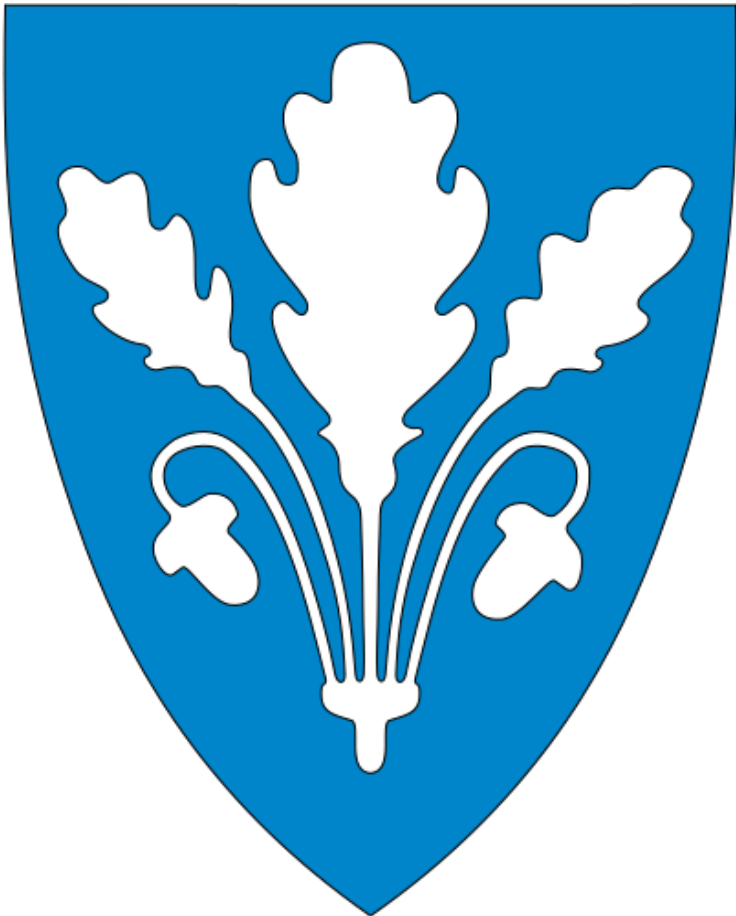# "Community Connector": A prototype app to help bring people together in a local community

