

# 10 STEPS

## for a successful citizen science project with children and young people



### 01. Target

Establish trust and networks through direct engagement, mutual respect, and understanding of local conditions and needs. Involve cooperation partners early and seek expert consultation.

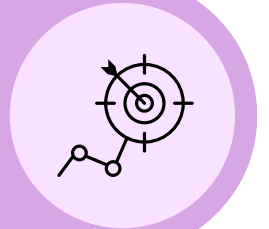
Clarify project goals, target audiences, and key stakeholders. Reflect on the added value, desired outcomes, and potential impact. Guiding Principle: Less is more.




### 03. Planning

Leverage existing resources and networks such as Citizen Science communities, working groups, and training programs. Encourage teamwork and knowledge exchange while celebrating even small achievements.

### 02. Building collaborations



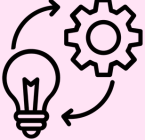
Define methodologies, obtain necessary approvals (e.g., from school authorities, ethics committees, and data protection bodies), and consider timing constraints (e.g., school holidays). Develop an internal and external communication strategy.



### 04. Resources

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Ensure the project is methodologically and didactically well-structured and engaging. Use personal & practical references, integrate art & media, and allow flexibility. Guiding Principle: Stay open, flexible, and relaxed.



### 05. Implementation

Maintain transparent and continuous communication both internally and externally. Use appropriate, audience-specific channels and engage in public relations to increase outreach and visibility.

### 06. Communication

### 07. Documentation

Analyze and assess collected data in collaboration with Citizen Scientists. Evaluate both the results and the overall process.

### 08. Evaluation




### 09. Dissemination

Celebrate the contributions of all participants and acknowledge their efforts. Organize events or activities that highlight research achievements and final outcomes, ensuring the active involvement of Citizen Scientists.

### 10. Appreciation



Note: This model does not strictly follow a chronological sequence. Knowledge transfer is reciprocal and occurs throughout all stages.  
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