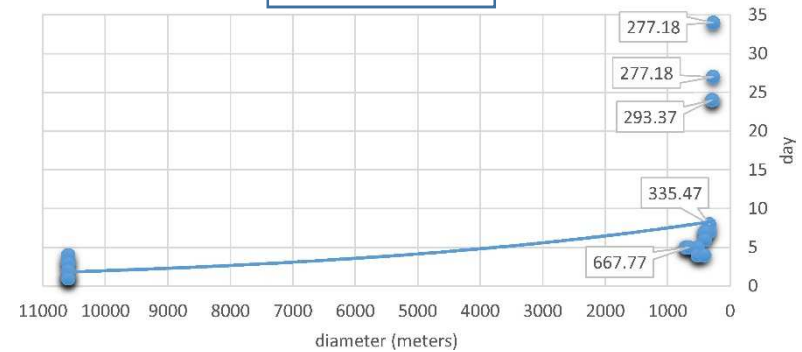
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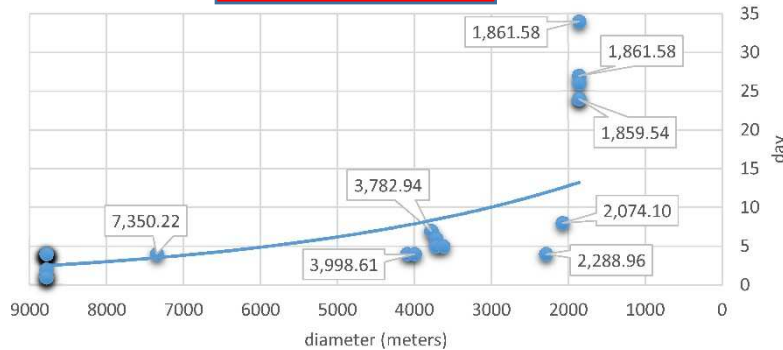
## 3. Montesilvano



## 4. Pescara



## 5. Francavilla



# Arguments

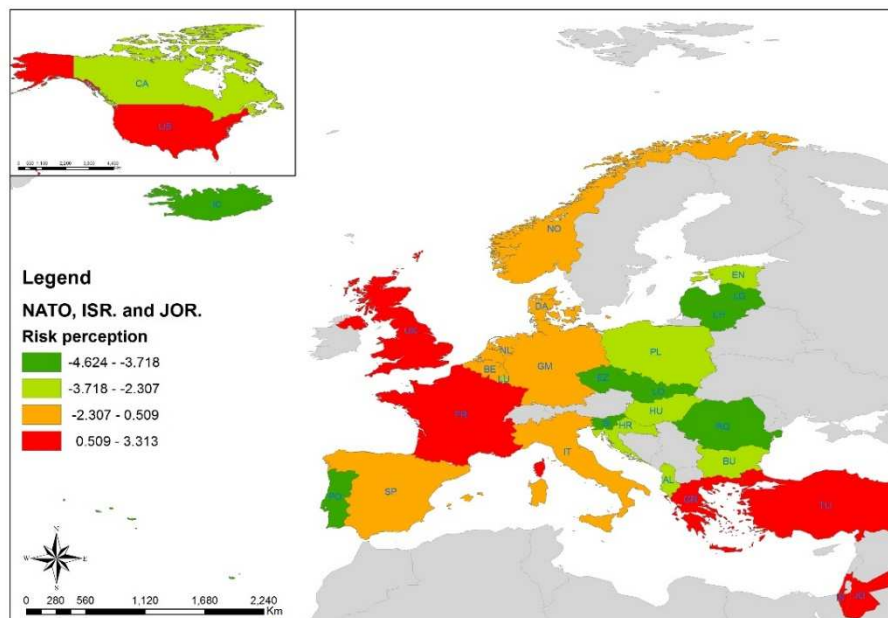
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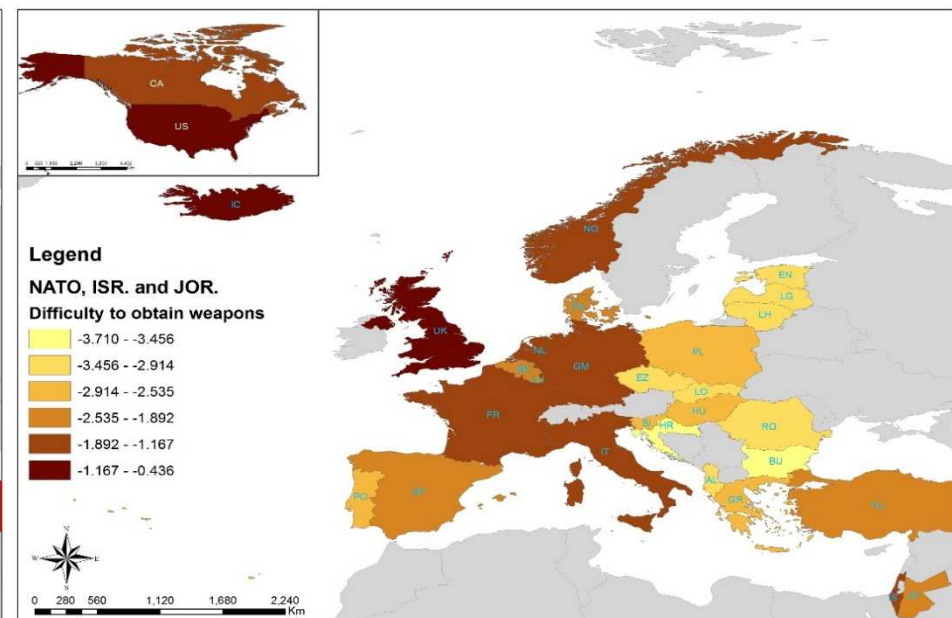
# Geo Real Time Delphi

