



National networks and initiatives

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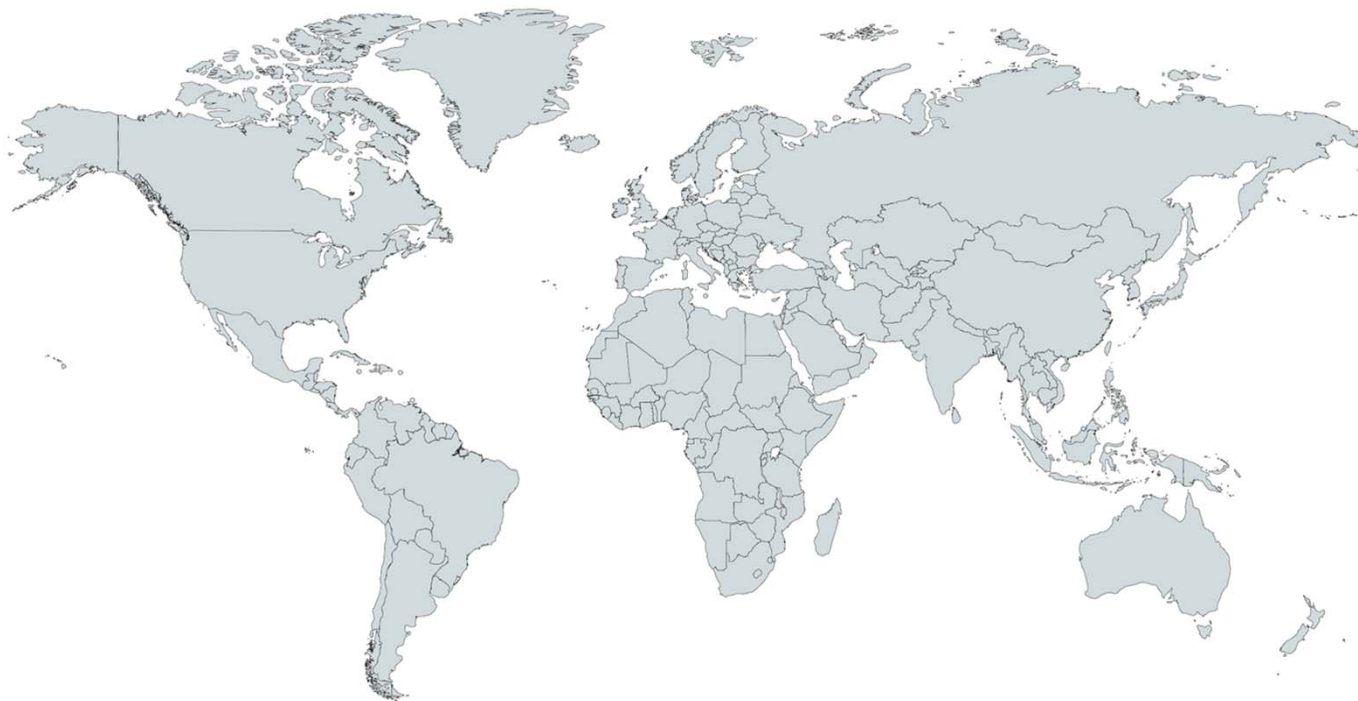
Why?



- Discussion at ECSA 2018 on citizen science networks in Europe
- Citizen science networks have unique opportunities and challenges
 - Opportunities:
 - Foster citizen science on a national level
 - Impact on how citizen science is perceived
 - Multipliers for international initiatives
 - Challenges:
 - Funding situation
 - Framing of citizen science
 - Multi-stakeholder approach

