



Side event: Recommendations on Electronic Information Tools: Using citizen science effectively within the Aarhus context (Thursday, 14 October 2021, 15:00-17:00 Geneva time)

The revised Recommendations on electronic information tools recognise that citizen science and crowdsourcing, alongside other forms of co-production of environmental information, are new instruments for supporting the mission of the Aarhus Convention. In this workshop, we will introduce how citizen science can support the co-production of environmental information and the wider Aarhus process. We will cover examples of how citizen science is integrated into international environmental assessment (UNEA, IPBES, Global Environment Outlook). We will also cover its increasing role in supporting monitoring the progress towards the SDGs. We will discuss how it supports the aims of the Aarhus Convention and the growing rights and obligations that manifest when citizen scientists produce environmental information. We will finalise with sources and organisations that can provide further support and training in citizen science.

The event will introduce citizen science which is now appearing in the Recommendations on Electronic Information Tools. It will explain what it is, how it is used within international environmental efforts (UNEA, IPBES) and in international research and innovation (UNESCO Recommendation on open science). In particular, it will explain its role within the Aarhus process and in supporting progress towards the SDGs

The event will be of interest to Environmental NGOs, Civil society organisations and interested citizens, governments officials, Aarhus centres, Academia & Research, and other bodies who would like to learn about co-production of environmental information. The event is organised and supported by the European Citizen Science Association.

The panel of this workshop include:

Muki Haklay, *University College London*; Sven Schade and Anna Berti Suman, *European Commission, Joint Research Centre (JRC)*; Dilek Fraisl, *International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA)*; Francois Grey, *SDG solution space, University of Geneva*; Rosy Mondardini, *CS center Zurich*; Martin Brocklehurst and Dorte Riemenschneider, *European Citizen Science Association*; and Uta Wehn, *IHE Delft Institute for Water Education & University of Gothenburg*.

After a series of short presentations, a significant time will be provided for discussion and information sharing on citizen science.

Further details and registration link:

https://ucl.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEscOysrjMiHNc4cyJqKKrk_UwKxtekLMsA