



OPENING REMARKS

Supporting, incentivising and rewarding citizen science

EUA and OpenAIRE joint webinar “University approaches to citizen science in the transition to Open Science”

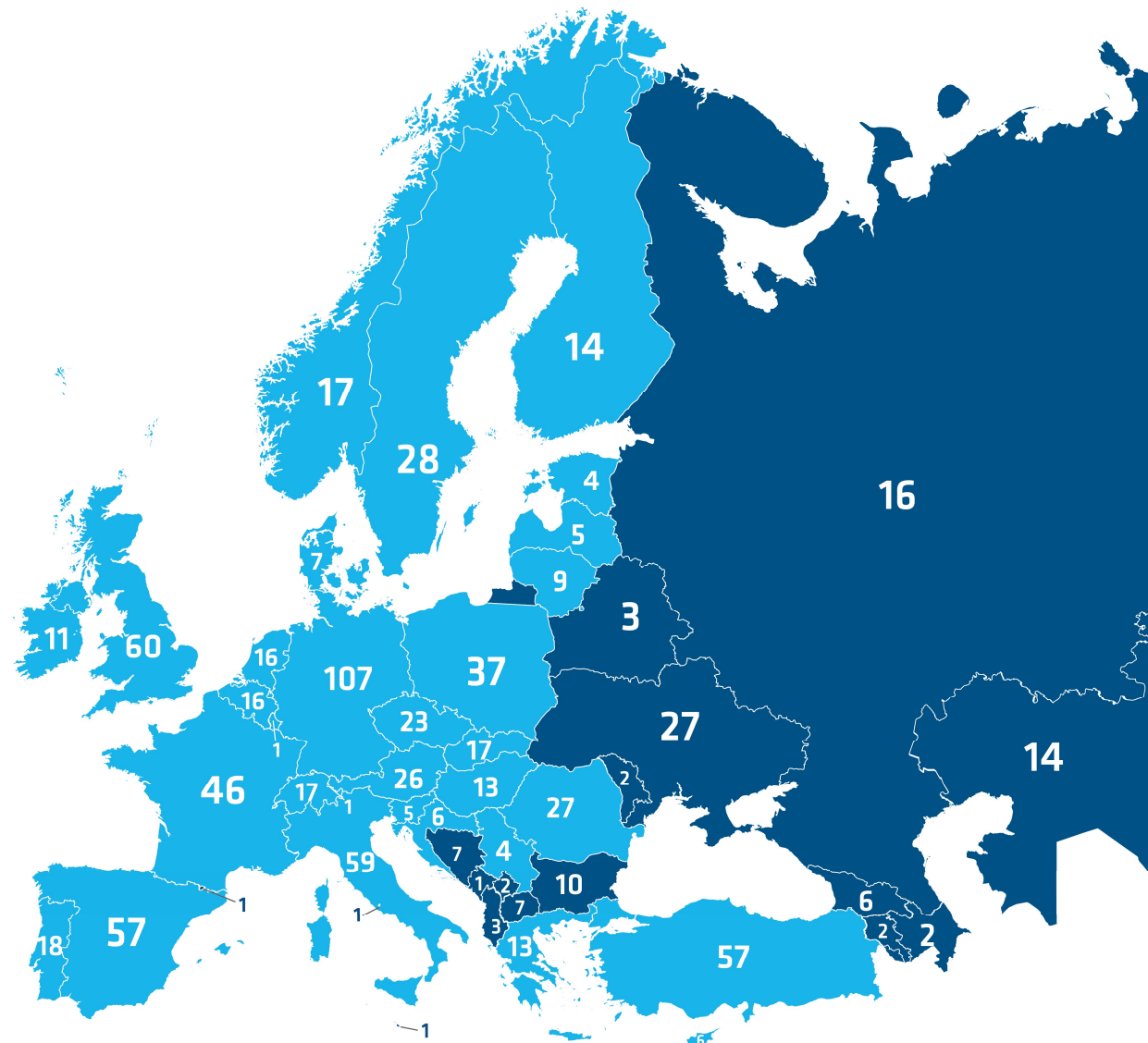
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**EUA has 840 members
based in 48 countries**
(as of 1 Jan 2020)

- Countries with EUA collective members
- Countries with no EUA collective members



Citizen science

Universities in Europe are exploring and promoting the potential of citizen science to **“expand public participation in science and support alternative models of knowledge production.”** (Muki Haklay)

However, **citizen science is rarely part of institutional missions, nor approaches to academic career assessment.** In short, it's not a common part of the academic culture.

