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Introduction - Alan Irwin

THE MUTUAL LEARNING EXERCISE ON CITIZEN SCIENCE



Aims

THE MUTUAL LEARNING EXERCISE ON CITIZEN SCIENCE

The main aim of the MLE has been to **identify and promote good practices**, **experience and lessons learned**, in addition to policies and programmes for Citizen Science among 11 participating countries.

The MLE therefore aims to achieve greater societal impact and increase trust in science through the leveraging of collective societal capabilities and insights, and

to enlarge the scope and impact of Research and Innovation through increased societal relevance, responsiveness and transparency.



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THE MUTUAL LEARNING EXERCISE ON CITIZEN SCIENCE



Five Core Topics

THE MUTUAL LEARNING EXERCISE ON CITIZEN SCIENCE

- 1: Introduction and overview on citizen science
- 2: Ensuring good practices and impacts
- 3: Maximising the relevance and excellence of citizen science
- 4: Enabling environments and sustaining citizen science
- 5: Scaling up citizen science



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Mutual Learning Exercise on Citizen Science Initiatives- Policy and Practice

An increasing number of citizen science projects and initiatives are being mplemented across Europe. They mostly taking place at local or national level, but some are co-ordinated internationally. This rapidly emerging mode of research and innovation shows a big potential to achieve greater societa impact and increase trust in science by leveraging collective societal capabilities, enlarging the scope of the R&I and increasing relevance, responsiveness and transparency. However, existing national and regional policies to support them are still at an early stage of development in many countries. Europe would benefit from a greater attention towards the promotion of citizen science within Member States and regions, and from a greater cooperation and shared approaches across the European Research



The MLE aims to facilitate the exchange of information, experiences and lessons learned, as well as to support and scale up citizen science through identifying the good practices, policies and programmes of the various approaches at local, regional and national level, towards supporting and scaling up citizen science. Another objective is to identify citizen science campaigns that have high potential to be implemented in a collaborative way across the European Research Area.

Documents

Area

Citizen Science at the heart for research and innovation (Video)

The Policy Support Facility Mutual Learning Exercise on Citizen Science brought togethe 11 countries to share the experiences. The exchanges included ensuring good practices and impacts, maximizing the relevance and excellence of citizen science, enabling environments and sustaining citizen science and scaling up citizen science.

Watch video on Youtube

Summary article - mutual learning boosts citizen science across Europe

mary article presents key findings from the Mutual Learning Exercise on Citi Initiatives. Over the course of 18 months, the expert panel worked on recommendations for building an enabling environment for supporting, sustaining and scaling up citizen science

Download article



Final Report: Mutual Learning Exercise on Citizen Science Initiatives - Policy and Practice

This Final Report describes a strategic vision for Citizen Science at the national level based on the thematic topics discussed throughout the MLE and presents an approach to achieving those aims via 'backcasting

Outcomes – Margaret Gold

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TOPIC 1 – INTRODUCTION & OVERVIEW



MUTUAL LEARNING EXERCISE

Citizen Science Initiatives - Policy and Practice

First Thematic Report: Introduction and Overview on Citizen Science

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The 10 Principles of Citizen Science

Diez principios de ciencia ciudadana La ciencia ciudadana es un concepto flexible que se puede adaptar y aplicar a divi visciplinas. Las declaraciones que se presentan en este documento han sido desarrolla Asociación Europea de Ciencia Ciudadana (ECSA) 'Sharing best practice a prácticas y desarrollando capacidades), dirigido por el Museo de muchos miembros de esta Asociación. La idea princip creemos que subyacen a las buenas + I+ana Oltra, miembro de la El

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Dix principes de sciences participatives

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CITIZEN SCIENCE PROJECTS ACTIVELY INVOLVE CITIZENS IN SCIENTIFIC ENDEAVOUR THAT GENERATES NEW KNOWLEDGE OR UNDERSTANDING



Citizens may act as contributors, collaborators, or as project leader and have a meaningful role in the project.



CITIZEN SCIENCE PROJECTS HAVE A GENUINE SCIENCE OUTCOME



For example, answering a research question or informing conservation action, management decisions or environmental policy.



