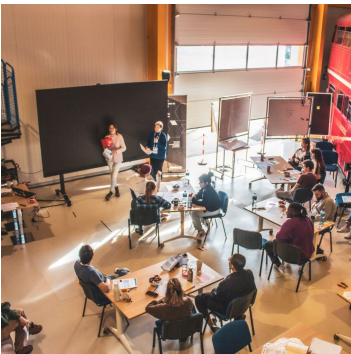# NEWS AND UPDATES FROM THE CENTER

INCENTIVE meets in Milan

Beginning of March we attended a semester meeting of the EU funded project INCENTIVE in Milan. The project supports four research institutions in establishing their own Citizen Science Hub. The CC-CS role in the project is to support with CS experience and expertise, and to organize different "mutual learning" moments for the entire consortium. The one we held in Milan was about Stakeholder Engagement.

more about INCENTIVE

Crowd4SDG final conference

On 17 March, the final event of Crowd4SDG celebrated the achievements of the consortium in promoting the development of CS projects to address the SDGs and climate action. The event was brimming with a series of presentations, panel discussions and hackathons where CC-CS' work and tools were amply showcased. We also joined the Geneva Trialogue at CERN on the day before, where the focus of discussion was Open Innovation for Education.

more about Crowd4SDG

HealthFerm co-design workshop to kick off citizen science activities

Within the HealthFerm project, CC-CS establishes a network of food scientists and citizen scientists with the aim to document fermented food biodiversity in Europe. On 16 March, together with food scientists from ETH we met a diverse group of enthusiasts – from chemists to hobbyists who have been passionate about sourdough since the Covid19 shutdown – and discussed intriguing factors that influence our starters. Next step will be to incorporate these concerns into the research and generate a multifaceted representation of the microbial diversity of Swiss sourdough.

more about HealthFerm

NEWS FROM THE PARTICIPATORY SCIENCE ACADEMY

Online-Workshop "Museums and the public do research together" (in German)

Do you value participation? Would you like to actively involve visitors in research projects or exhibitions? Citizen Science projects not only support museums in their work, but also raise the "Citizen Scientists's" awareness for current topics. In this online workshop you will learn about the principles, the process and planning of a Citizen Science project. Together with the course leader you will discover the landscape of the most important Swiss actors in participatory research.

1st part: Wednesday, 10.05.2023, 8.30 -12.00
2nd part: Wednesday, 17.05.2023, 8.30 - 12.00
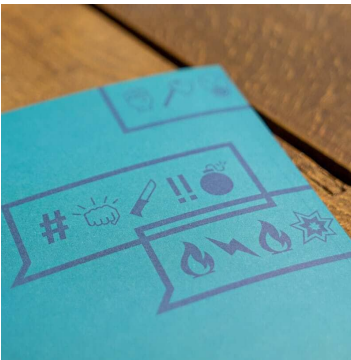
more information and registration

NEWS FROM PARTNERS & PROJECTS

Participatory research as part of health promotion in Switzerland

At the Sune-Egge Specialist Hospital of the Pfarrer Sieber Foundation, where people living on the fringes of society receive medical treatment, patients and staff are conducting research in cooperation with the University of Zurich on the topic of "Ill and healthy at the same time - (how) is that possible?" The project leader and two participants had the opportunity to present the project at the [24th National Health Promotion Conference in Bern](#) - the perspective of patients as health experts met with great interest.

more about the project

Stop Hate Speech: Help optimize machine learning algorithms to detect toxic comments

The Stop Hate Speech project team has developed an automatic classification system for hate speech and toxic language. We now need your help to optimize the algorithm and detect hate speech more easily.

The project aims to automatically detect toxic and hateful comments in comment sections of online newspaper platforms and in social media and to test different strategies to counter them. The more comments are classified, the better it will work!

participate now!

UZH3 members test "Citizen Science"

The spring semester of [UZH3](#) started on 7 March, 2023 with a lecture on the question "Who is poor in the global world?". Offered in a hybrid format, the lectures offer a wide variety of topics for people 60+ regardless of their educational or professional background. **In collaboration with the Participatory Science Academy, a UZH3 special event on "Citizen Science" will be held in April 2023**. In the first part, the term "Citizen Science" will be approached using concrete examples. In the second part, the participants will get to know a current project on the occasion of an excursion. Register until 30 March 2023!

to the event (in German)

More than 60 people from three community-monitoring projects in Central America learned about CrowdWater

In January, CrowdWater co-hosted workshops with community water quality monitoring groups in Costa Rica, El Salvador, and Guatemala, where they discussed different approaches for water quality monitoring. The workshops included an introduction to the CrowdWater app and presentations of the tools and monitoring strategies used by the other projects. The workshops are part of Sara's PhD project on the potential value of different citizen science approaches for water quality observations.

more information

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, 06.04. 15:00 - 16:00

"Citizens-Meet-Scientists" Event

Would you like to learn more about the "Stop Hate Speech" project and have a one-to-one exchange with the research team? Then visit the Digital Society Initative at Rämistrasse 69, 8001 Zürich on 6 April. From 15:00 - 16:00 the research team is looking forward to meeting you.

More information about the project

Wednesday, 19.04. - Friday, 21.04.

The 2023 Austrian Citizen Science Conference

Under the theme "*ver.suchen - ver.einen - ver.antworten*", the 2023 Austrian Citizen Science Conference will take place in Linz between 19 - 21 April, 2023.

More information and registration

Wednesday, 03.05. 09:00 - 11:00

Citizen Science: harnessing the power of citizen-generated data

In this two hour workshop doctoral students and scientific staff at ETH Zurich get to know the general principle behind Citizen Science. They learn about the potentials of co-created Citizen Science for their own research and develop pilot projects to collect and analyse digital data.

More information and registration

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