POLICY INPUT

Perspectives on the new
European Research Area
from the university sector

European Research Area renewed by the European Commission and EU member states in 2020

- Continue building a common European R&I landscape
- Broader vision for the new ERA, while deepening existing priorities and objectives

EUA has provided policy input on the new ERA, including the need to “**support, incentivise and reward citizen science**”:

- EUA calls on the Commission and EU member states work with universities on providing the necessary support and developing adequate incentives and rewards to meaningfully engage in citizen science.

Call for participation!

The 2020-21 EUA Open Science Survey:

- Aims to gather a comprehensive view of strategic and operational developments by universities in the transition to Open Science
- Topics include: Open Access, (FAIR) data sharing, **citizen science**, open education, etc.

Access the survey: https://bit.ly/OpenScience_Survey

Deadline extended to **15 January 2021**

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University approaches to Citizen Science in the transition to Open Science

Citizen Science in an institutional context

Open Science – why?



Why

- Science matters
 - Science doesn't just happen in a lab—it's a part of our everyday life
- Research is part of the wider ecosystem
 - Academic ecosystem
 - Innovation process
 - Social responsibility

A dialogue



Why

It's all about **trust**

- Transparency
- Reproducibility
- Accountability





OpenAIRE

open and reproducible science
scientific/scholarly communication
data infrastructure
social + technical links
service + data interoperability

Who is OpenAIRE

34 National Open Access Desks

Organizations experts in OA

Regional / Topical Experts

4 regional coordinators
3 topical coordinators

50 partners from
all Europe

e-Infrastructure / e-Science Service Providers

Infrastructure experts
Metadata experts
Big data technologists
Text & data analytics experts

