

Empowering Citizen Science: Serbia's Open Call for Citizen Science Projects

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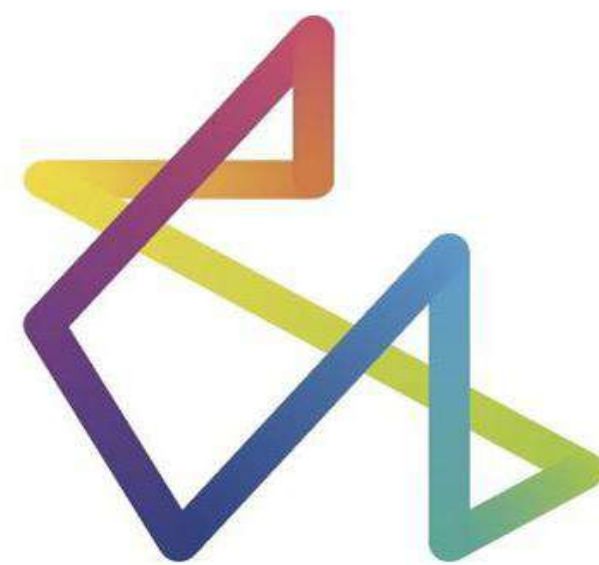
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- public institution established in 2010 by the Government of the Republic of Serbia
- Facilitating dialogue between science and society
- Bringing together diverse groups and actors
- Advocating for science-based public policies
- Financial support for science promotion and citizen science projects

The Center announced a Public Call for funding citizen science projects to:

- **Enhance Collaboration:** Encourage collaborative partnerships between researchers and citizens to tackle societal challenges.
- **Acknowledge Citizen's Role:** Recognize citizens' pivotal role in scientific research, advocating active involvement and inclusiveness.
- **Foster Innovation:** Support projects leveraging participatory approaches and technology to address social challenges innovatively.
- **Emphasize Social Impact:** Align projects with Sustainable Development Goals, recognizing citizens' contributions to positive societal changes.



Who could participate?



- **Project coordinator** - Scientific research organisation in Serbia
- **Partners** - SROs and other institutions and organizations, such as local self-government, civil society organizations, scientific societies, industry and business, educational institutions, science centers, museums, libraries, etc.
- **Citizens**

Project application

- Online, through CPN platform (in English)
- the application had to include:
 - a clear presentation of the research goals
 - Research plan;
 - Participation plan of project team members;
 - Project activities plan within a time frame of 24 months;
 - citizen inclusion plan;
 - budget plan;
 - a **participatory approach**:
 - initial phase
 - implementation phase
 - communication and dissemination



Evaluation criteria

- **Idea and the team**
 - **Impact**
 - **Community**
 - **Implementation and budget**
- ECSA 10 principles of citizen science
 - Sustainable Development Goals
 - Open Science
 - GDPR



Public Call outreach



Citizen Science Guide



Niš



Beograd



Novi Sad



Kragujevac



Info day at Science Club Belgrade

Results of the citizen science open call

127

project proposals submitted



70 faculties and research institutes;
more than **80** civil society organizations;
15 local self-governments and public
companies;
30 school and preschool organizations;
10 representatives of industry and
economy;
and **4** libraries and museums.

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project proposals selected for funding



environmental protection
biodiversity
sustainability
management

medicine and public health
microbiology

AI

agriculture

astronomy

psychology
linguistics
education and pedagogy

archeology
cultural heritage

Projects selected for funding

Ecosystem Services Assessment of Ribnica Gorge
(Western Serbia) through Citizen Science.

Faculty of Biology, University of Belgrade

Diabetic Chronic Wounds Prevention and Eradication -
Patients Come to the Rescue.

Institute for Molecular Genetics and Genetic Engineering, University of Belgrade

Cultivating Soil Connectivity: Empowering Farmers and
Youth Community as Citizen Scientists to Monitor Soil
Health and Biodiversity.

BioSense Institute, University of Novi Sad



Heritage of Emancipation: Empowering Roma Women through Networks of Solidarity (HEROINES).

The Ethnographic Institute of SANU


Citizen Co-Creation: Shaping a Sustainable Future of Wastewater Treatment in Serbia by Pioneering Energy-Neutral & Zero-Waste Approach.

Faculty of Civil Engineering, University of Belgrade

Stay or Leave – Spotlight on Migration Intentions In The rUral areas (RurSITU)

Geographical Institute "Jovan Cvijić" SANU





well-established
citizen science
domains

need for wider
inclusion of
research
organizations
across Serbia

increasing the
budget for citizen
science projects

Serbia's Citizen Science Open Call 2024

Call open:

September 10 - October 10

final results expected by

December 13

overall budget

35 million RSD (around 290 000 EUR)

budget per project

3.5 million RSD (29 000 EUR)

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