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Kick 2023 off the right way! A fantastic opportunity for Citizen Science projects who go that extra step!

The IMPETUS EU-project is offering grants, prizes and a set of supporting tools to new and continuing citizen science projects.

[IMPETUS](#) is a EU-funded project that is looking to provide holistic support to citizen science, and today (January 10th) is launching its first [Open Call](#),

In this 1st Open Call, IMPETUS is looking for innovative and creative projects, focusing on the topics of **Healthy Planet** and **Cities for Life**.

This is an exciting opportunity for everyone involved in citizen science! The first time a project has offered funding, mentoring, and training resources to citizen science projects that are aiming to tackle the societal challenges related to the [Sustainable Development Goals](#) and the [Green Deal](#).

The first part of this call is for the **Accelerator Program**: IMPETUS is looking for new or ongoing citizen science projects to be awarded either kickstarting or sustaining grants. Successful applicants will receive €20,000 (for new projects) or €10,000 (for ongoing projects) to help deliver a six-month citizen science project with the help of IMPETUS. All teams will have access to a set of services tailored to their individual needs that include intensive training, online mentoring, promotion, peer learning and networking.

This is also the debut of the new [European Union Prize for Citizen Science](#), which is looking to award outstanding citizen

science initiatives. With a **Grand Prize** of 60,000€, as well as two additional prizes to projects demonstrating exemplary **Diversity & Collaboration** and **Digital Communities**, which will both be awarded 20,000€.

Individuals, legal entities and consortia established in a country or territory eligible to receive Horizon Europe grants ([see this list for details](#)) are able to apply to this call.

This call will be open for two months, from 10 January and closing at 12:00 CET on 13 March 2023.

IMPETUS is a 4-year project that gathers 7 European partners aiming to work together towards more accessible funding schemes for the development of citizen science. It is led by Zabala and King's College London, with the collaboration of Ars Electronica, T6 Ecosystems, EUSEA, Science for Change and Nesta.

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