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Succes on event Conference of Citizen Science in Europe

The conference was held at Charlemagne building in Brussels last 22th septembre and was opened by talks about policy makers and Citizen Science, starting wiith MEP Mr. Pablo Echenique, with a powerful phrase about Citizen Science value: “"1000 brains is better than one. Collective thinking is the key"”. John Magan, deputy head of Digital Science unit at DG Connect says “it’s a great conference, modest size but hopefully large impact, like the project itself!”. ITU Telecom representative Joseph Gaylord, DG Connect deputy head of Unit Digital Science, and José Miguel Rubio, research program officer of DG RTD, make some fine comments about the technological and scientific values of citizen science.

After this, Fermín Serrano, Socientize project coordinator, introduced the White Paper of the Citizen Science in Europe, highlighting the most important conclusions and recommendations at the diferente macro, meso, and micro levels.

Then it was the time to review Socientize’s outcomes and experiments: UrbanBees, introduced by his PM Isabelle Bonhoure, Universidad de Barcelona, and Antimatter, by Michael Doser, Researcher at CERN.

The review of EC funded projects related with Citizen Science, started with Citizen Cyberlab, Francois Grey, Coordinator CCC; Scientix, Gina Mihai, Science Team EUN; ICT-ART-CONNECT, Pieter Jan Valgaeren, Researcher iMinds; FET2020, Giuseppe Saija, Project Manager Youris; and RRI Tools, Daniel Garcia, Science Communication Officer Fund. La Caixa.

After a coffe break, it was time to review Citizen Science initiatives like Fundación Ibercivis, with Victor Castelo, e-Infrastructures advisor on Spanish CSIC-MINECO; the European Citizen Science Association, ECSA, represented by Claudia Göbel, Museum für Naturkunde Berlin; the Open Knowledge Belgium, Pieter Colpaert, Researcher OKFN; the iMAL, Yves Bernard, Director iMAL; the project FutureEverything, represented by Drew Hemment, member of the Socientize advisory borad, and the well known Zooniverse project, represented by Sarah Kendrew, Scientist Zooniverse.

The Brussels event was organized by a Societize committee run by Francisco Sanz and Eduardo Lostal from University of Zaragoza, and was live streamed by EC.

You can download the Whitepaper of Citizen Science in Europe via this link:

<http://www.societize.eu/sites/default/files/white-paper.pdf>

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