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SUPPORTING SUSTAINABLE INSTITUTIONAL CHANGES TO PROMOTE CITIZEN SCIENCE IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

TIME4CS PROJECT

Citizen Science and Artificial Intelligence Technologies

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TIME4CS Aim and Concept

General Objective
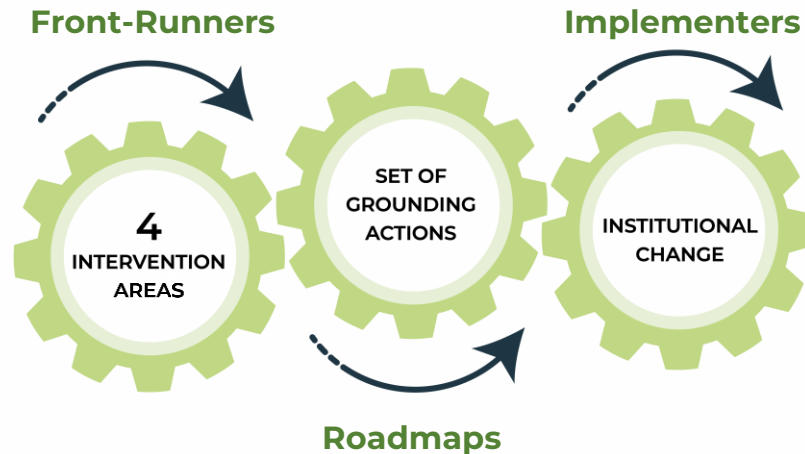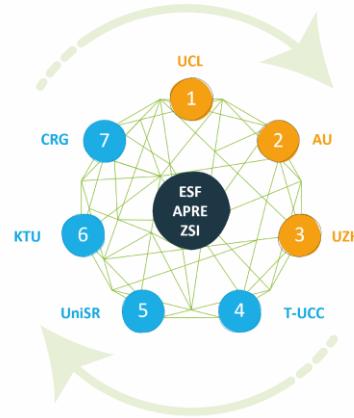
to support and facilitate the implementation of sustainable **Institutional Changes** in Research Performing Organisations (RPOs) to promote **Public Engagement** (citizens and citizens associations) and **Citizen Science** in science and technology

Concept

Front-Runners

Implementers

4 INTERVENTION AREAS

SET OF GROUNDING ACTIONS

INSTITUTIONAL CHANGE

Roadmaps

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Concept

Implementers

The **Implementers (Is)** are still in early stages of the implementation of Institutional Changes to support CS and they are willing to face the challenge of introducing CS activities in their structures.

