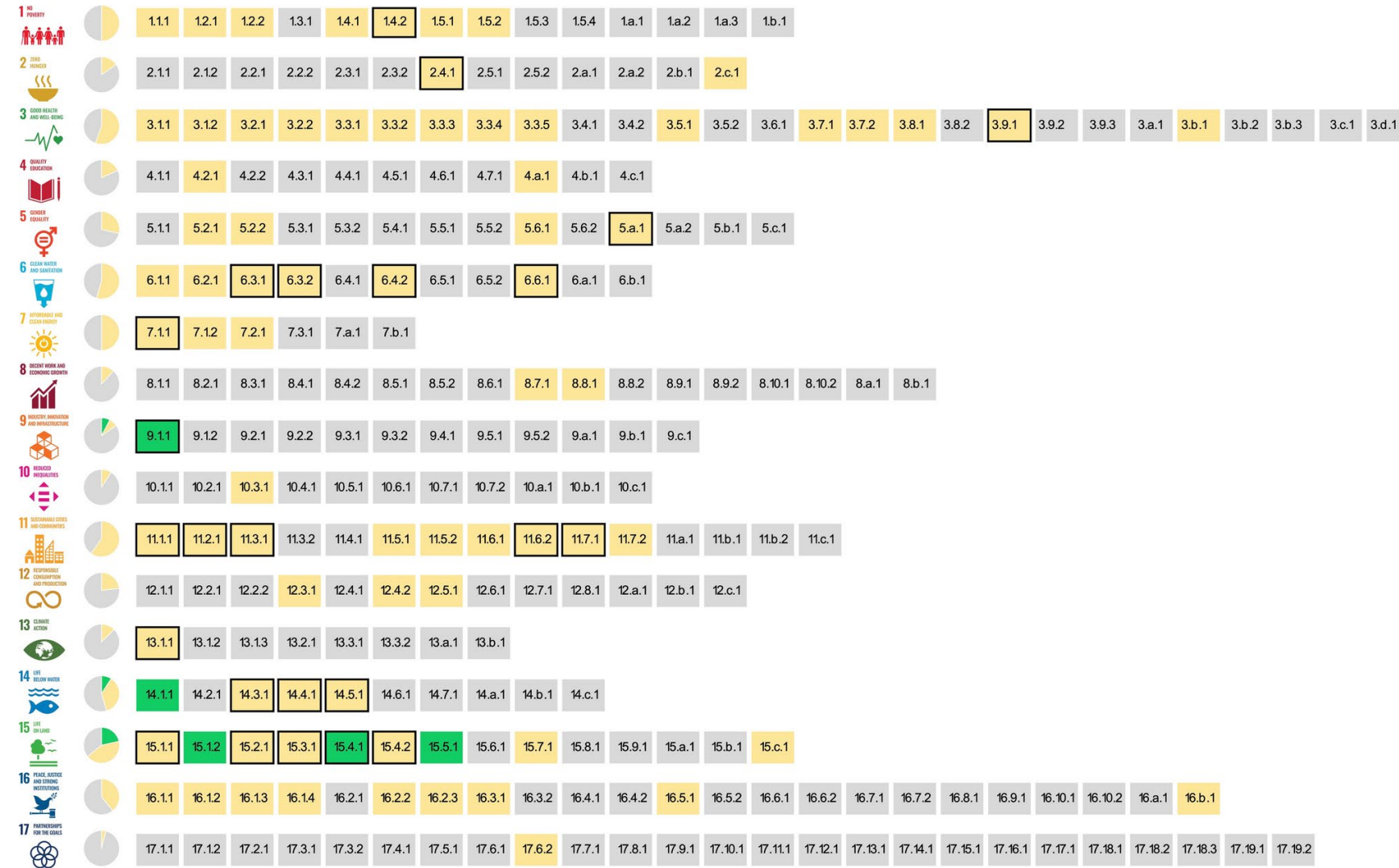


Citizen Science contributions towards the SDGs

Citizen science can contribute to the monitoring of the SDGs “already contributing” (in green), “could contribute” (in yellow) “no alignment” (in grey).

Citizen science is integrated in monitoring indicator 14.1.1b Plastic Debris Density In Ghana.



Mutual Learning Exercise on Citizen Science Initiatives- Policy and Practice

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The MLE thus aims to facilitate an exchange of information, experiences and lessons learned, as well as to identify good practices, policies and programmes in relation to the various approaches at local, regional and national levels, towards supporting and scaling up citizen science. In addition, the objective is to identify citizen science campaigns that have high potential to be implemented in a collaborative way across the European Research Area.


