

# Promoting citizen science through the launch of **national plans** for funding **citizen science projects**

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# Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation

- **EU-CITIZEN.SCIENCE** partner (FECYT and Ibercivis as third parties)
- The Spanish Foundation for Science and Technology **FECYT** is a public foundation dependent upon this Ministry
- Trustee of the **Ibercivis Foundation**, which is devoted to citizen science



# Agreement to foster Citizen Science in Spain

- Up to 8 thematic meetings plus one **International Forum** of researchers and people interested in citizen science during 2017, 2018 & 2019
- More than 300 participants



CC & Astronomy (Cuenca)



CC & Makers (Zaragoza)



CC & Communication (Madrid)



International Forum (Madrid)

# Promotion of R & D & I Culture through a Call for grants

- Launched every year since 2007
- More than 700 submissions per year
- Around 150-200 projects are funded every year

2013 Call - Modality 1, Objective 3

“Encourage citizen participation in the scientific process through citizen science activities”



2016 Call

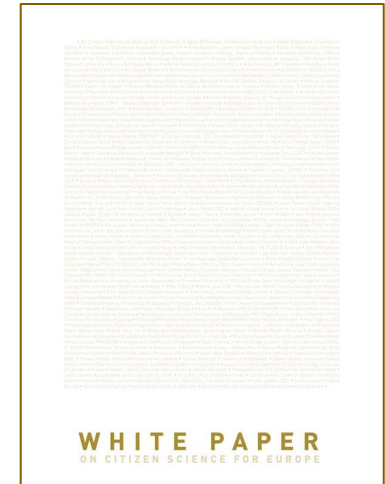
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Citizen Science

# Promotion of Citizen Science through a specific Call modality

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CULTURA CIENTÍFICA, TECNOLÓGICA  
Y DE LA INNOVACIÓN



- Launched in 2018
- In 2020, submissions grew by around 21%
- This year 20 citizen science projects will be funded (>25%)



## The Action Plan for Citizen Science culmination...

“The social and economic responsibility of R&D&I through the **incorporation of citizen science** and the application of co-creation and open access policies, as well as the alignment of R&D&I with social values, needs and expectations”.

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