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Where the idea came from

- Øvre Eiker Municipality

- Participate in another EEA Grants Project

- Met at the plenary meeting in Budapest, December 2016

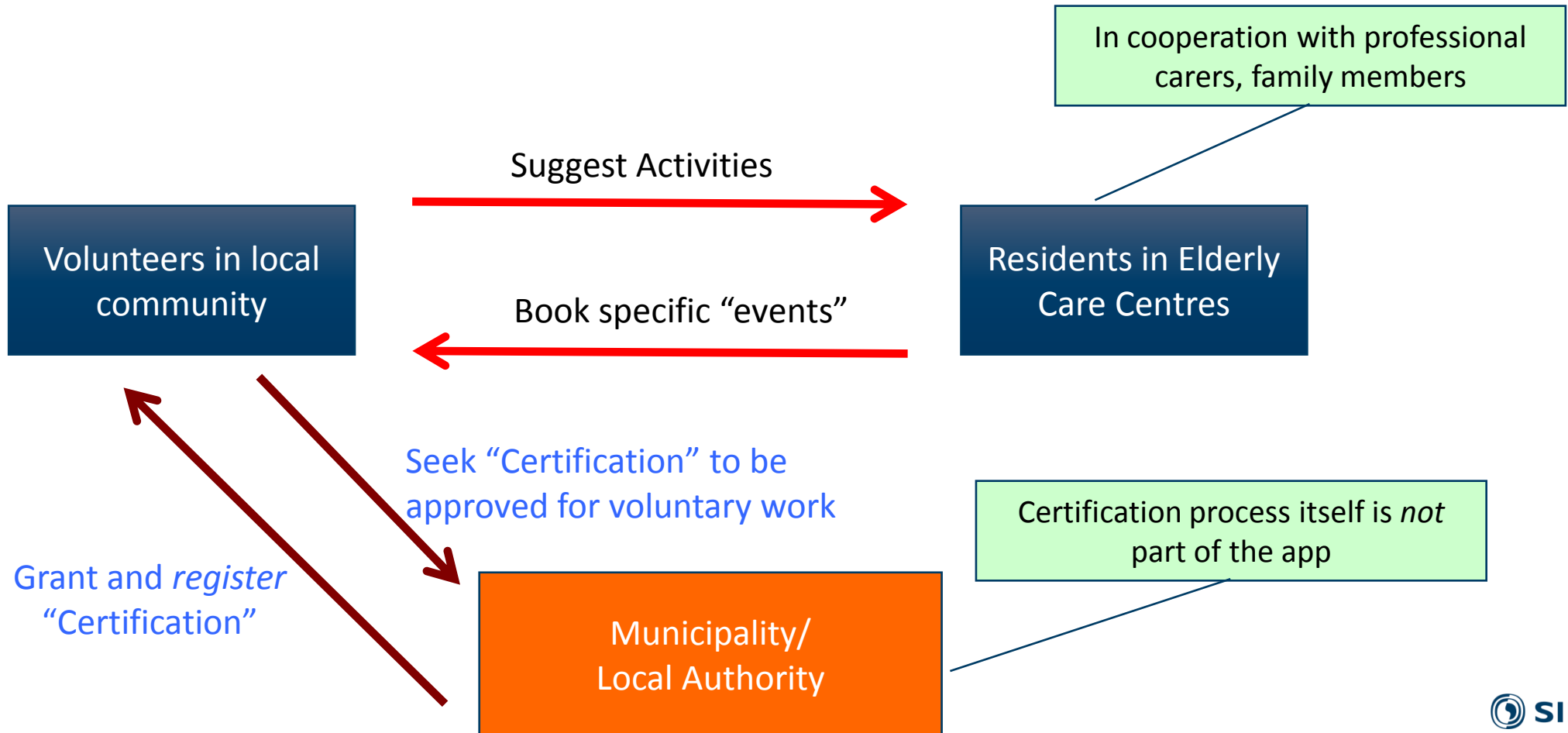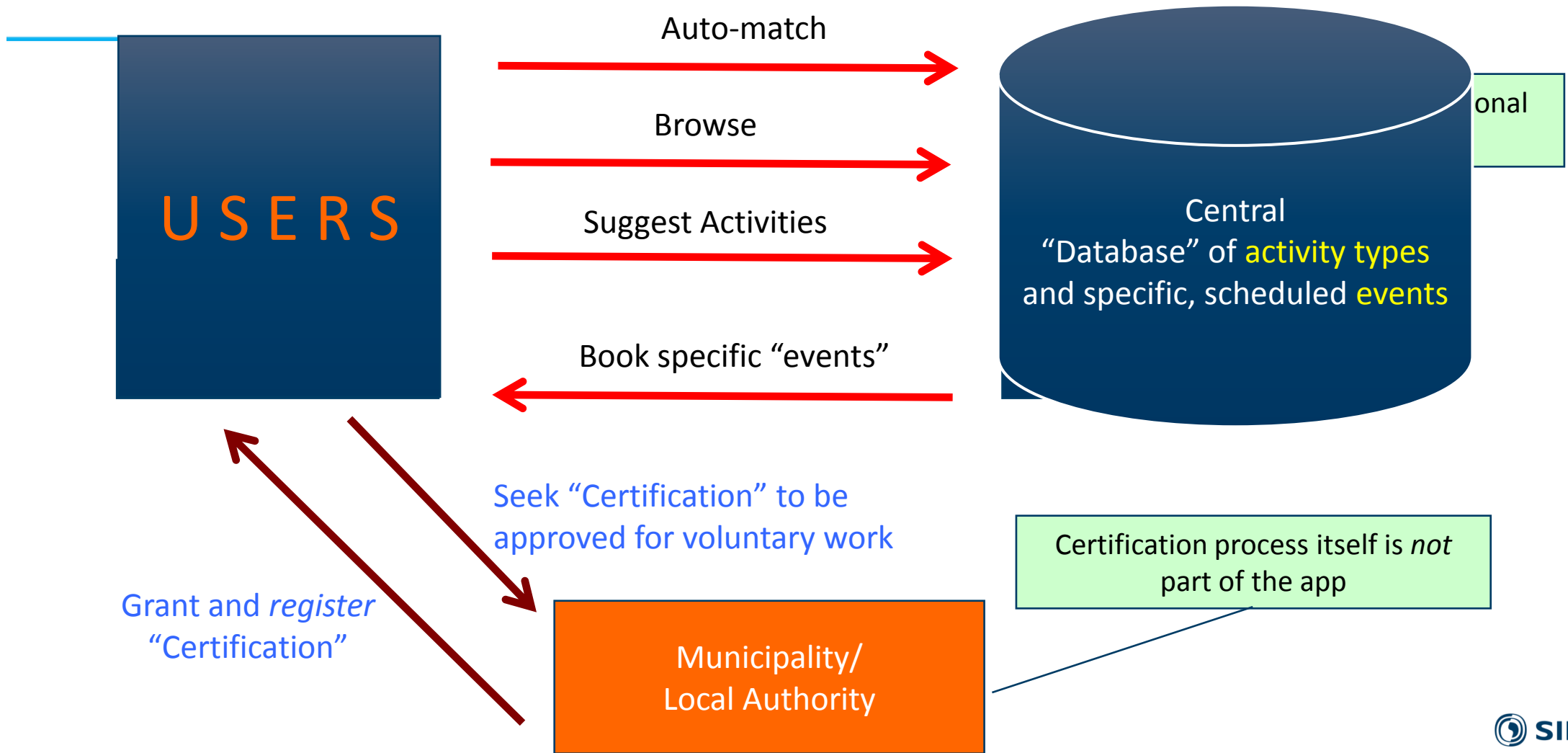# Original Idea

Volunteers in local community

→ Suggest Activities →

← Select Activity + Book "events" ←

Residents in Elderly Care Centres

In cooperation with professional carers, family members

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Extended Idea

Volunteers in local community

→ **Suggest Activities** →

← **Book specific "events"** ←

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Seek "Certification" to be approved for voluntary work

Grant and *register* "Certification"

Municipality/ Local Authority

Certification process itself is *not* part of the app

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Inspired by principle of "Universal Design"….