→ connect coordinators, share best practices in a living document

Founding of networks



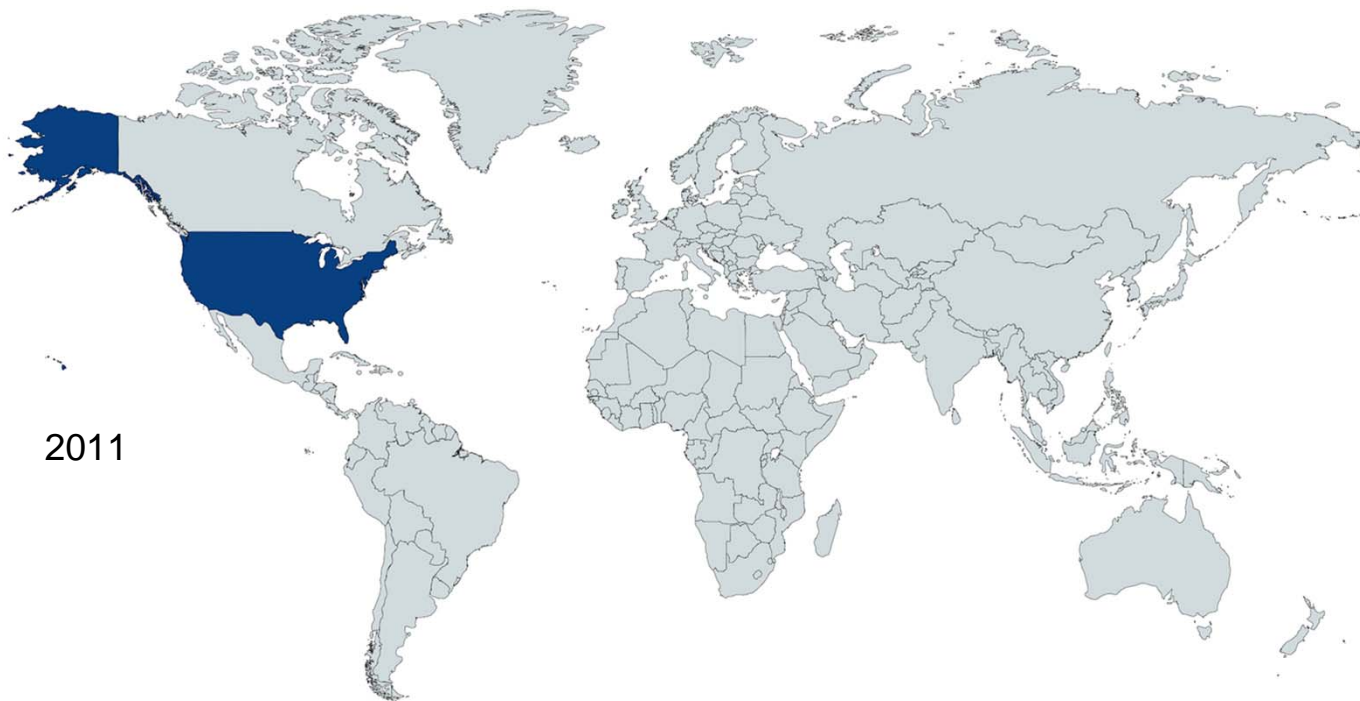
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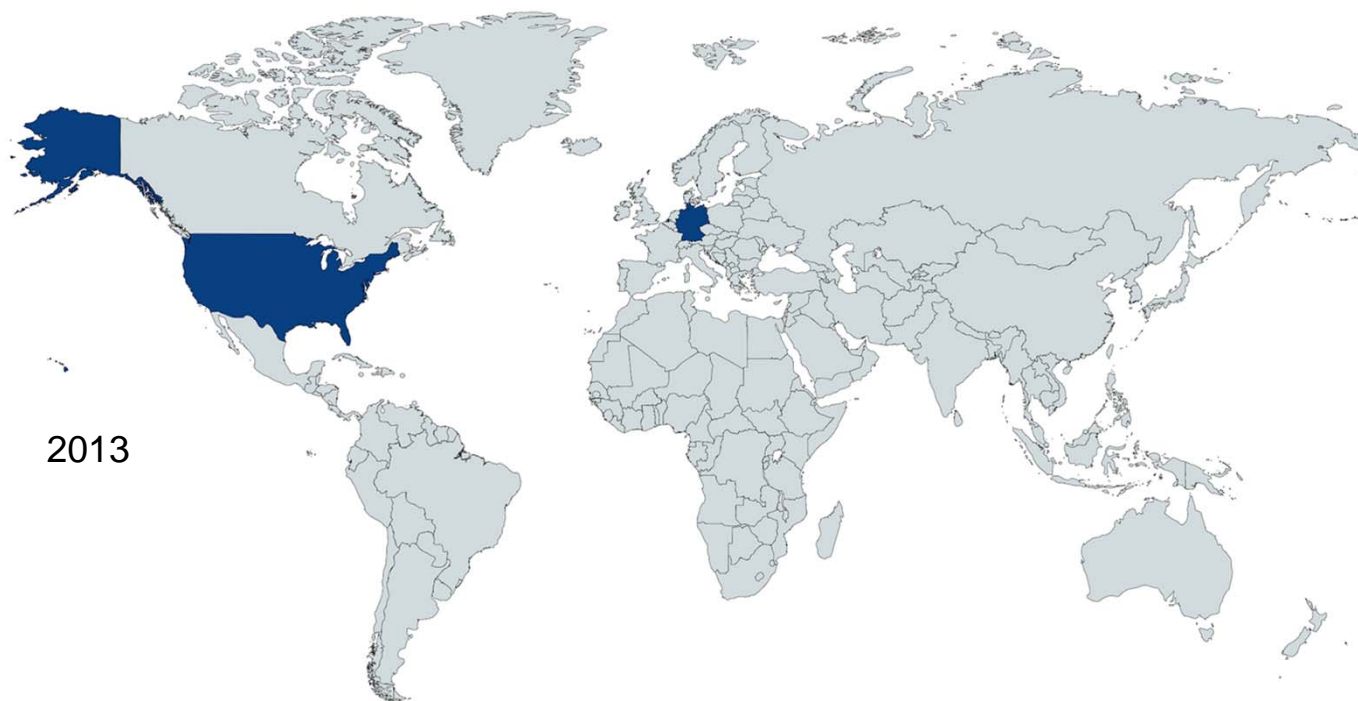
- USA

