

Apps for Europe: Hackers oust mayor of Amsterdam

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Over the past years many local, regional and national app competitions in Europe have been organized and stimulated developers and companies to build new applications with open data. But it's time to take it to the next level. And so on Saturday June 29, at the '[Hack de Overheid Hackathon](#)' members of the [Apps for Europe](#) network open their first Business Lounge.

Seated in the Amsterdam Municipal Council chamber, participants will be presented with side events, such as workshops on open education data, open spending, health data, housing data, city data, political transparency and culture.

New is The [Apps for Europe](#) Business Lounge, organised by [Waag Society](#), [Kennisland](#) and [Open State](#). The aim of the [Business Lounge](#) is to support open data apps to move from a concept or prototype phase into a business start-up. It will prepare participants for the Apps for Europe competition. The best applicants will be selected to exclusively meet experts in the morning and investors and incubators in the afternoon.

Here's a selection apps of developers that take the comfortable seats in the first Apps for Europe Business Lounge located at the Amsterdam City Hall this coming Saturday.

Neighborhood Alert

[Omgevingsalert.nl](#) makes it easy to find out what's happening in your neighborhood. App developed by [Andersteboven](#) and [9 to 5 development](#).



Spotzi

[Spotzi](#) is the largest online World Atlas. It not only shows you street maps and high detail aerial maps. That's just a starter. [Spotzi](#) is developed by [D-Base](#).



Muse-app

[Muse-app](#) brings art to life. Create your Work of Art, with some help from world-famous old masters. [Muse-app](#) is developed by [Glimworm IT](#).



Vistory

[Vistory](#) is an app that uses a smart phone's geo-location technology to find out where you are and shows you what historical films were taken close by. [Vistory](#) is developed by [Glimworm IT](#).



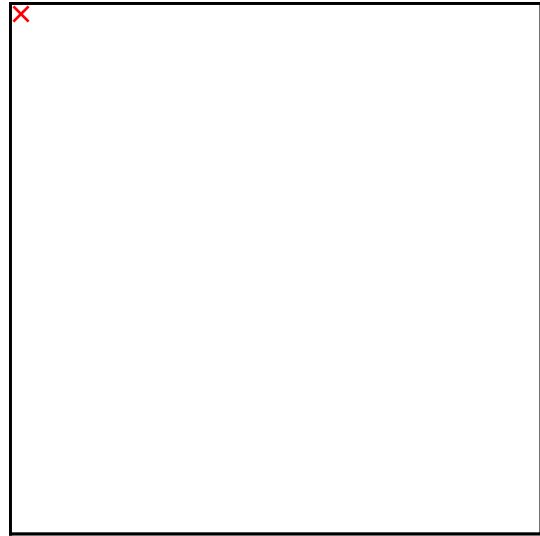
Scholenvinden

Finding schools is not so hard as you think. Scholenvinden is developed by [Dispectu](#).



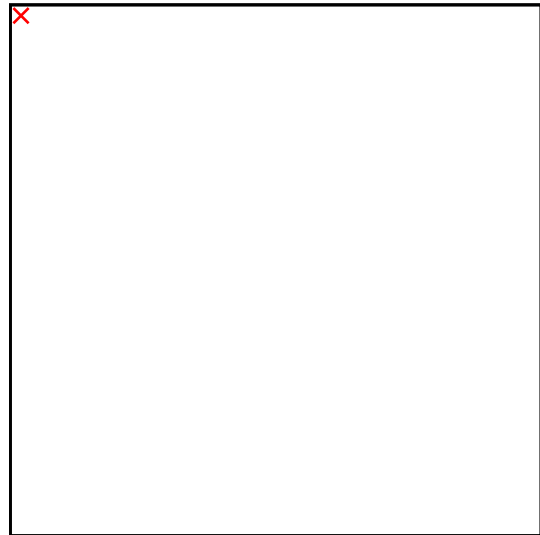
LawCat

[Lawcat](#) is a 21st century law collection. It's a free platform that contains Dutch laws and regulations and enables users to add and share knowledge and expertise.



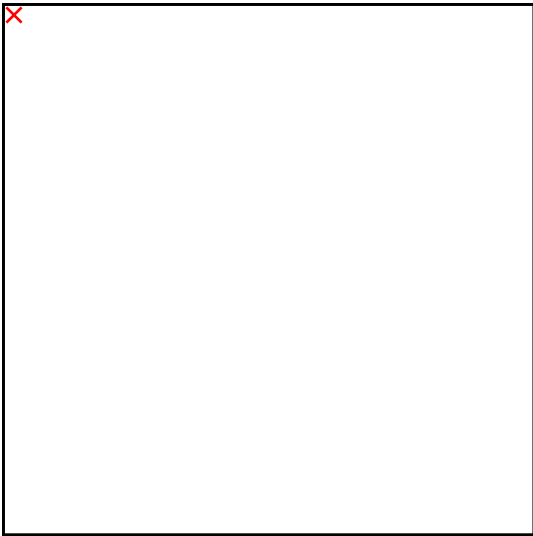
Openbaar Vervoer App

Did the tram pass by already? Is the bus late? Realtime information on public transport is offered with [Openbaarvervoerapp](#). This app is developed by [Solid Links](#).



