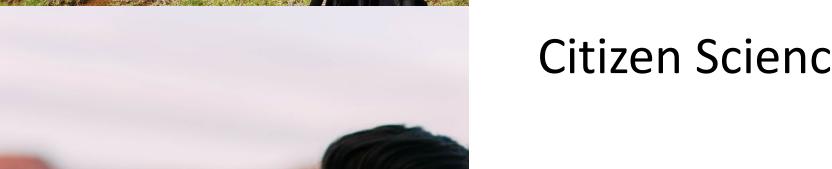




Citizen Science in Austria

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What are *Österreich forsch* and the Citizen Science Network Austria?





Österreich **forscht** and the Citizen Science Network Austria

- *Österreich forscht*: founded 2014
- Citizen Science Network Austria: founded 2017 and based on a Memorandum of Understanding; a network of institutions that want to foster, strengthen and further develop citizen science in dedicated working groups
- Both coordinated by University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna (BOKU)



What is citizen science?

In very simplified terms, in citizen science, scientific projects are carried out with the assistance or completely by interested amateurs [lat. amateur "lover"]. The Citizen Scientists formulate research questions, report observations, carry out measurements, evaluate data and/or write publications.

Compliance...

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About Österreich forscht

What is Österreich forscht (www.citizen-science.at)? The Citizen Science Network Austria (founded in 2017) with the associated online platform Österreich forscht (launched in 2014) is a network of institutions from the fields of science, research, education and practice. Taking into consideration...

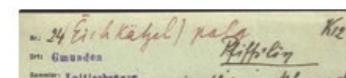
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Welcome at Österreich forscht!

Here you can find everything about Citizen Science in Austria. In the future, it should be just as normal to work in a citizen science project as to be a member of an association, e.g. the voluntary fire brigade or a music ensemble. We want people to see science no longer as an elite programme, but as a process that affects all our lives, a process which is an important part of society and is worth understanding. However, the fun and enjoyment of research should not be neglected. We do not understand citizen science as an infotainment concept, but as a collaborative process through which new insights can be gained.

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Keyword





Main aims:

- Networking: project coordinators with each other, citizens with projects, connection to the international community
- Further development: working groups, training workshops, mentoring, participation in international projects
- Quality assurance: quality criteria, further training for (future) project coordinators
- Public relations: platform with lots of information, blog, organisation of events, press work (e.g. monthly podcast “Wissen macht Leute”)

How are network and platform organised?

- Do-ocracy: everyone who is willing to put time/work into the network can help shape it
- BOKU provides core funding
- Events are organised together with member institutions
- Working groups are partly organised by member institutions



