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Meet je Stad started building a community around DIY measurements in 2015

What can we learn from our efforts so far?

How do we want to develop in the years ahead?

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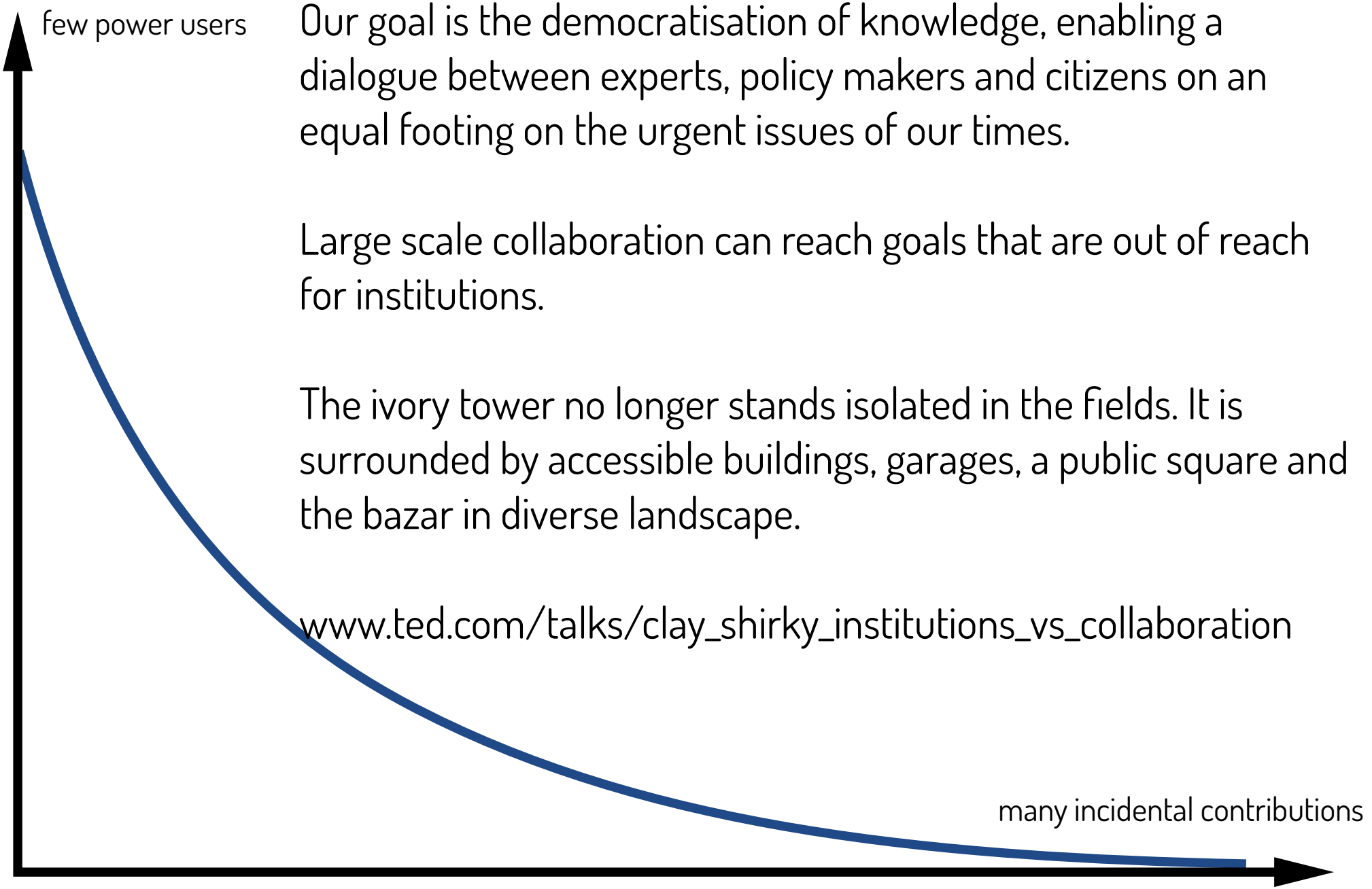

Our goal is the democratisation of knowledge, enabling a dialogue between experts, policy makers and citizens on an equal footing on the urgent issues of our times.