2011



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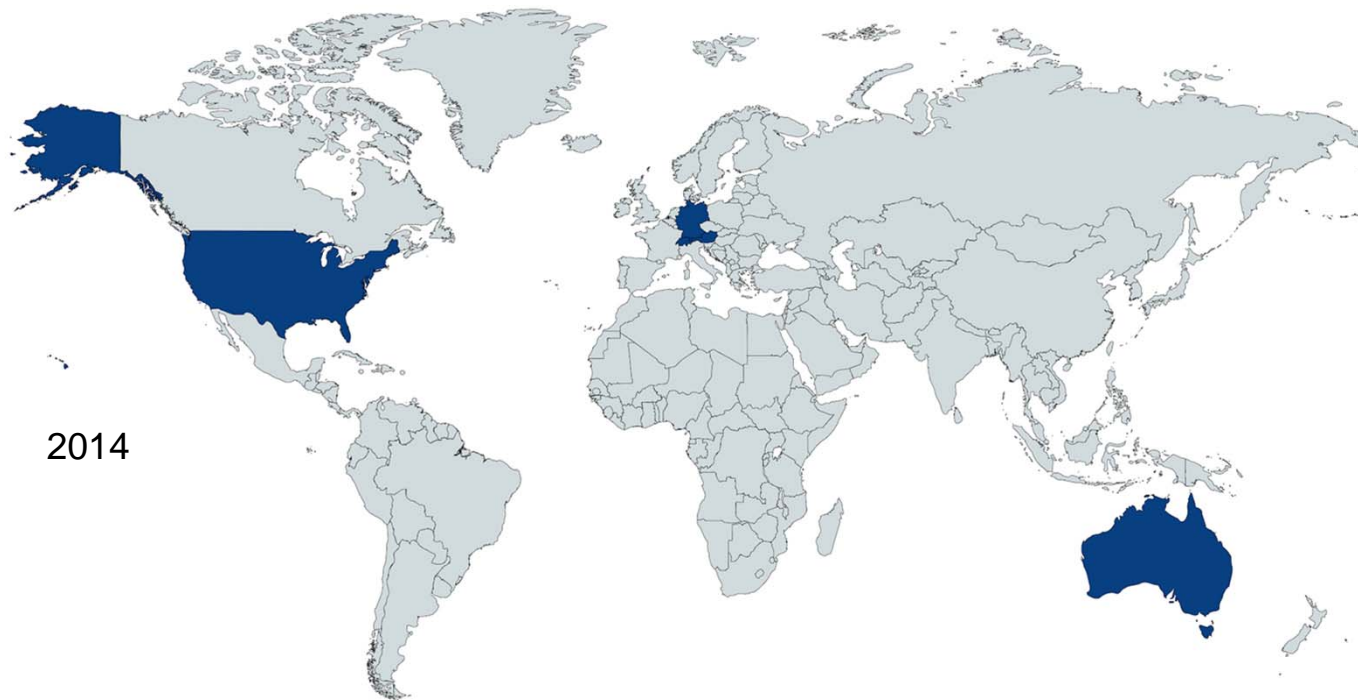


