

## MyCity, MySounds

At the centre of the project MyCity, MySounds is a mobile application, which enables users to explore sonic properties and meanings of their city. Sound can be recorded at real locations and then placed on a virtual sound map. The uploaded sound files, in a second step, serve as basic material for the creation of new artistic works. This can be e.g. audio walks, which invite users to visit and explore sonically interesting places of the city or commissioned works, which are given to composers and sound artists. Aim of the project MyCity, MySounds is the participation of the citizens of Helsinki as much as the realisation of new artistic ideas.

As a proposal for The Next Helsinki we intend to virtually link Helsinki to other Cities. First we will create audio walks in Helsinki that correspond to semantic categories like *fauna*, *signal*, *fountain*, *voice*, or *silence*. In a second step we will link them to sounds of other cities. From this the possibility arises to compare specific sonic characteristics of the cities and to virtually connect them in sound: E.g. users are located at a fountain or park in Barcelona and with the App MyCity, MySounds they can virtually change over to a fountain or park in Helsinki. A close sonic interconnectedness and an immediate comparability of characteristics would be the result of this project.