Large scale collaboration can reach goals that are out of reach for institutions.

The ivory tower no longer stands isolated in the fields. It is surrounded by accessible buildings, garages, a public square and the bazar in diverse landscape.

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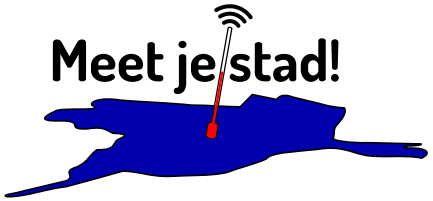

Community Science Manifesto

Knowledge
Our goal is to produce and share scientific knowlegde.

Open
We produce open data, open knowledge and open source technology.

Sustainable
We take care of the persistent availability of our results.

Inclusive
All our meetings are openly accessible, everyone may join. Knowledge is shared in a comprehensible way. In order to ensure privacy and affordability we use open tools.

Reciprocal
Those who benefit from our community are expected to contribute back to it.

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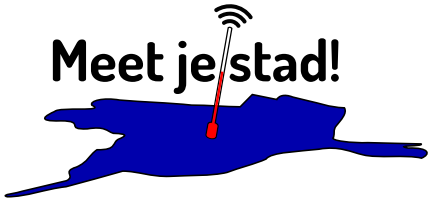

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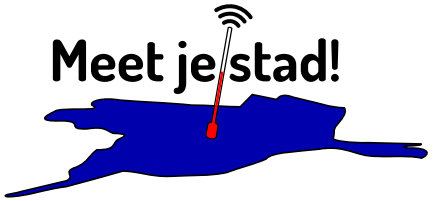

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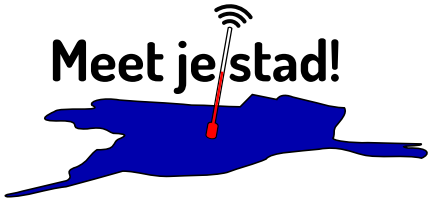

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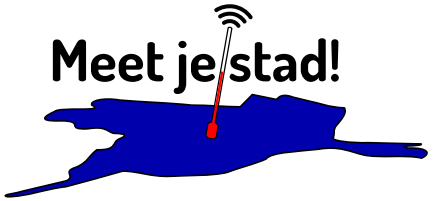

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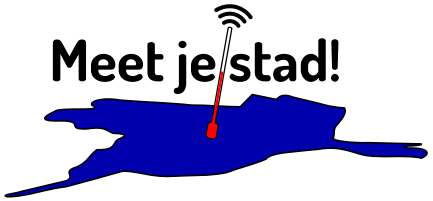

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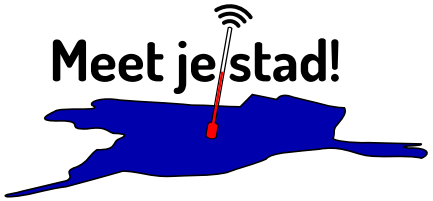

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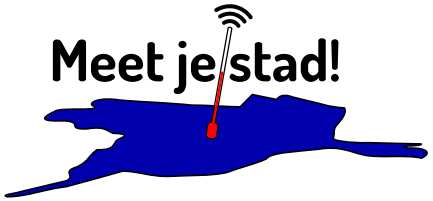

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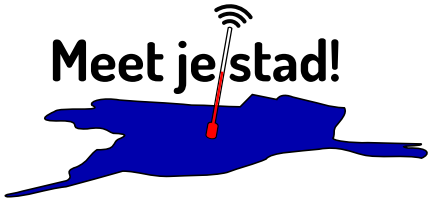

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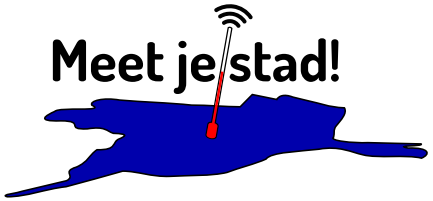

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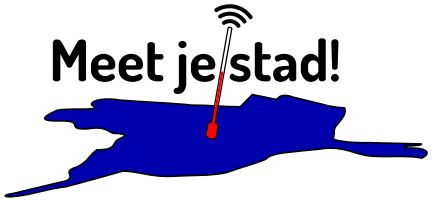