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- Topic 1: Introduction and overview on citizen science
- Topic 2: Ensuring good practices and impacts
- Topic 3: Maximising the relevance and excellence of citizen science
- Topic 4: Enabling environments and sustaining citizen science
- Topic 5: Scaling up citizen science

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Scheduled meetings

- January 2022: Topic 1 meeting
- March 2022: Topic 2 meeting
- June and September 2022: Topic 4 meeting
- October 2022: Topic 3 meeting
- November 2022: Topic 5 meeting
- December 2022: Final Meeting
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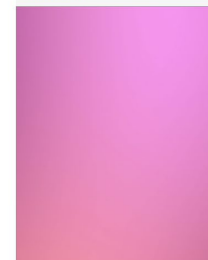
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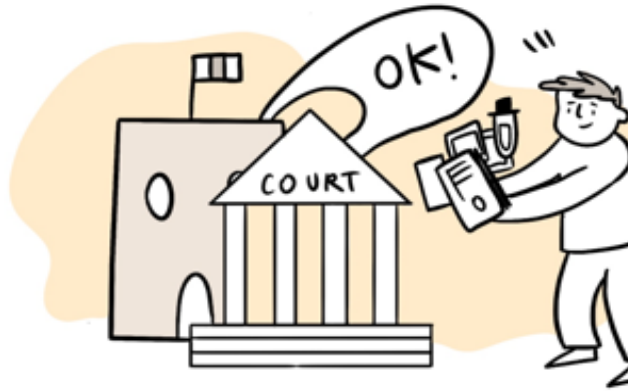


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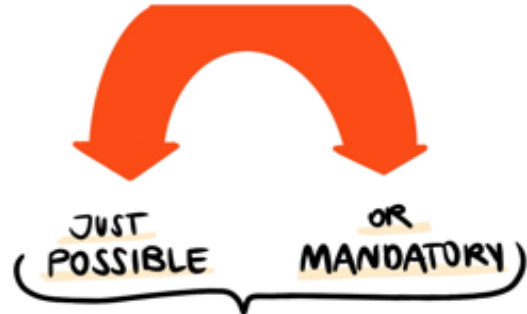
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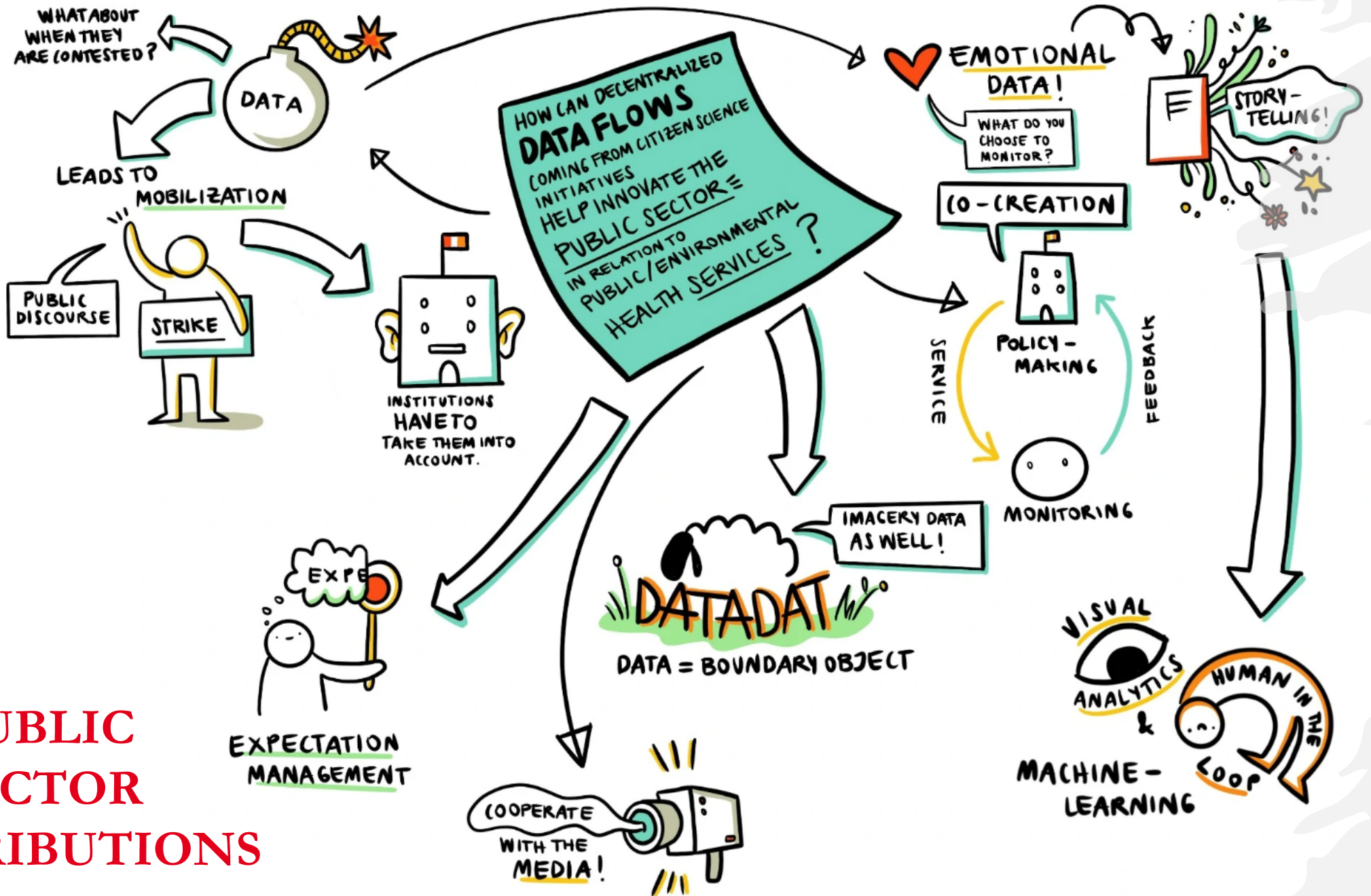


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