Author’s response to reviews

Title: From insight network to open policy practice: practical experiences

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Sir/Madam,

Thank you for the reviewer comments. They were very useful. The previous manuscript structure was based on an idea to present the different methods in a rough order in which they were invented or adopted. Based on the comments, this clearly was not successful. Now we have completely reorganised the text and rewritten every part of it to match a new structure that clearly separates the background, materials and methods used in this study, the results of this study, i.e. the evaluation of open policy practice, and finally discussion where the results and open policy practice are discussed from a wider perspective.

The new structure caused the following major changes to the manuscript:

* Some notes about the history of open policy practice is given in Background, as well a description about how methods within open policy practice were developed.

* The descriptions of open policy practice and its methods were located as a separate section after Background and before Methods. The description starts with an overview and then goes into details.

* Methods section contains the methods of the evaluation work performed in this study (as a reader would expect). The material used for the evaluation were the ca. 30 open assessments and policy processes that have utilised (at least in part) the methods of open policy practice. Literature reviews were performed before this study, and this is described in Background with appropriate references to the reviews.
*  More material was added about Climate Watch, which is a web-workspace to manage the climate strategy of the City of Helsinki. This is the newest and largest implementation of open policy practice so far.

*  The Results section is structured according to the properties of good policy support. Each method or tool within open policy practice is evaluated against these properties. As a result, the table in the Results section was completely rewritten.

*  All evaluative texts were moved from the previous Open policy practice section to the current Results section.

*  The minor revisions suggested by the reviewer were corrected. However, it is not possible to make references to every one of them, because the structure of and the text within the manuscript have changed so much.