2013

- USA
- Germany

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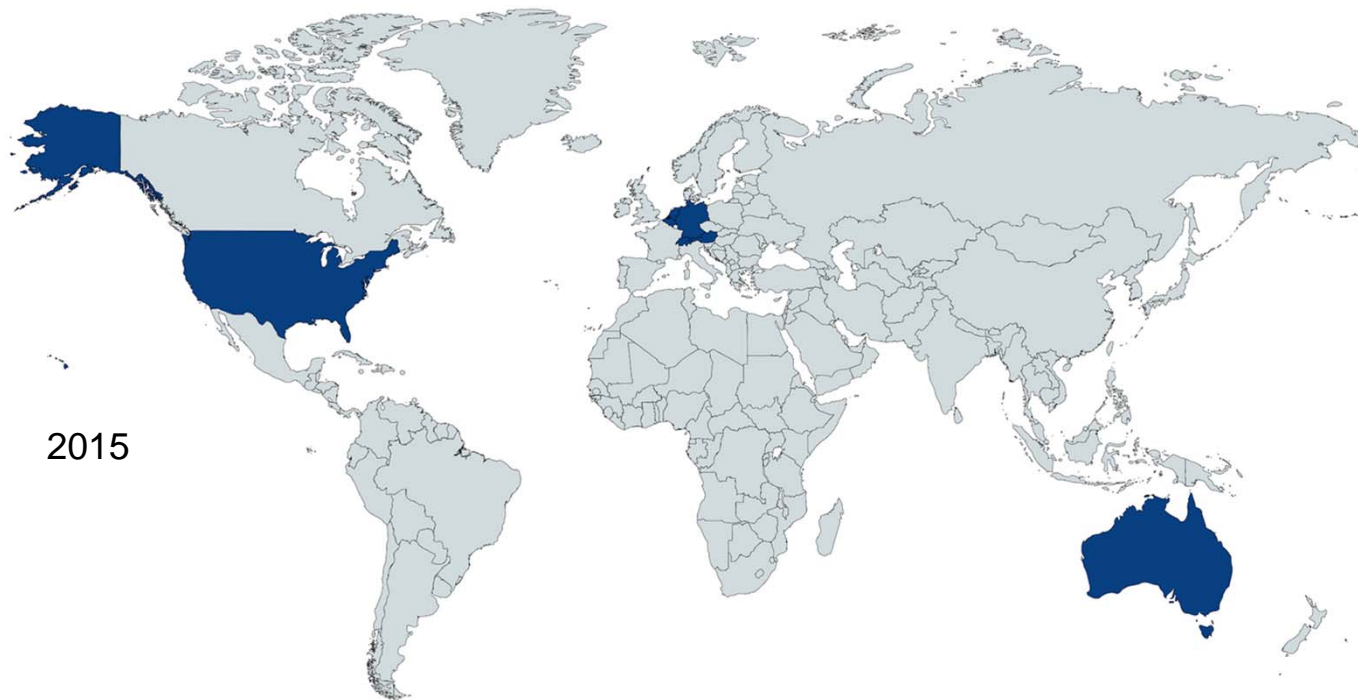


2014

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- Germany
- Austria
- Switzerland
- Australia