Front-Runners

The **Front-Runners (FRs)** are RPOs who show a comprehensive expertise in the CS field and that have already undergone Institutional Changes in one or some of the IAs.
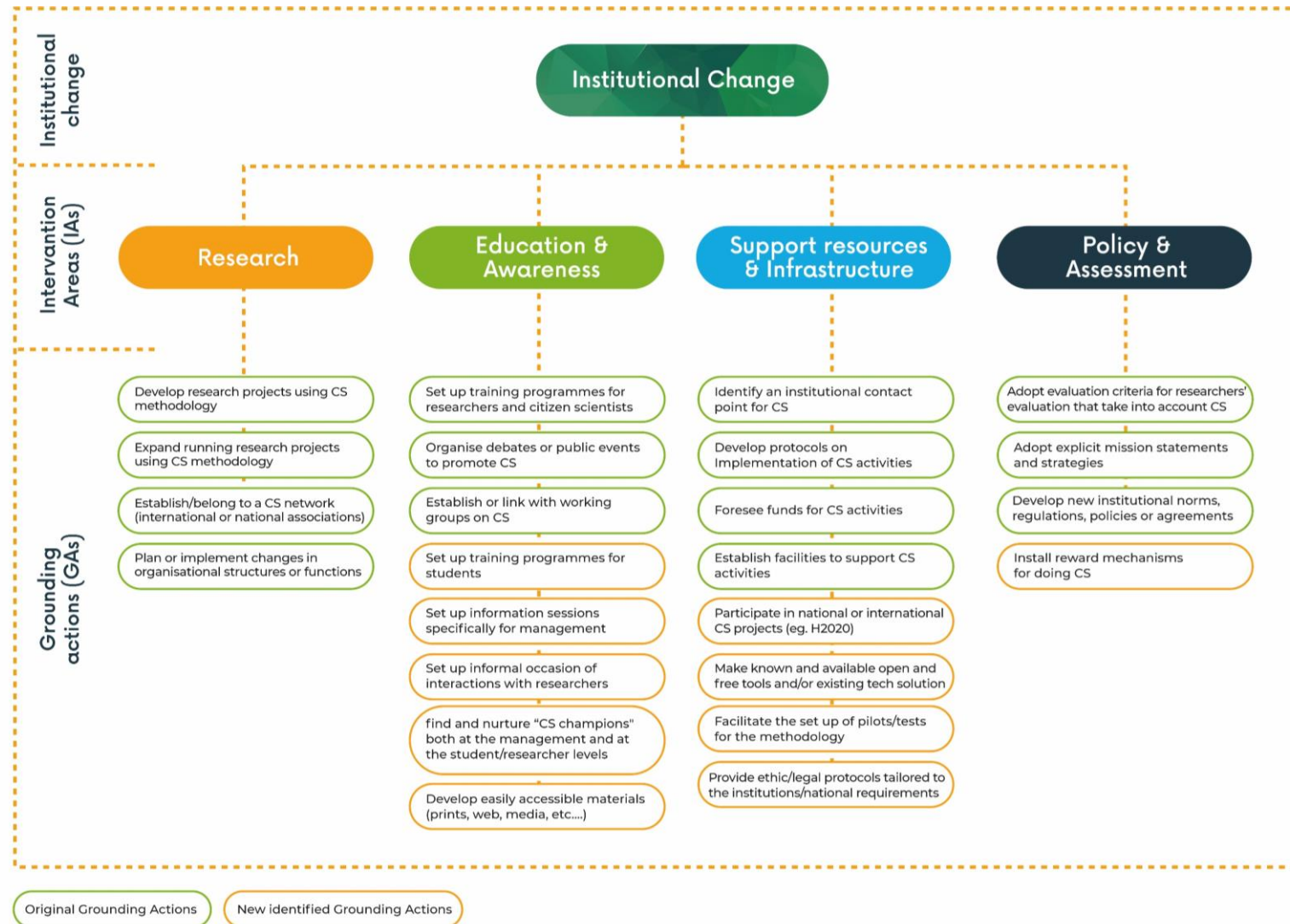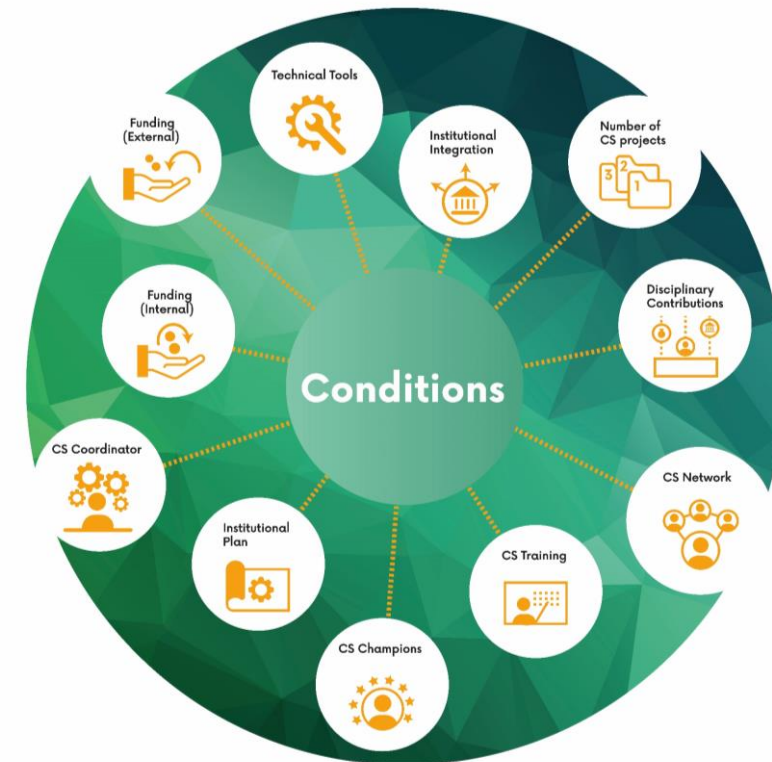