## Lone Wolf Terrorism threats in NATO countries

(S. Di Zio, T. Gordon, Y. Sharan)



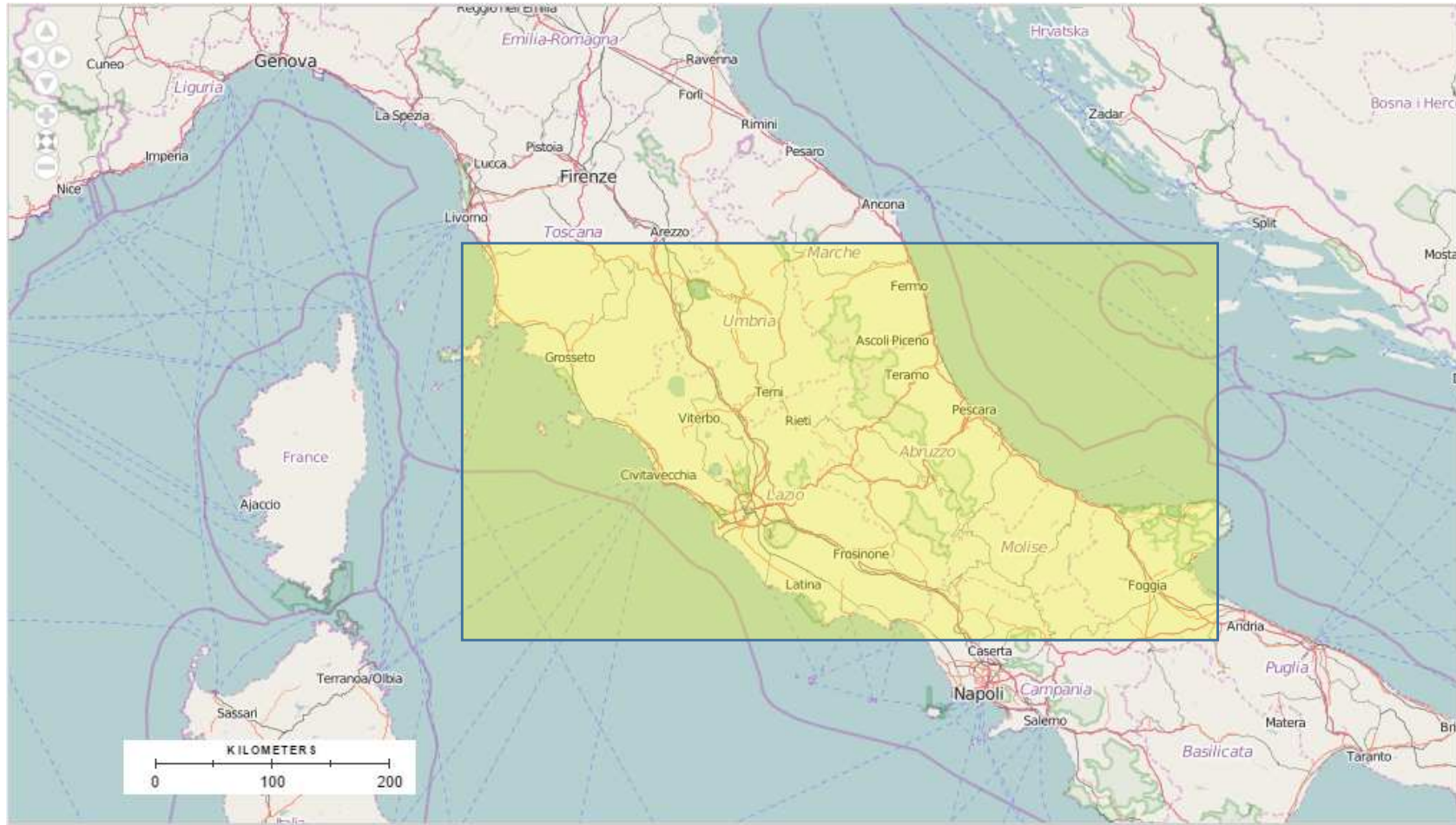
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perception of the risk of a  
LWT attack



IRT model Estimates:  
difficulty to obtain a WMD



# Real Time Spatial Shang



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