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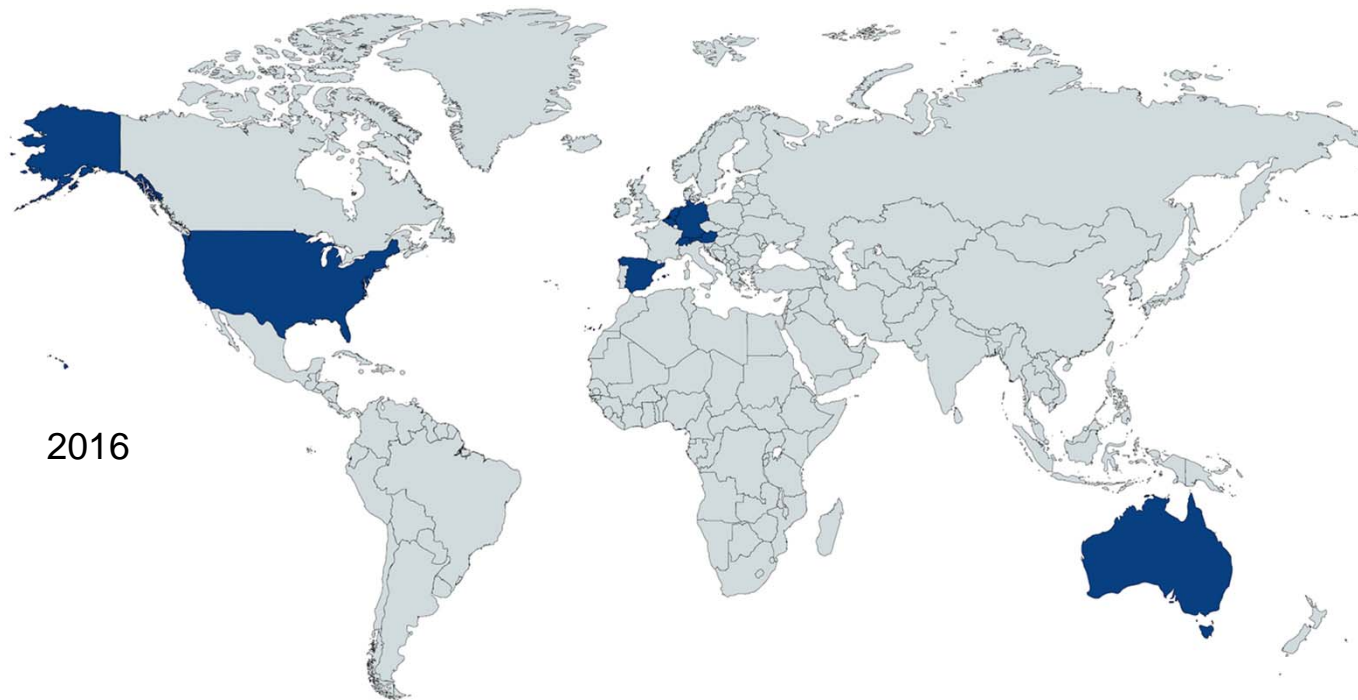
Founding of networks