Mutual learning

Roadmaps

Specific and tailored action plans for each implementing organisation and a set of specific and detailed actions to follow.

TIME4CS Intervention areas and Grounding Actions

Institutional change

Institutional Change

Intervention Areas (IAs)

Research	Education & Awareness	Support resources & Infrastructure	Policy & Assessment

Grounding actions (GAs)

Research	Education & Awareness	Support resources & Infrastructure	Policy & Assessment
Develop research projects using CS methodology	Set up training programmes for researchers and citizen scientists	Identify an institutional contact point for CS	Adopt evaluation criteria for researchers' evaluation that take into account CS
Expand running research projects using CS methodology	Organise debates or public events to promote CS	Develop protocols on Implementation of CS activities	Adopt explicit mission statements and strategies
Establish/belong to a CS network (international or national associations)	Establish or link with working groups on CS	Foresee funds for CS activities	Develop new institutional norms, regulations, policies or agreements
Plan or implement changes in organisational structures or functions	Set up training programmes for students	Establish facilities to support CS activities	Install reward mechanisms for doing CS
	Set up information sessions specifically for management	Participate in national or international CS projects (eg. H2020)	
	Set up informal occasion of interactions with researchers	Make known and available open and free tools and/or existing tech solution	
	find and nurture "CS champions" both at the management and at the student/researcher levels	Facilitate the set up of pilots/tests for the methodology	
	Develop easily accessible materials (prints, web, media, etc....)	Provide ethic/legal protocols tailored to the institutions/national requirements	

Original Grounding Actions — New identified Grounding Actions
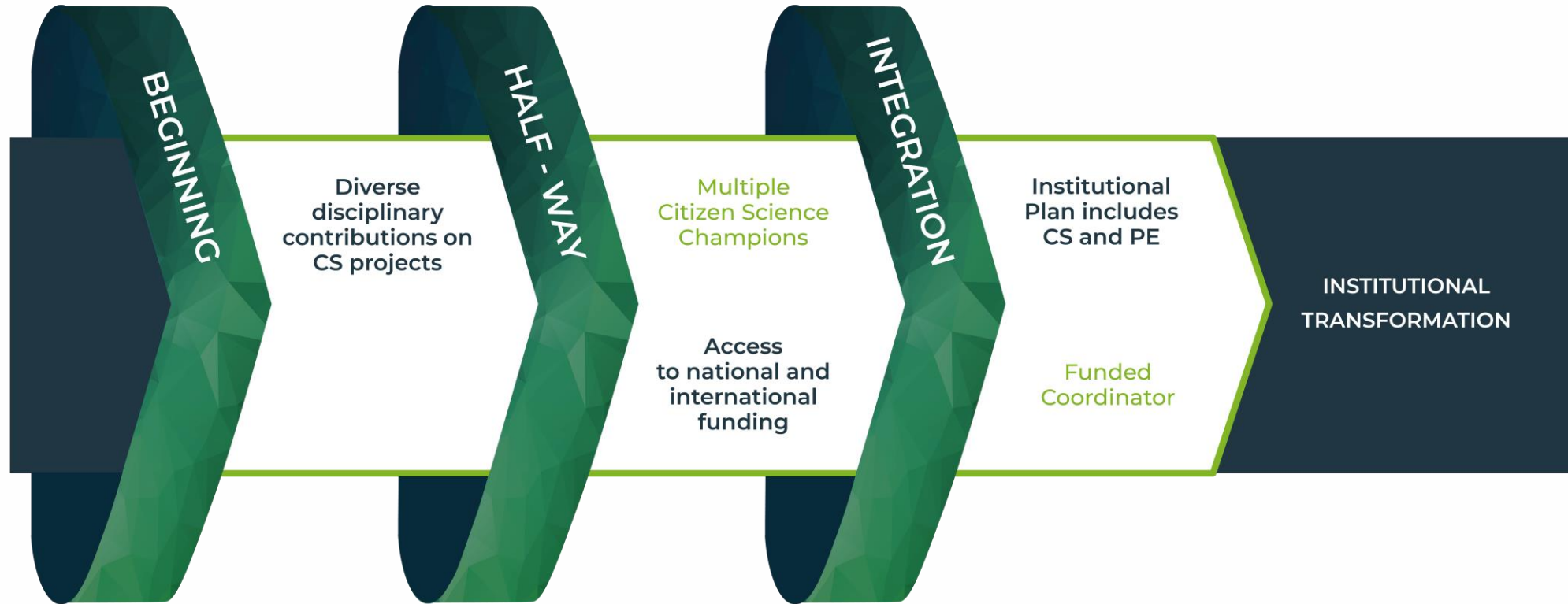
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TIME4CS Drivers for CS adoption at institutional level