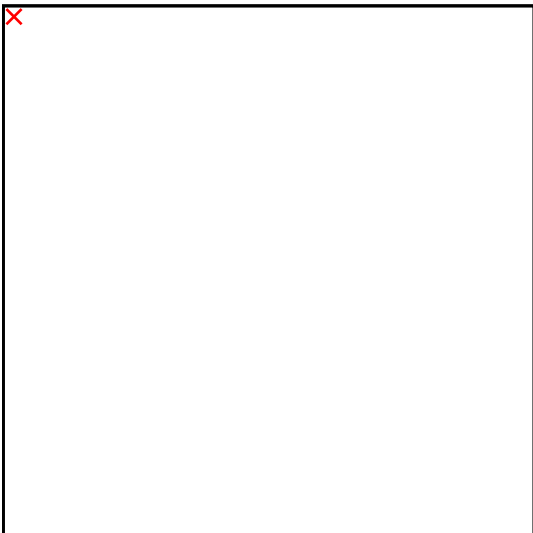
Open OV

[OpenOv](#) is a smartly developed API with data on public transport in the Netherlands. This application that offers a lot of developers the right data for apps. OpenOv is developed by [Stefan de Konink](#).



Hoge Nood

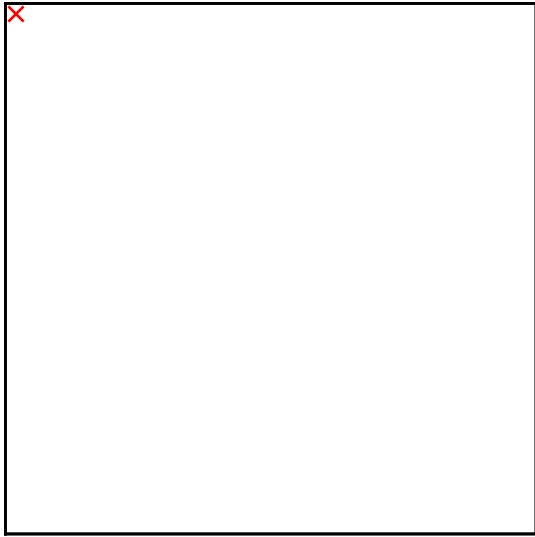
Don't waste time trying to find your way to the loo either, as once you've selected your nearest toilet [Hoge Nood](#) will guide you directly to it. [Hoge Nood](#) is developed by [App-visie](#).



iKringloop

Give stuff a second change. [iKringloop](#) enables you to exchange second-hand goods with your neighbors, thrift shops and collectors. It brings existing pick-up/drop-off services together in a mobile and social platform to reuse things easier. [iKringloop](#) is developed by [Tapp](#).





Other apps included in this first Apps for Europe Business Lounge are [Push2Press.com](#) (Glimworm IT), [Openhuis App](#) (2coolmonkeys), [City Navigator](#) (BusFaster Oy), [PAC-Manchester](#) (Foxdogs Studios), [Go Board](#) (Iodatalabs), [De Nederlandse Wet](#) (Black Envelope) en [Ikregeer](#)(overheid.io)

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This meet and great with experts from various incubators and angel investors among them [Rockstart](#), [Google](#) and [Startup Bootcamp](#) prepares selected participants to apply for the Apps for Europe competition. Developers get advice in creating and commercializing apps with market potential. They enter their app, including a business model, into an annual pan-European Open Data Competition.

The Business Lounge at the [Hack de Overheid Hackathon](#) in Amsterdam is the first of a series of local business lounges that are organised in Berlin, Brussels, Ghent, Helsinki, Barcelona, Warsaw and Manchester.

The [Hack de Overheid](#) hackathon, an initiative of [Open State Foundation](#), is an exciting opportunity, bringing together policymakers, data owners, coders, hackers and software developers to experiment with open data to create applications for the public benefit.

Special guest at the hackathon is [Júlia Keseru](#), international program coordinator of the US-based [Sunlight Foundation](#), an organisation that uses the internet to catalyse greater government openness and transparency. During the workshops the [Open Education Data network](#) will launch its own API with quality information on schools and together with Amsterdam's Centre District as first local government, we will launch [Openspending](#) in the Netherlands. The aim is to make financial data accessible and create transparency of these data for the public. The disclosure of financial information by governments as open data provides a more transparent and efficient government.

The Hack de Overheid Hackathon 'Apps for Europe' is set to be an intense, productive and exciting collaboration between bright minds in coding and data processing. There are several cash prizes of 500 euro to be won for the best product at the end of the day.

The hackathon takes place on Saturday 29 June 9.30am to 7pm. [Amsterdam City Hall, Amstel 1, 1011 PN, Amsterdam](#). The event is free to enter and open to all. Registration is open at <http://vote.hackdeoverheid.nl/> – [@hackdeoverheid](#) – [facebook.com/hackoverheid](https://www.facebook.com/hackoverheid)