



# Barcelona Citizen Science Office:

**Sharing the experience from the public  
administration**

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# Community of practice

## Members of the Office

### +15 projects from several institutions

JOCS  
PEL CANVI SOCIAL



Plant•tes

MOSQUITO ALERT



CIÈNCIA CIUTADANA EN MOVIMENT



the  
BIG  
BELL TEST



BIOBLITZBCN

PARTICIPA-HI,  
EXPERIMENTA  
I GAUDEIX-NE



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**Since 2012**

## **Why related to a public administration?**

- **Narrower link to citizens**
- **Public window/showcase to reinforce participation**
- **Neutral player to run a community of practice (local citizen science projects)**
- **To propose new policies for the city**



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## **Why projects would like to participate?**

- **Visibility**
- **Connection with spaces (public infrastructures), events (organized by public administration) and several parts of the municipality**
- **Alliances with other (and different) agents**
- **Opening a shared census of volunteers (citizen scientists) and external advisors**
- **Identifying needs: infrastructures and new technologies**
- **Learn from other citizen science projects in a “safe” space**



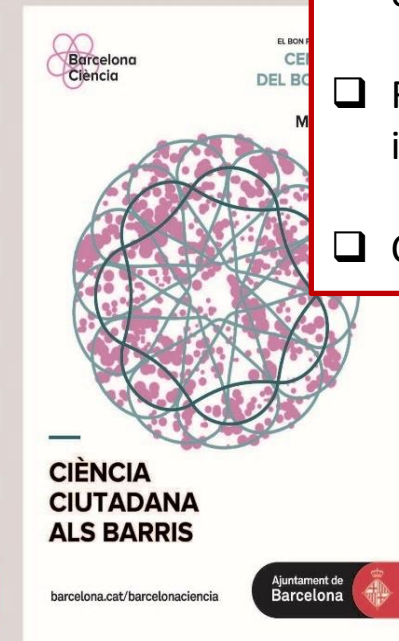
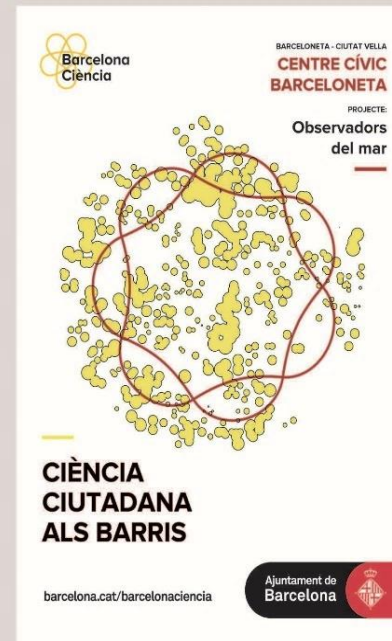
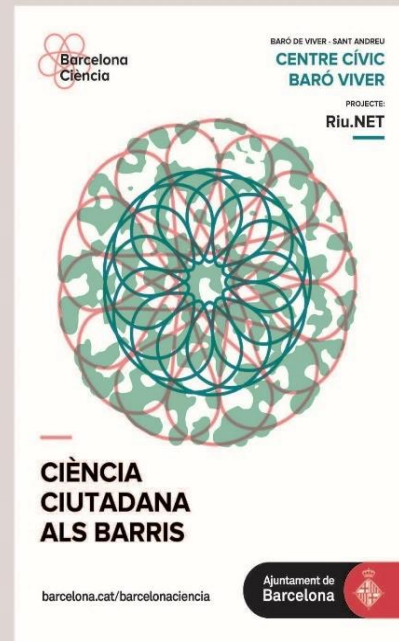
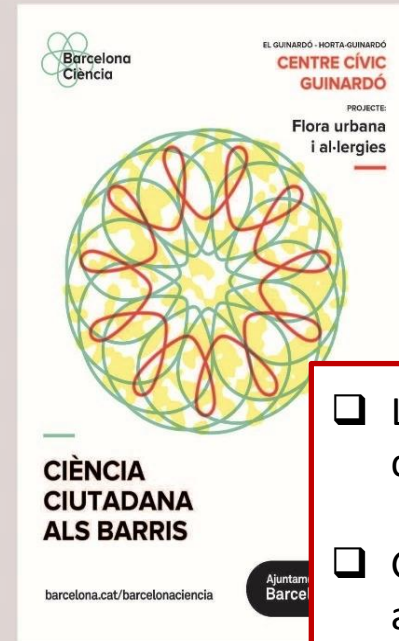
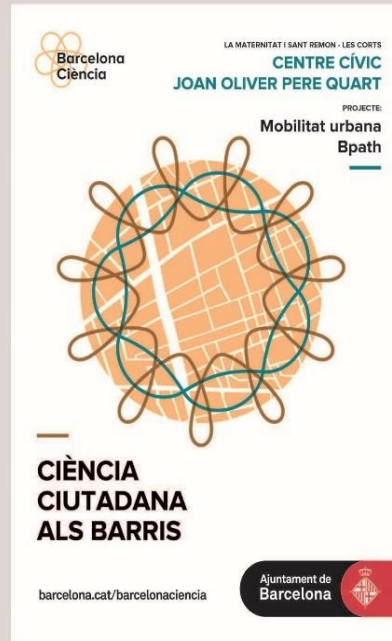
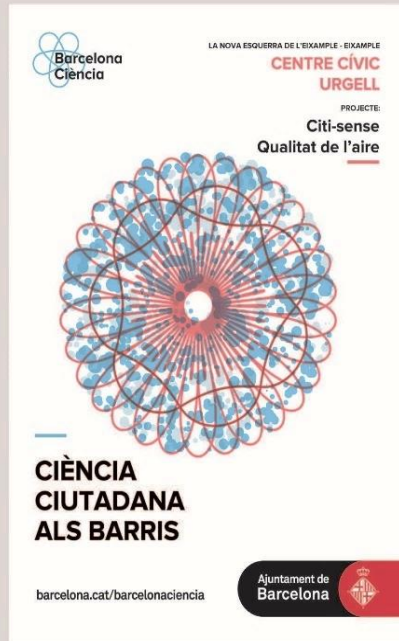
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SCIENCE AT  
NEIGHBORHOODS**

**BECOMING  
TRULY LOCAL**

**COMMUNITY  
CENTERS**

**NEIGHBORS**

**SCHOOLS**



- ☐ Launching a challenge
- ☐ Gathering data and other evidences
- ☐ Results and interpretation
- ☐ Collective action



## 2017. Setting Open Governance pillars

### Board

- 6 representatives of the Citizen Science projects (combination of mature and very young projects, of small and big projects)
- Representatives from several municipal infrastructures: opendata, libraries, schools...
- No votation
- To implement actions required proposed by the assembly
- More in-depth strategic decisions that require long debate
- Meetings every 6-month
- Mail for quick decisions

### General Assembly

- All citizen science projects. One member one vote
- Google group to share information and decide very practical issues
- Capturing the pulse of the community
- Help organizing and participate in events (e.g., citizen science day and Science Festival)
- Identifying challenges that Board and Secretariat need to respond
- Meeting every 6 months
- Mailing list (Google group)

### Executive Secretariat

- Office Coordination on behalf of ICUB (Diana Escobar)
- Technical Secretariat (Elisabetta Broglio)
- Office Scientific Coordination (Josep Perelló)
- Pure executive actions
- Enhancing communication among all groups
- Promoting new relations inside the community
- Individual help to citisci groups
- Representing the Office in many events
- Meeting every month
- Active communication every week

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