- 38 Case Studies were built up by reaching out to CS Champions working at RPOs around the world and through desk analysis.
- Initially, 42 questions were answered related to the institutional support and behaviour of researchers to promote CS practices in their RPOs.
- Later, 11 conditions were selected because of their direct implication in promoting and/or supporting CS practices.
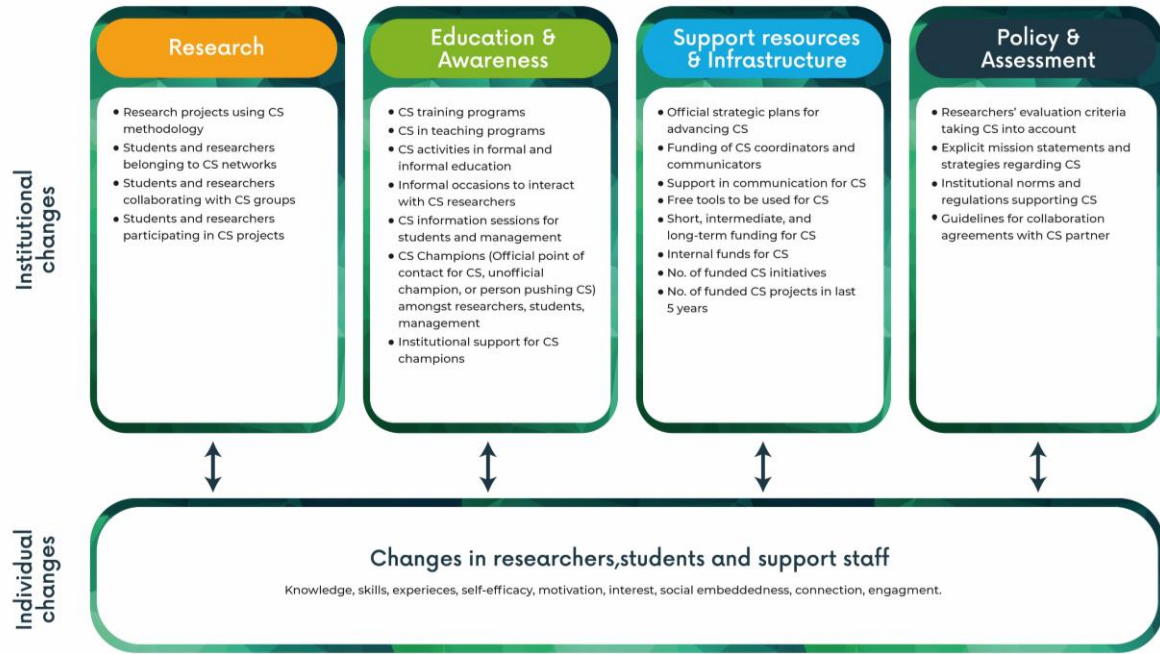
TIME4CS Institutional Transformation

