



EXPANDING THE EUROPEAN SCIENCE SHOP ECOSYSTEM

SciShops is a EU-funded Horizon 2020 project aimed at promoting the growth of community-based participatory research and science shops across Europe.

The project will explore how different types of research organisations, such as SMEs, research institutes, large enterprises, NGOs and universities can develop sustainable Science Shops. The target is to establish ten new Science Shops in Europe.



WHAT IS A SCIENCE SHOP?

A Science Shop is a university or non-university-based entity that performs or **facilitates research and knowledge transfer with and for society.**

Science Shops are a mode of community-based participatory research (CBPR), an open, inclusive and often interdisciplinary process in which researchers work together with non-governmental organisations, community groups and citizens to create new knowledge or understanding about societal issues. This new knowledge can be used to attain change in the community.

Research can be a powerful tool to help communities better understand and solve societal issues. The process empowers citizens to tackle problems in their community and actively participate in science, whilst providing scientists with new perspectives and competences. Science Shops can also help to build trust and better understanding between society and academia, democratizing science, and ultimately assist policy makers to make evidence-based decisions.



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PROJECT DURATION

September 2017 - February 2020



MAIN PROJECT OUTCOMES

- » Guidelines and toolkits on how to establish and run a science shop
- » Knowledge exchange roadmap
- » Case studies and best practices
- » RRI (Responsible Research and Innovation) tools set for science shops
- » Networking and knowledge sharing platform
- » Twinning scheme to enable new Science Shops to learn from existing ones
- » Knowledge cafés and co-creation events to bring Science Shops together with local communities to discuss issues and needs
- » Training and summer schools for new Science Shops staff
- » Establishment of ten university- and non-university-based Science Shops



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