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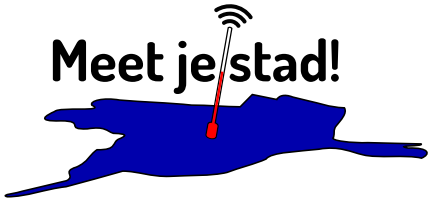

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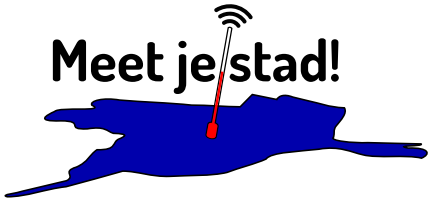

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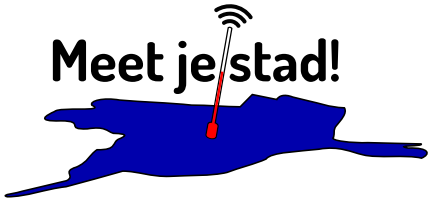

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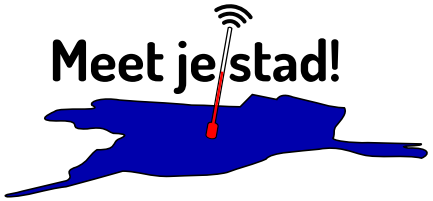

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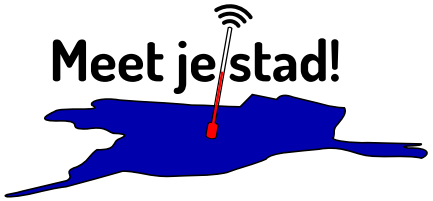

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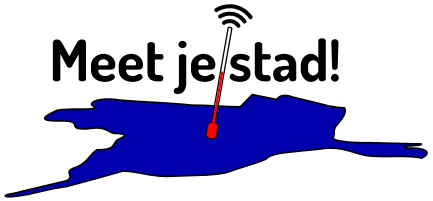

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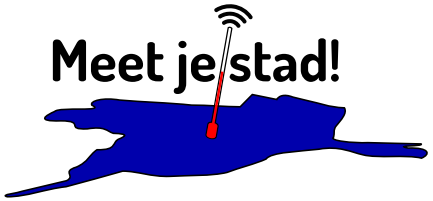

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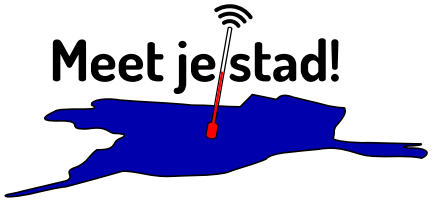

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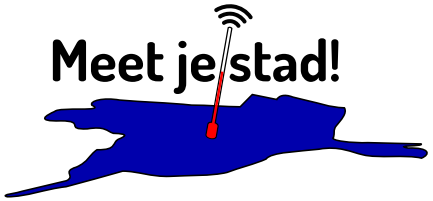

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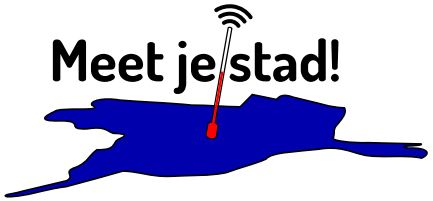

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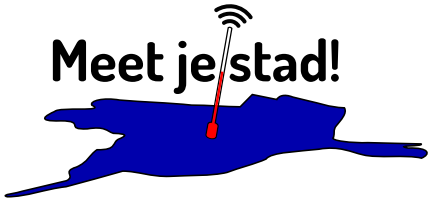

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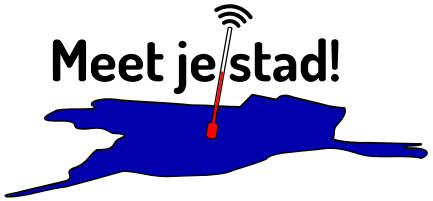

Let's start... one step at a time

Examples to learn/copy from:

- StreetComplete, geocaching: challenge based communities
- Instructables, Kahn academy: manuals made easy
- Arduino, Scratch, MAX/MSP: coding made easy
- Yunohost: hosting made easy
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