- USA
- Germany
- Austria
- Switzerland
- Australia
- Belgium
- Netherlands

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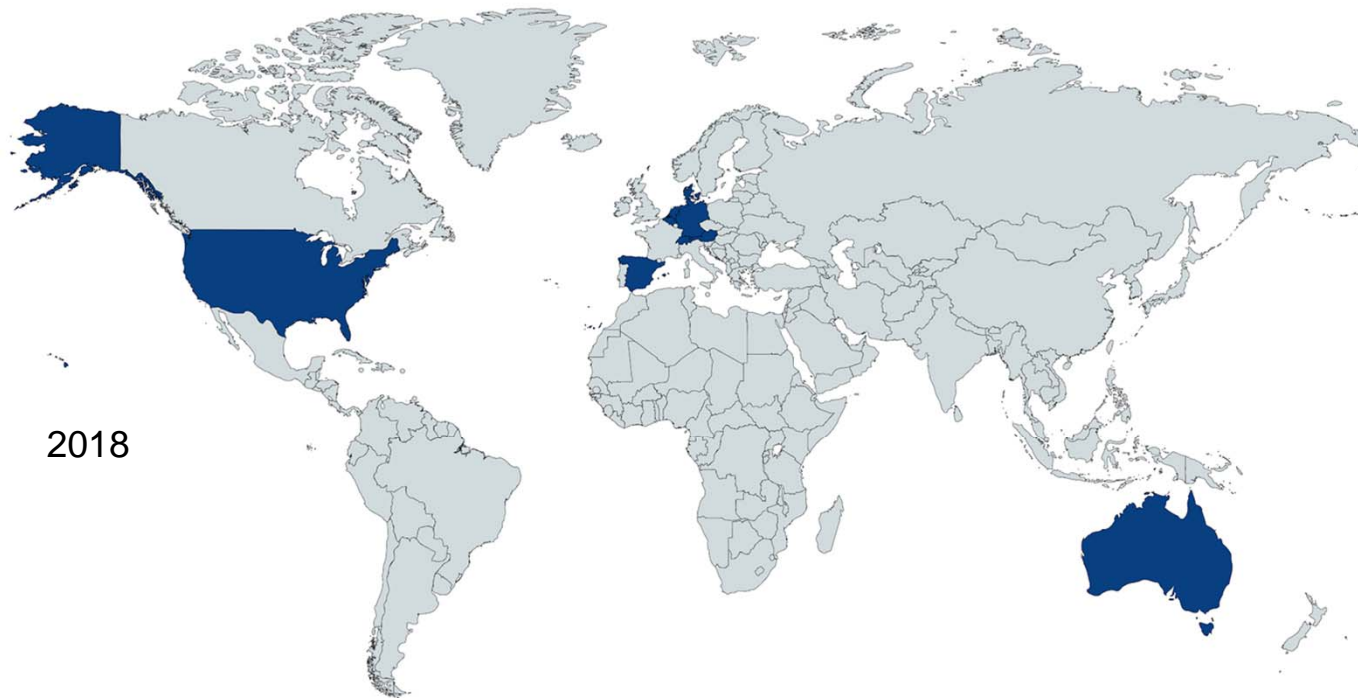
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- Spain

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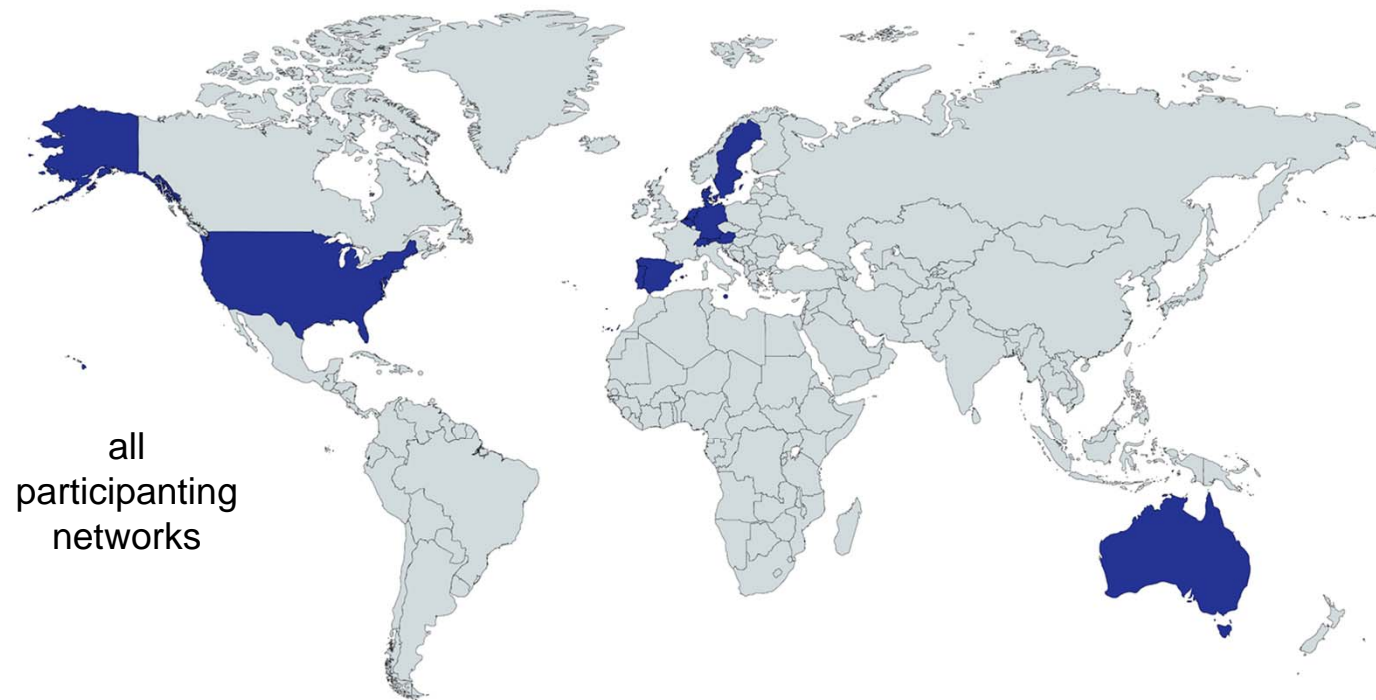