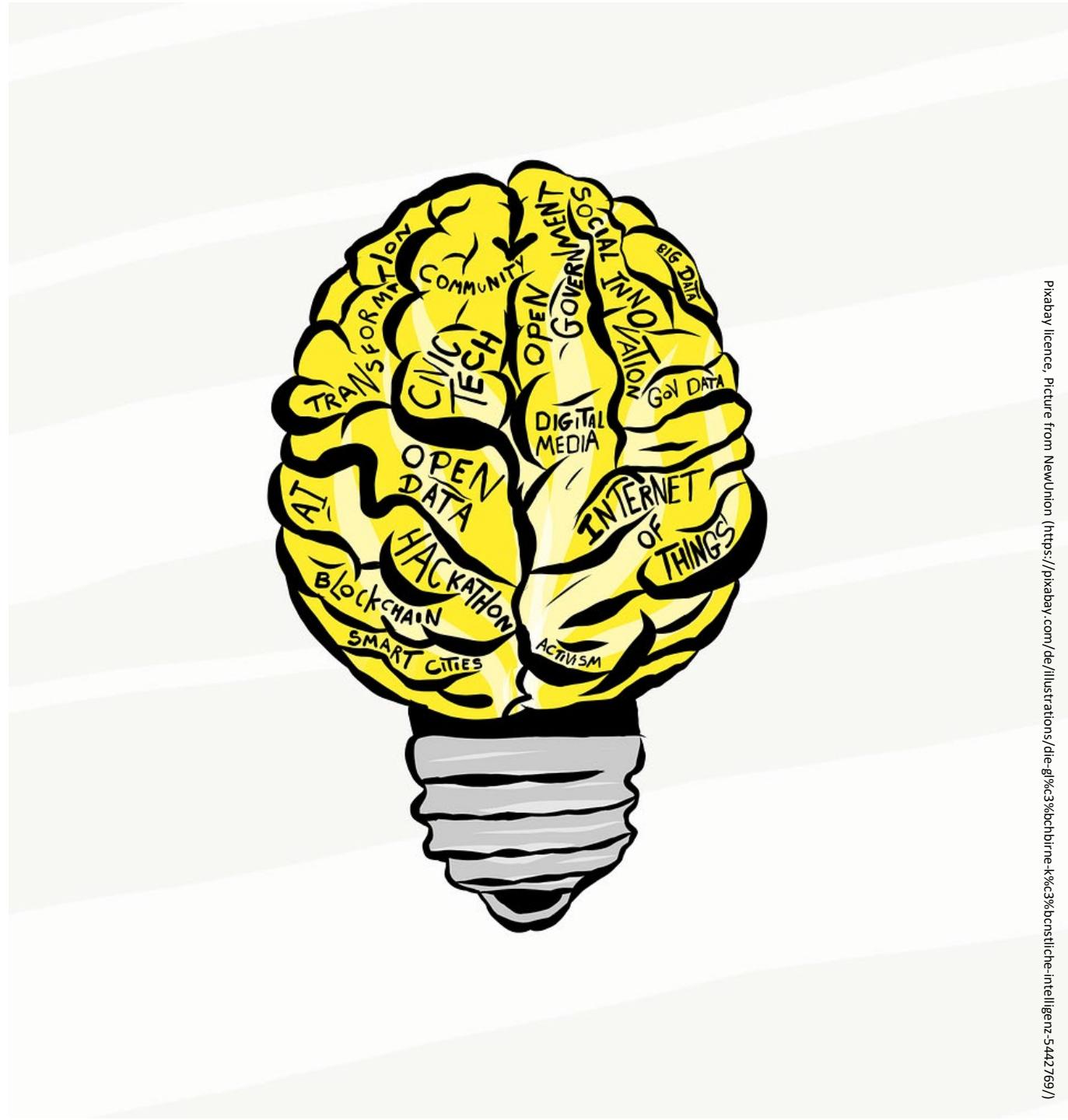


Success stories:

- Currently 70 projects on *Österreich forscht* with a total of more than 175,000 participants
- In 2022 almost 45.000 visits were counted on *Österreich forscht*
- Austrian Citizen Science Conference with over 200 international participants
- International pioneers in the field of quality criteria for citizen science

Citizen Science and Open Science

- Open Science Network Austria (OANA): from 2012-2021; joint activity by FWF and UNIKO to foster open science at Austrian universities and beyond
 - 2018: citizen science added to core expertise of OANA
- FAIR Data Austria: webinar on citizen science in Horizon Europe
- Open data workshop series: tba

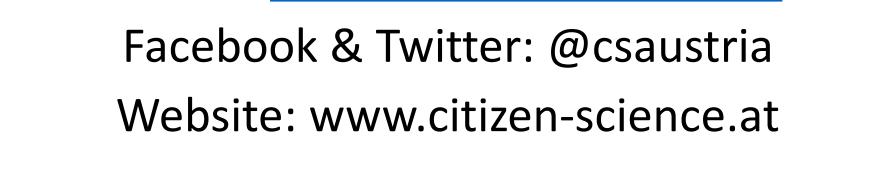
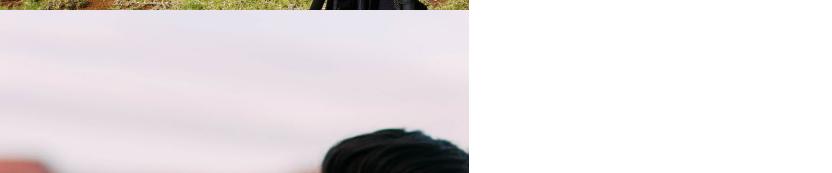




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Citizen Science and libraries

- Citizen science projects from libraries:
 - Zeit.shift (2022): University library Innsbruck
 - Writing history: Letters 1914-1919 (2023): Vienna City Hall Library
- Libraries as CSNA members:
 - Austrian National Library (2022)
- Public libraries Vienna have been involved in a project proposal



Thank you very much!

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