BEGINNING

Diverse disciplinary contributions on CS projects

HALF - WAY

Multiple Citizen Science Champions

Access to national and international funding

INTEGRATION

Institutional Plan includes CS and PE

Funded Coordinator

INSTITUTIONAL TRANSFORMATION

Based on the four dimensions of an institutional change, TIME4CS tried to understand change as a process that can be divided in at least three stages: a beginning of the change/transformations; half-way through such change; and the Integration of changes as a constant. Different pathways and guidelines in this sense emerged from the experiences of existing CS projects, the routes taken by Front Runners and the multiple experiences of RPOs around the world which together can provide actionable resources for researchers and organisations wanting to support the use of CS.

TIME4CS Tools and Resources

Research
- Research projects using CS methodology
- Students and researchers belonging to CS networks
- Students and researchers collaborating with CS groups
- Students and researchers participating in CS projects

Education & Awareness
- CS training programs
- CS in teaching programs
- CS activities in formal and informal education
- Informal occasions to interact with CS researchers
- CS information sessions for students and management
- CS Champions (Official point of contact for CS, unofficial champion, or person pushing CS) amongst researchers, students, management
- Institutional support for CS champions

Support resources & Infrastructure
- Official strategic plans for advancing CS
- Funding of CS coordinators and communicators
- Support in communication for CS
- Free tools to be used for CS
- Short, intermediate, and long-term funding for CS
- Internal funds for CS
- No. of funded CS initiatives
- No. of funded CS projects in last 5 years

Policy & Assessment
- Researchers' evaluation criteria taking CS into account
- Explicit mission statements and strategies regarding CS
- Institutional norms and regulations supporting CS
- Guidelines for collaboration agreements with CS partner

Institutional changes

Individual changes

Changes in researchers, students and support staff
Knowledge, skills, experieces, self-efficacy, motivation, interest, social embeddedness, connection, engagement.

Indicators for individual and institutional changes that support Citizen Science

GROUNDING ACTION
- 1 big vision
- 2 success criteria
- 3 stakeholder inclusion
- 4 implementation
- 5 obstacles
- 6 resources

REFLECTION TOOL
for Institutional Changes in Citizen Science

Reflection Tool

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Citizen Science
Leave | View Opportunities
Sustainable institutional changes to promote public engagement and citizen science in research & innovation

Networking

Background
The relationship between science and society has undergone significant changes in the last decades, gaining increasing importance as a research field. Episodes of societal mistrust towards scientific orientations and positions have opened the way to a deeper reflection on how the scientific ecosystem could better take societal views into consideration, without taking for granted its automatic consensus. Citizen Science can help science to become more self-aware and reflexive about its role and impact on society and allows to incorporate view diversity into problem formulation and research questions and to share, transfer and practice scientific culture, contributing to the challenge of science education. To be properly realized, it calls for the contextual adaptation of procedural and operative dimensions, and as such it can become an enabler of change also at the governance level.

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New Post

658 Experts
202 Organisations
47 Countries

Key projects
TIME4CS aims at supporting and facilitating the implementation of sustainable institutional changes in research performing organizations to promote citizen science and more in general public engagement in science and technology. TIME4CS has identified 4 intervention areas that alone or combined can stimulate the institutional changes necessary to promote public engagement in R&I activities: i) Research; ii) Education and Awareness; iii) Support resources and Infrastructure; iv) Policy and Assessment.

Launched to support dissemination and impact for TIME4CS, the Citizen Science Helix is an international Open Innovation community of specialists in the fields of citizen and open

Citizen Science is both an important policy orientation and a research methodology covering different levels of citizens participation

The TIME4CS Project

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INCENTIVE CITIZEN SCIENCE HUBS

"What transformations are needed for research institutes to support citizen science?"

27th June 2023
14.00 - 15.30 CEST
online event

POLICY & ASSESSMENT

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