2018

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- Austria
- Switzerland
- Australia
- Belgium
- Netherlands
- Spain
- Denmark

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Founding of networks



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- Spain
- Denmark
- Sweden
- Malta
- Portugal

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Diversity



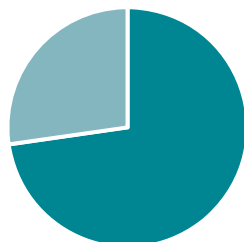
Institutional Background

- Consortium
- Association
- Private
- University
- Company
- Government Agency



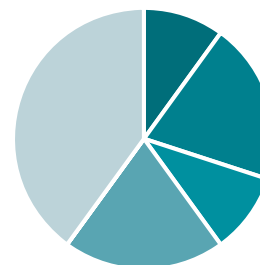
Project Diversity

- Any type of science
- Specific types of science

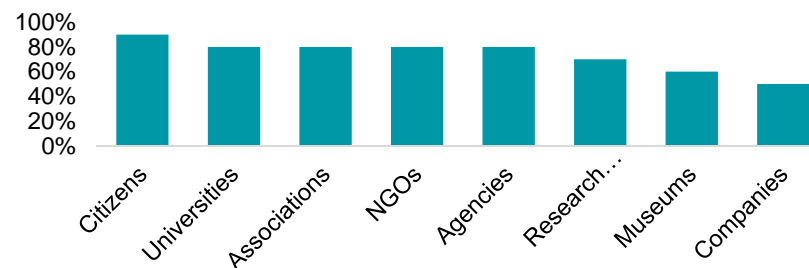


Number of Projects in networks

- 1-10 projects
- 11-25 projects
- 26-50 projects
- 51-75 projects
- >100 projects



