

# LibOCS – Open and Citizen Science in Baltic academic libraries

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# Overview of the project

- ▶ ***University libraries strengthening the academia-society connection through citizen science in the Baltics***
- ▶ Duration: 01.01.2022 –30.06.2024
- ▶ Partners: University of Tartu Library, TalTech, University of Latvia, Kaunas Technological University, Vytautas Magnus University, Web2Learn and Immer Besser GmbH + associated partners (public libraries)
- ▶ <https://www.libocs.ut.ee>



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# Necessity of the project

- ▶ Academic libraries in Baltic states have been actively involved in OS activities
- ▶ The need of Baltic universities and libraries to fully integrate Open Science (OS) and Citizen Science (CS)
- ▶ Involvement in CS is still in the development phase
- ▶ Lack of knowledge base





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# Project outcomes

PR1- **Report on drivers and barriers** of civic engagement in open science and the role of university libraries in the Baltics - University of Tartu (Estonia)

PR2- **Study and an information campaign:** the transformative role of university libraries for citizen and open science in the Baltics– University of Latvia

PR3- We are building a **collection of resources for staff training** in Baltic academic libraries on the topic of civic engagement in open science – Kaunas University of Technology (Lithuania)

PR5-**Institutional change:** Series of consulting activities with partner universities – policy+culture change - Immer Besser GmbH (Germany)

PR6- **A toolkit for librarians** on CS/OS – TalTech (Estonia)



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# At the end of the project, we will have...

- ▶ Knowledge and skills on how to initiate CS projects
- ▶ Established the library's role in CS projects (bridge, link, partner)
- ▶ Stronger collaboration between libraries (public+academic) and universities in projects involving civil society
- ▶ Training materials and course for librarians (train the trainers)
- ▶ Created an institutional change
- ▶ OA toolkit for librarians
- ▶ Ideas and courage



# You can find us:

**Website:** <https://www.libocs.ut.ee/>

**Vimeo channel** <https://vimeo.com/user175381277>

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