

ECSA's offer and standard for participation in project proposals

About ECSA

ECSA is a pan-European association that promotes citizen science across Europe and beyond. We encourage joint actions, projects and exchanges between citizen science practitioner organizations, research institutions and individuals. ECSA has built up substantial experience in, and knowledge of, carrying out citizen science projects and research. Our growing network of organizational and individual members brings further expertise and experience in citizen science. As an association, we are always looking for new opportunities to share and build upon these expertise and skills in the field of citizen science - including invitations to be part of citizen science projects and proposals.

What we look for

ECSA participates in projects that align with our statutes and incorporate some of the following themes and elements, with respect to citizen science.

- Developing and refining citizen science **methods**
- Providing expertise to and engage **policy makers** at all levels
- Environmental and social **sustainability and SDGs**
- Connecting the ECSA **network** with the global community
- **Community-building** in civil society
- Dissemination of best practices and **excellence**
- **Trainings and workshops** on citizen science
- Active participation and **inclusiveness** of vulnerable and marginalised people

As a membership organisation, we are particularly happy to support project proposals involving ECSA members.

What we offer

ECSA can make the following contributions to your project, among others.

- **Dissemination** through our networks and communications channels, and at citizen science events worldwide
- Application of the [ECSA 10 principles](#) and [characteristics for citizen science](#) in your project's approach and methods
- Expertise in the latest **best practices in citizen science**
- **Research** on in citizen science
- **Stakeholder** engagement and mapping
- **Event organization** facilitated by experts, for example conferences, policy roundtables and knowledge-sharing workshops
- **Policy briefs** developed and disseminated through the ECSA network
- **Guidelines** and **toolkits** developed and disseminated through the ECSA network
- **Creating clear and robust text** for reports, articles and abstracts
- **Peer learning** and **capacity-building** for citizen science associations and initiatives
- **Promotion** of open datasets generated by a project through the ECSA network
- **Knowledge-sharing** and **project promotion** through the EU-Citizen.Science platform
- **Collaboration** with similar and complementary projects in which ECSA is participating

How to proceed

Send an email to admin@ecsa.org with an abstract (up to 200 words) about the project idea and goals.

We ask you to submit your initial request early in the proposal-writing process, to give us enough time to work with you on the proposal before it is submitted.

We will get back to you with a form that asks for specific information about the project and an outline of where you see ECSA playing a role.

You will receive feedback as soon as possible.

Notes

This is a living document that will be reviewed and updated by ECSA headquarters every 12 months. Latest update May 2024.