BOTH THE PROFESSIONAL SCIENTISTS AND THE CITIZEN SCIENTISTS BENEFIT FROM TAKING PART

3

Benefits may include the publication of research outputs, learning opportunities, personal enjoyment, social benefits, satisfaction through contributing to scientific evidence e.g. to address local, national and international issues, and through that, the potential to influence policy



What terminology do YOU use to describe participatory practices and citizen engagement?

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What Europeans think about science and technology

Special Eurobarometer 516

How citizens engage with science and technology



watch documentaries, or read science and technology-related publications, magazines or books

55%

talk about science and technology-related issues with family or friends

33% visit science and technology museums





sign petitions or join demonstrations on science and technology matters



actively take part in scientific projects



contact **public authorities or political leaders** about science and technology-related issues

Impressive - and increasing - engagement

QA14 And now, a few questions on how you engage with science and technology issues. Do you **(% - EU27)**







CITIZEN SCIENCE

Interaction between citizens, scientists and policy makers is essential to enrich research and innovation, and reinforce trust of society in science. I am proud of the hundreds of thousands involved citizens that already contributed to research and innovation and look forward to continue opening up research towards society and the world.

Mariya Gabriel Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth

IN THE FIELD AT HOME & ABROAD

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CITIZEN SCIENCES (CS) AT THE RBINS

The Regist Belgian institute of Natural Sciences (RBIRS) has an extensive and well established orbitationation with volunteers in almost all its directoral (raconomy & Phylogeny, Public Services, Natural Environment, Scientific Harriage Service, Earth and History of Life), The nature of the activishes of the -duitzen Scientifics. (Scientific Harriage Service, Earth and History of Life). in shows some of the most recent projects where the CSts are active and how important their role is to the RBINS

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Enlargement of the RBINS reference collection of dry fish skeletons

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Contribution to taxonomy & population distribution

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et of collections



ENTOMOLOGY

Contributions to Taxonomy Citis study and describe specimens of insects and spiders (specific groups: l'amilies, genera, ...) from the collections. at home (specimens/collections.

Contributions to Collection Managemen

CIDs are involved in sorting mounting and isbelling specimens of exacts and spiders, re organising collections and making them available for study

Contributions to field sampling and international scientific missions/ expeditions

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GEOLOGY & PALAEONTOLOGY

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doing it together science

PUBLIC AWARENESS.

BELGIAN BIRD RINGING CENTER



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Doing it Together Science (DITOs) : 2016 -

European projects supporting INDAG Class activities like the DITOS project focusing on Sindenium and Environmental Soutainability

















For any questions, please write us at citizenscience@naturalsciences.be

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end freshwater mollusce from the belgian coastal region with attention or vulnerable and field List species and exotic/invasive species.



morphometrics to study the respon of populations and communities to infrantization.





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Education & sensitization on insects for a broad audience

Coleoptera), ticrometa and validated data are added to a database, and can be used by both researchers and Clitis for their own projects, publications etc.



CDts help organizing educational activities on encode for a finand audionos One of the top activities in the "Weok of the insocial" organisatio by ICBND and G Delgun entermological associations. During this weok, all over Delgum CDts are informed on the magic world of incommentations.



Contribution to entomological databases and websites by crowd sourcing CEts compile Exect lists of observations



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TOPIC 2 – GOOD PRACTICE & IMPACTS

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Policy and Practice

Thematic Report: Ensuring Good Practices and Impacts

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CHALLENGES & SUCCESS VARIABLES

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Variable 1: Citizen Engagement & Participation

Variable 2: Data Quality & Openness

Variable 3: Communication Efforts

Variable 4: Sustainability over the longer term



e.g. LEVELS OF PARTICIPATION

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e.g. ENGAGEMENT STRATEGIES

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'ACTION PROJECT' IMPACT FRAMEWORK

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THE 'D-NOSES' CASE STUDY

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The Participants' Top-10

- Work on recognition and institutional barriers
- 2. Facilitate training and capacity building
- 3. Launch specific funding calls
- 4. Include specific evaluation criteria in
 - general calls
- 5. Build common repositories,
 - observatories or platforms