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…. treat everyone as just "Users"

Auto-match

Browse

Suggest Activities

Book specific "events"

USERS

Central
"Database" of activity types
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"Community Connector" App

- A prototype "proof-of-concept" app

- Central, secure server to store identity information, activities and events

- Accessed via:
  - App on phones/tablets
  - Web interface on PC/Mac

Internet

Clients

Server

- User profiles
- Activity descriptions
- Scheduled Events

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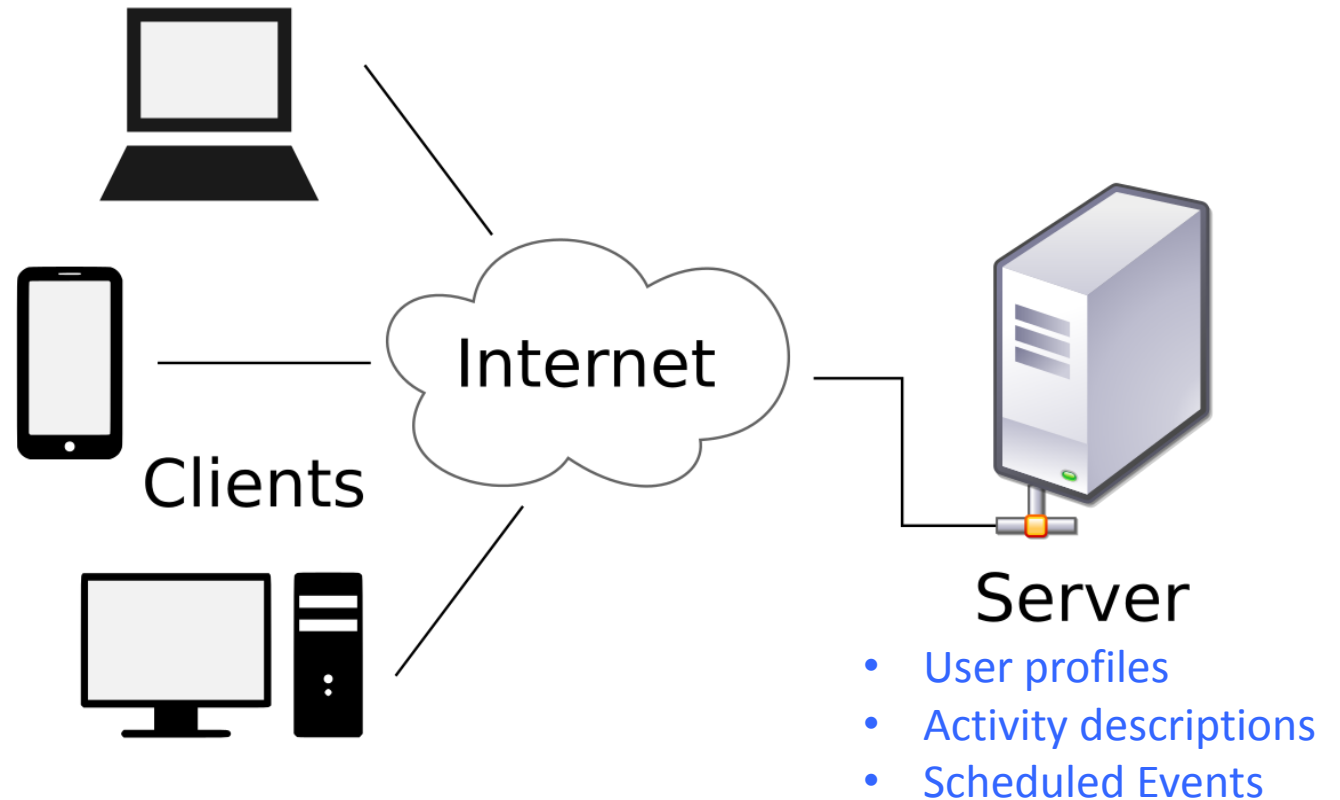
What you will see in the demo

- **ANDREW** volunteers to take part in 1-on-1 chess games, and indicates constraints on when he is available

- **ANDREW** seeks "certification" from the municipality; BETTY from the municipality arranges a background check and registers positive result in app

- **CHARLES** *browses* activities and likes chess; requests an event with ANDREW

- **ANDREW** accepts, and the private event gets scheduled

- **DANIELA** tells the app what kind of activities interest her

- **DANIELA** uses *auto match* instead of browsing. She rejects one of the suggestions made by the app, but accepts another and registers for a group event

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