The Hackbable City @ Athens
From 9 to 11 May the team of The Hackable City will visit Athens as part of an international research project on the role of digital media in citymaking, the outcomes of which will be presented at the International Architecture Biennale in Rotterdam in June 2016. Our programme in Athens is carried out in close cooperation with our local partner, the Laboratory of New Technologies in Communication, Education and the Mass Media of the University of Athens.

Together with NTLab we are formulating an inspiring program, in which we would like to visit a number of citymaking initiatives in Athens that have opened up the process of citymaking to citizens. In visiting these locations and discussing with project representatives, we want to compare and explore fundamental similarities, learn from the experiences in Athens and see in what way institutions are welcoming or even helping these initiatives forward.

The Athens mini-symposium Monday May 9th: 'Hackable Citymaking in Athens'
At the start of our visit, NTLab en The Hackable City are organizing a mini-conference at the University of Athens. A researcher from The Hackable City project and a practicioner from the Amsterdam brownfield redevelopment project in Buiksloterham will share their experiences with 'hackable citymaking'. These introductions will be followed by a plenary presentation of citymaking projects in Athens. We invite each of these initiatives to briefly present themselves to the audience in around 15 minutes.

Practicalities:
When: Monday May 9th, 2016, 9.00-14.00h
Where: University of Athens, auditorium
More information: http://thehackablecity.nl/

About the Hackable City Research Project
The Hackable City is a research project that explores the opportunities of digital media technologies for the empowerment of citizens and other stakeholders in a democratic process of citymaking. It also considers the shifting relationships between governments, (design) professionals and citizens in this process. The Hackable City is administered through the University of Amsterdam and the Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences, and is funded through a grant of the The Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO). One Architecture and The Mobile City Foundation are (founding) partners in the project.

Our local partner in Athens is the Laboratory of New Technologies in Communication, Education and the Mass Media of the University of Athens. NTLab is active in research and development in the fields of interaction design, multimedia, virtual environments, mobile communication and locative media, adaptive, personalised and intelligent systems, visual communication and visual design, computer-mediated communication, game studies, social media, etc.

Our research project for the IABR is carried out in cooperation with a number of parties involved in the Amsterdam neighbourhood of Buiksloterham: Delva Landscape Architects, Stadslab Buiksloterham and Studioninedots. Together we have set up an international knowledge exchange with Sao Paulo, Shenzhen and Athens. We will visit several projects in each of these cities, meet with representatives and conduct mini-symposia and workshops.