Legal Experts

IPR
Data privacy

Data Communities

EU Research Infrastructures

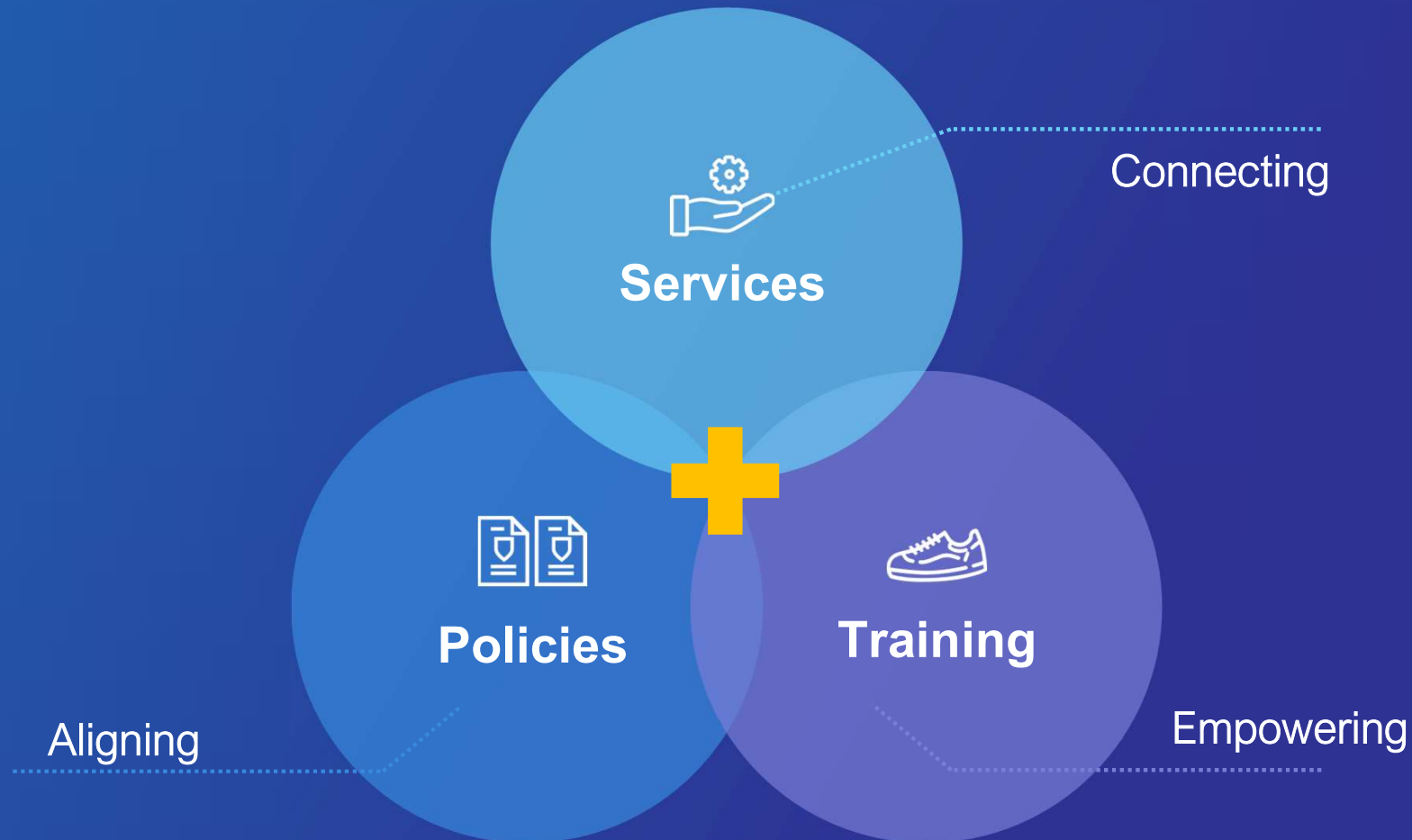
Citizen Science

Schools
Citizen science groups

Open Innovation

Industrial cluster facilitators
Innovation management
coordinators

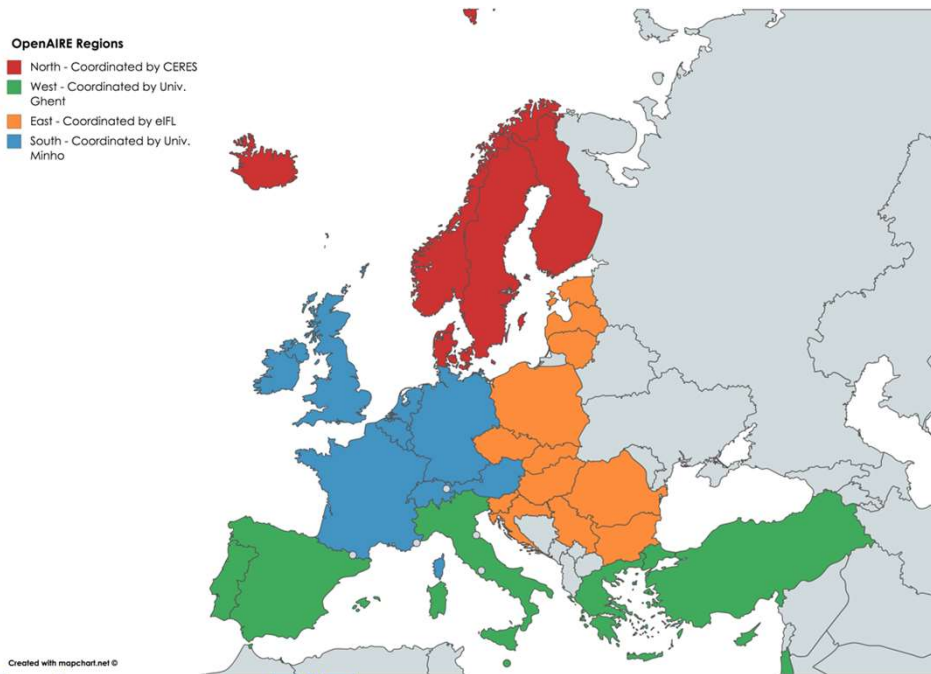
3 pillars of action



National approach

National Open Access Desks (NOADs)

A pan-European network to address **diversity** in culture & **maturity** of national/local infras



34 countries

→ Key national organizations

4 regional area coordinators

3 coordinators for

- Policies
- Research data management
- Legal issues

International outreach



Linked to infras
around the world

