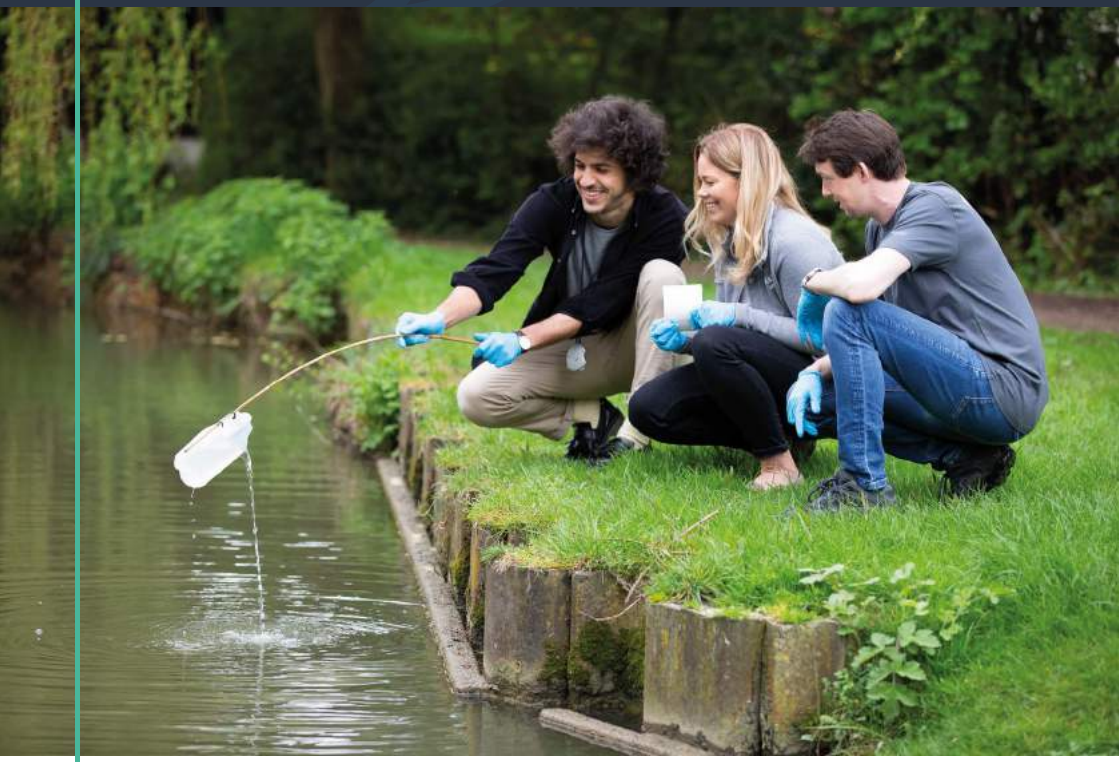
Co-design of ‘hands on’ Citizen Science for impact



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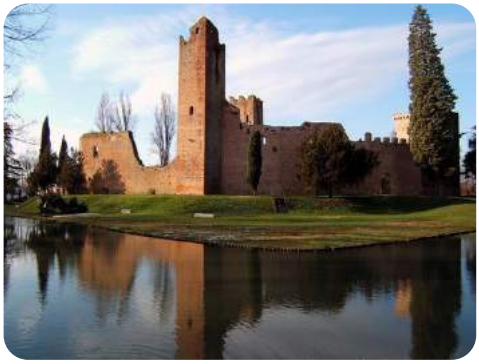
Measuring Impact of Citizen Science

Citizen Science activities

This flyer presents how MICS adopts and applies the best practice generated by the Ground Truth 2.0 project in the **co-design of 'hands on' Citizen Science.** Four sites in Europe (in the UK, Italy, Hungary and Romania) explore the co-design of Citizen Science activities in **regions with differing needs, contexts, and approaches to environment management through nature-based solutions.**



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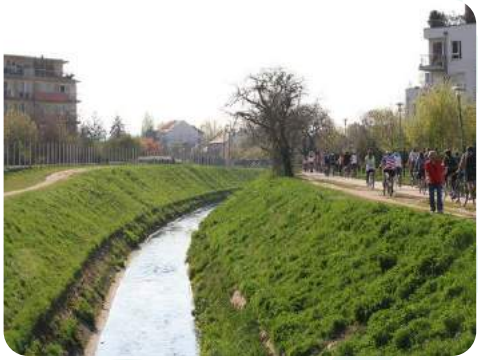

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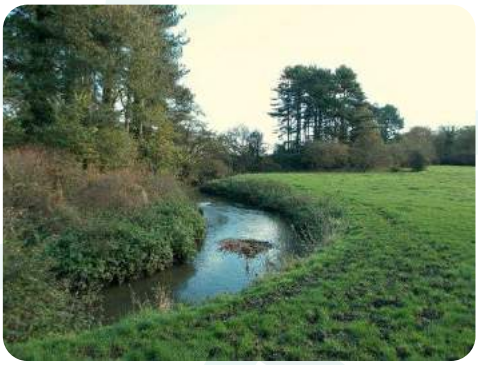

Alfreton Brook, UK

Impact in Citizen Science

Citizen Science can have multiple benefits: enabling the public to directly collect data and contributing to scientific discoveries, whilst empowering and supporting scientific learning in society. However, we currently do not have the tools to accurately measure citizen contributions and these benefits.

The MICS project develops the approaches needed to evaluate Citizen Science impacts and creates an easy-to-use online tool that lets project managers and policy makers understand how to maximise the positive impacts of Citizen Science projects.

Information about the MICS impact-assessment tools can be found at **mics.tools**

The MICS platform will measure the benefits of Citizen Science in the domains of:

- **the environment**
- **science**
- **society**
- **the economy**
- **governance**

"It's totally applicable to any Citizen Science project," says Luigi Ceccaroni, coordinator of the project, and MICS plans to integrate its impact-assessment tool into platforms like EU-Citizen.Science and COS4CLOUD. The new MICS metrics and instruments also help to measure the impact of Citizen Science with respect to the sustainable development goals (SDGs).

The platform, the data and the totality of the results of MICS will be available for use by anyone involved in a Citizen Science project and wanting to understand its impact, whether at the planning stage or after the project's conclusion.

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