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R Recyclables

**Empowerment, inclusiveness and equity
in community-based research & Citizen Science**
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Multiple silences in CEE countries

- The silence of EU R&I programmes (e.g. MoRRI indicators)
- The silence of actually existing initiatives: the term does not even mentioned, hardly any projects can be identified


„The field of citizen science is very new and niche. Only very few would be interested in such issues. On a wider scale, people are not familiar with CS. We are not even trying to translate the term, but people are still gradually getting interested.” - Interview w Teodora Stoyanova / Greenpeace (26.01.2017)



Apparent divide

	West	East
Term first used	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• from 1990ies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• late or no adoption of the concept
Number of projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• very high• well-known projects, listed in catalogues	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• hardly any initiatives; devoid of practices• emerging forms of CS
Published articles referring to	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Many• celebrated, mediatized	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 0
Members of ECSA in	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Many	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• few
Other PPSR practices are dominant/widespread	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Many	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• few, voluntary based
Which methods are used	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• long tradition of methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• methods are limited

Rendering the invisible visible

- **Gaining a sense of power**
 - **Creating capacity in people to mobilise resources for their goals**
 - **Feeling empowered: a recognition that they can exercise power**
 - Rendering the actual volunteer and hobby practices visible - **Unused citizen science**
 - what kind of knowledge is provided? SSH – **citizen social science**
 - reacting to the lack of government activity in a special area of knowledge -- **substitute knowledge production**
 - Specific kind of knowledges not produced by the state/academia: „**undone science**”
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