- Launch calls for replication and upscaling of ongoing projects
- Increase & strengthen new & existing networks
- 8. Use cascade funding schemes
- 9. Promote common data infrastructures
- 10. Support CS practices through incubator model





TOPIC 3 – RELEVANCE & EXCELLENCE

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Third Thematic Report: Maximising the Relevance and Excellence of Citizen Science



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FACTORS OF EXCELLENCE

MLE WORKSHOPS

Factor 1: Align with and support the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)



- Factor 2: Consider and address novel ethical issues
- Factor 3: Manage data in line with the FAIR principles in order to impact policy



CS CONTRIBUTION TO THE SDGS

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- Defining targets and metrics and improving reporting coverage
- Monitoring progress and closing data gaps in a more cost-effective way
- Fostering actions towards implementing and achieving the SDGs



The SDG indicators where citizen science *projects* are 'already contributing', 'could contribute' or where there is 'no alignment'



Fraisl, D., Campbell, J., See, L. et al. Mapping citizen science contributions to the UN sustainable development goals. Sustain Sci 15, 1735–1751 (2020). https://doi.org/10.1007/s11625-020-00833-7

CS CONTRIBUTION TO THE SDGS

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Strengthening Measurement of Marine Litter in Ghana

How Citizen Science is Helping to Measure Progress on SDG 14.1.1b

SDSN TReNDS 9 April 2021

CS CONTRIBUTION TO THE SDGS

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- Ghana is the first country to report on SDG indicator 14.1.1b
-and the first country to use citizen science data for that purpose.
- Ghana's Integrated Coastal and Marine Policy makes use of this data
- local data collection efforts are connected with global monitoring processes



Key Participant Recommendation

Use the momentum of the Agreement on Reforming Research Assessment (and CoARRA) to bring Citizen Science explicitly into the definition of "excellence" in R&I and Science.



TOPIC 4 – ENABLING ENVIRONMENTS



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What is an Enabling Environment?

the factors that enable Citizen Science initiatives

to be launched, sustained,

grow and thrive – and ultimately achieve

their aimed-for impacts and outcomes







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CITIZEN SCIENCE TOOLS

CONTRIBUTE TO EXISTING PROJECTS OR CREATE YOUR OWN

The Citizen Science Center Zurich is developing a set of tools that make it easy for scientists and citizens to engage with Citizens Science projects.



Discover



CS Logger



CS Project Builder





What are YOUR own local examples of support and enabling factors for Citizen Science?

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TOPIC 5 – SCALING UP



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SCALING UP, OUT, DEEP....AND DOWN

MLE WORKSHOPS

Scale Up:

'Impacting laws and policy' Changing institutions at the level of policy, rules and laws

Scale Out:

'Impacting greater numbers' Replication and dissemination, increasing number of people or communities impacted

Scale Deep:

'Impacting cultural roots' Changing relationships, cultural values and beliefs, 'hearts and minds'







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Final report



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Spheres of Influence \rightarrow	Ministries	RFOs	RPOs	RSOs	HEIs	
Strategic Aims ↓						
1 (a) Embed Citizen Science as part of mainstream research and innovation processes	\checkmark	\checkmark	$\sqrt{}$	\checkmark	\checkmark	
1 (b) Embed Citizen Science as part of mainstream funding	\checkmark	$\checkmark\checkmark$				
1 (c) Embed Citizen Science as part of mainstream education	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark		$\checkmark\checkmark$	
2 (a) Integrate Citizen Science Data into mainstream processes for research, policy making and decision making.	$\checkmark\checkmark$	\checkmark		\checkmark		
2 (b) Build Citizen Science data and technology infrastructure	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark		-
3 Support Citizen Science Practices	\checkmark	\checkmark	$\checkmark\checkmark$	$\checkmark\checkmark$	\checkmark	
4 Strengthen Citizen Science Networks	\checkmark	$\checkmark\checkmark$	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	
5 Make Knowledge Production Inclusive	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	Europ Comr

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Weißbuch Citizen-Science-Strategie 2030 für Deutschland

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https://tinyurl.com/MLEcsfinal

1.Support & grow national networks of practitioners2.Develop & provide dedicated funding instruments3.Enable the required culture change4.Invest in supportive infrastructure





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