

ECSA's terms for involvement in project proposals

Introduction

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. This document sets out our terms for involvement in project proposals.¹

About ECSA

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 strategy, and incorporate at least four of the following themes and elements, with respect to citizen science.

- Environmental and societal **sustainability**
- **Education** in citizen science
- Development and refinement of **citizen science methods**
- **Active participation** of vulnerable, disadvantaged and marginalized people
- **Dissemination** of best practices and excellence
- Providing information and expertise to **policy-makers** at all scales
- **Connecting** the ECSA network to the global citizen science community
- **New research** on citizen science
- **Community-building** in civil society

As we are a membership association, we can only support project applications where the management of the project is an ECSA member. ECSA supports projects that include at least the equivalent of 40% of a full-time person for the duration of the project (about €32,000 per year in 2020).

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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 principles and characteristics for citizen science in your project's approach and methods
- **Expertise** in the latest best practices in citizen science
- **Research** on under-addressed topics 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, among others, 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 ecsa-admin@mf.n.berlin 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. Short-term requests (i.e. four months or less before the end of the funding call) may be rejected.

If we are able to contribute to the project, 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 a decision as soon as possible.

Notes

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

