

Research Report Guidelines for the

# Top Citizen Science (TCS) Funding Initiative

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**Please include/consider the following in the research report**

- Target audience: TCS panel members
- To be written in the language of the original application
- **Length in total: at minimum 6,000 characters** including spaces (900 words), **not to exceed 12,000 characters** including spaces (or 1,800 words)
- **Formatting:** 11 pt. font with 1.5 line (15-20 pt.) spacing and at least 2 cm margins
- Please address only the points that apply to your project

## **1 Report on citizen science work**

### **1.1 Information on the development of the project**

- Briefly describe the project's overall scientific/scholarly concept and goals.
- Were there fundamental changes in orientation between the beginning and the end of the project? If so, please describe them briefly and list the effects they had on your citizen science work.

### **1.2 Most important actions, effects, and results, and a brief description of their significance**

- Please tell us about the significance/impact of the citizen science project for improving the scientific/scholarly results of the basic project.
- Please tell us about the originality, attractiveness, and appropriateness of the citizen science approach, including new methods, perspectives, etc.
- To what extent have the following expectations on citizen involvement been met?
  - Recruitment and participation;
  - Interaction and communication;
  - Quality of feedback loops and benefits for participating citizens.
- Have the legal data privacy requirements been applied adequately?
- Was your project of relevance to other aspects of society? Were there transdisciplinary issues and methods?
- Please tell us about the dissemination of social impact and the contribution to public awareness of science and scholarly research.

### **1.3 Information on the execution of the project, the use of available funds, and (where appropriate) any changes to the original project plan**

- Please describe briefly the following points:
  - Duration;
  - Use of personnel;
  - Cooperation and/or other service providers;
  - Major items of equipment purchased.
- Were there any significant deviations from the original plan? If so, please describe them briefly. The decision as to what should be regarded as a "significant deviation" is the responsibility of the principal investigator. As a guideline, any deviation of more than 25% from the original financial plan or work schedule should be accounted for.

## **2 Career development – Importance of the project for the research careers of those involved (including the principal investigator)**

- Please leave some brief comments on the project's impact on the awareness of the people involved (scientists/scholars and citizens) for citizen science approaches in the context of basic research.
- Please tell us about any impact on the career perspectives of the participating persons, including specific qualifications and opportunities/possibilities opened up by the project. Did the project open up any opportunities, such as scientific/scholarly publications, or master and/or doctoral theses? Could citizens acquire new skills, broaden and enrich their knowledge horizons, and the like?

## **3 Effects of the project beyond the planned proposal**

- Did your project have any effects beyond the scientific/scholarly/citizen science field? If so, describe those effects, including activities outside the sphere of academia.
- Did your project have an impact on the economy, society, or policy-making? If so, what kind of impact and to what extent?

## **4 Other important aspects**

Briefly mention the following points (if applicable):

- Publications in preparation/submitted/accepted/in press;
- Project-related participation in national and international scientific/scholarly conferences and a list of the most important lectures held;
- Organisation of symposia and conferences;
- List of the most important pending applications for grants;
- Any other aspects.