

100,000 euros in prize money for Citizen Science initiatives

New European Union competition launches today

(Linz/Brussels, Jan. 10, 2023) For the first time, the European Union is offering a prize of 100,000 euros for best-practice projects in the field of Citizen Science. Submissions are open from today until March 13, 2023. Ars Electronica in Linz has been commissioned to organize the new competition.

The most important facts at a glance

- New European prize for Citizen Science
- Prize money totaling 100,000 euros
- 1 Grand Prize, 2 Awards and 27 Honorary Mentions
- Submission deadline March 13, 2023
- What is Citizen Science?

The "European Union Prize for Citizen Science" recognizes initiatives in Europe that aim at scientific progress and social benefit, actively involve citizens* and thus promote an open and inclusive civil society. The competition aims to bring pioneering projects to the forefront and support them, and to bring Citizen Science in general closer to the general public. A "Grand Prize" endowed with 60,000 euros, a "Diversity & Collaboration Award" endowed with 20,000 euros and a "Digital Communities Award" also endowed with 20,000 euros will be awarded. In addition, the jury will award 27 honorary mentions.

Submissions until March 13

Submissions for the European Union Prize for Citizen Science begin on January 10, 2023. The deadline for submissions is March 13, 2023. Starting this year, the prize will be awarded annually by Ars Electronica as part of the Horizon Europe-funded IMPETUS research project. Participation in the competition is free of charge. The award ceremony will take place during the Ars Electronica Festival in September.

What is Citizen Science?

Citizen Science means that "citizens actively contribute to research and science, either with their intellectual efforts or knowledge, or with their tools and resources" (European Commission, 2014). Citizen Science projects are thus scientific projects that are partly or entirely driven by interested and committed laypersons or practical experts. These "Citizen Scientists" formulate research questions, report observations, carry out measurements, evaluate data or write publications - always in compliance with scientific criteria.

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More information and application for the Citizen Science Award

<https://ars.electronica.art/citizenscience/>

The 10 principles of Citizen Science according to ECSA (European Citizen Science Association)

https://ecsa.citizen-science.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/ECSA_Ten_principles_of_CS_German.pdf



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