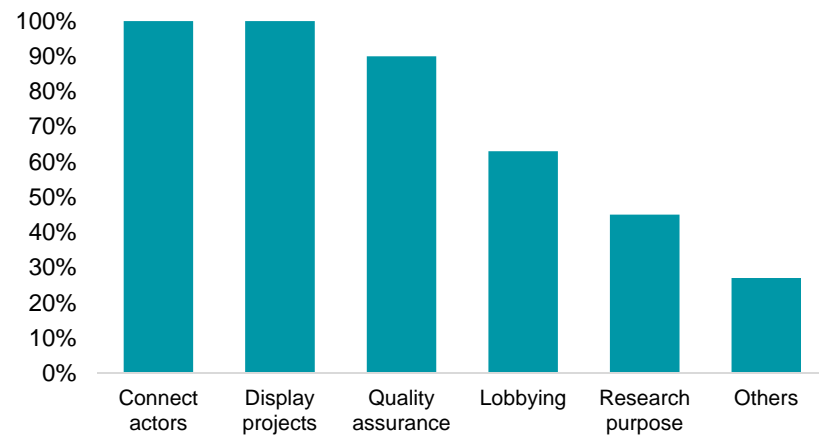
Members of Networks



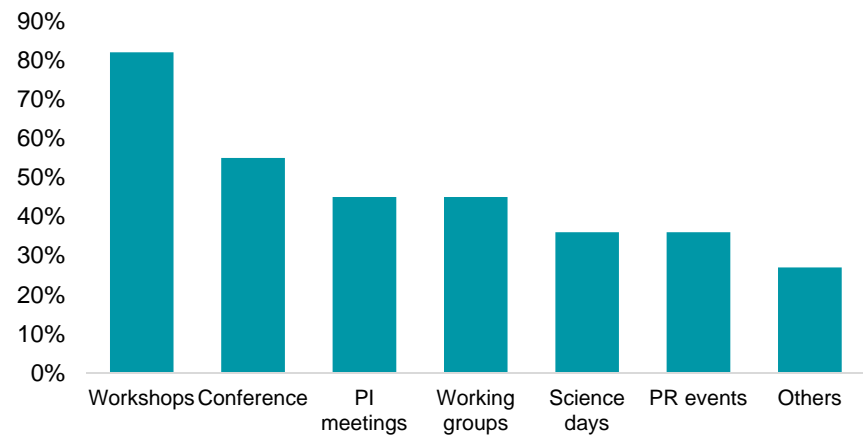
Goals and Activities



Goals of Networks



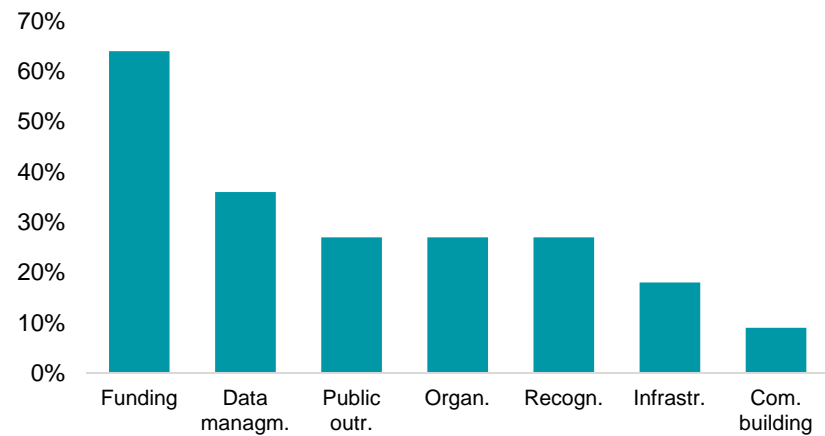
Activities



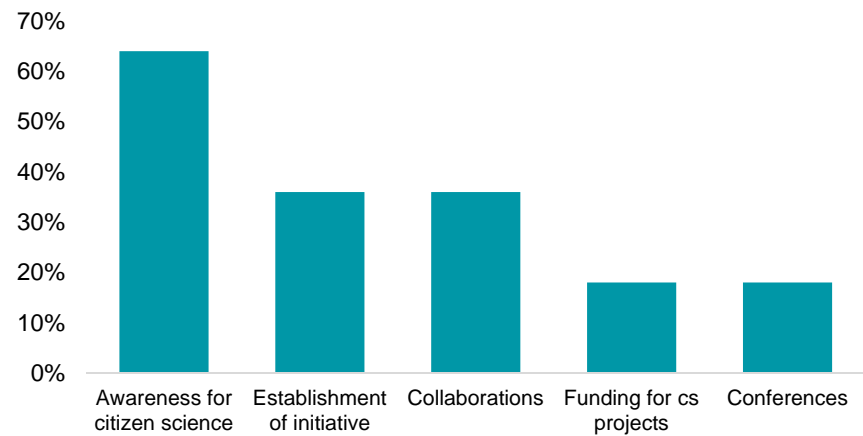
Challenges and Achievements



Challenges of Networks



Achievements of Networks



Conclusions



- Diversity is key in citizen science networks
 - Diversity in institutional background
 - Diversity in members
 - Diversity in projects
- But: Diversity is also a challenge (see e.g. community building, organisation)
- Challenges and achievements reflect that many initiatives are still in the early working stages
- (Sustainable) funding remains major challenge for most networks

Thank you for your attention!