



Citizens' Observatory



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Citizens' Observatories: Empowering European Society

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Open Conference

Date: 4th December 2014

Venue: Management Centre Europe,
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No registration fee for participation



Be part of the Citizens' Observatories community!

The European Commission Directorate-General for Research & Innovation and the European Union-funded Citizens' Observatories projects invite you to the conference **"Citizens' Observatories: Empowering European Society"**, to be held on 4th December 2014 at the Management Centre Europe, Brussels.

This one day conference will look at the role and opportunities for active citizen participation in environmental monitoring and policy making. The event will provide opportunities to engage with experts and practitioners working across a range of European citizen science initiatives and policy making bodies, and to find out more about the work of the five Citizens' Observatory projects.

Draft Programme:

- 09.00 Welcome Session: Setting the scene.
- 09.30 Introducing the Citizens' Observatory Projects.
- 10.45 Coffee Break (with Posters and Demonstrations).
- 11.15 Citizens Observatories and their value for decision making, including speakers from the EC, the European Environment Agency, EPA Network and local authorities.
- 12.45 Lunch (with Posters and Demonstrations).
- 14.15 Citizen Science in practice session, including speakers from a number of citizen science initiatives and associations.
- 15.45 Coffee Break (with Posters and Demonstrations).
- 16.15 Panel session on Challenges of Citizens' Observatories (e.g. governance, data protection, big data, scientific credibility).
- 17.15 Wrap up and conclusions.

