



# Report of Board of ECSA Directors

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# **Institutional Development of ECSA**

## **ECSA Constitution**

ECSA was officially founded as an association under German Law on April 1<sup>st</sup> 2014. On April 8th, we had the first General Assembly, which mainly implemented the working groups.

Since May, ECSA is officially registered and can name itself ECSA e.V. (eingetragener Verein). Currently, we are negotiating to obtain charity status.

## **ECSA Secretariat**

The Museum für Naturkunde Berlin pays a part time scientific position. Since September 1<sup>st</sup> 2014, Claudia Göbel holds this position in order to support conceptional and organizational development of ECSA.

## **ECSA Members**

Currently, we have 36 official members.

Nr.	indiv./ organisation	Institution	Institution Type	Representative to ECSA		Country
				Surname	Name	
1	ind	KempleyGREEN Consultants	SME	Brocklehurst	Martin	Great Britain
2	ind	Univ. Potsdam	Science	Huwe	Björn	Germany
3	org	Marine Science Group, Bologna University	Science	Goffredo	Stefano	Italy
4	org	52° North Initiative for Geospatial Open Source Software GmbH	SME	Remke	A	Germany
5	ind	Department of Civil Environmental & Geomatic Engineering	Science	Haklay	Muki	Great Britain
6	org	UCL	Science	Haklay	Muki	Great Britain
7	ind	Leibniz Institute of Freshwater Ecology and Inland Fisheries	Science	Kyba	Christopher	Germany
8	ind	Museum für Naturkunde Berlin	Science	Vohland	Katrin	Germany
9	ind	CSIC	Science	Piera	Jaume	Spain
10	ind	CREAF-UAB	NGO	Claramunt	Bernat	Spain
11	org	ESSRG Kft (Environmental Social Science Research Group)	SME	Balazs	Balint	Hungary
12	org	1000001 Labs	SME	Ceccaroni	Luigi	Spain
13	org	Danish Science Factory	NGO	Bohm	Mikkel	Denmark
14	org	Museum für Naturkunde Berlin	Science	Vogel	Johannes	Germany
15	ind	UMR - Institut des sciences de la communication	Science	Lipinsky	Marc	France
16	org	Museo die Storia Naturale della Maremma	Science	Andrea	Sforzi	Italy
17	org	Mapping for Change	NGO	Francis	Louise	Great Britain
18	org	Department of Integrative Biology and Biodiversity Research (BOKU)	Science	Heigl	Florian	Austria
19	org	Kersnikova Institution	NGO	Gmajner	Simon	Slovenia
20	org	Czech Society for Ornithology	NGO	Vermouzek	Zdenik	Czech Republic
21	org	focusTerra	Science	Kastrup	Ulrike	Switzerland
22	org	Open Air Laboratories (OPAL), Imperial College London	Science	Slawson	David	Great Britain
23	org	Institut de Ciéncies del Mar (ICM / CSIC)	Science	Piera	Jaume	Spain

24	org	Naturalis Biodiversity Centre Leiden	Science	Heerlien	Marten	Netherland
25	org	OpenSystems, Fundamental Physics, University of Barcelona	Science	Perello	Josep	Spain
26	org	Leibniz Centre of Agricultural Landscape Research (ZALF)	Science	Müller	Katrin	Germany
27	org	Natural History Museum London	Science	Robinson	Lucy	Great Britain
28	org	Helmholtz-Zentrum für Umweltforschung	Science	Bonn	Aletta	Germany
29	org	BioDiversity4all	Science	Tiago	Patricia	Portugal
30	org	Department of Applied IT, University of Gothenburg	Science	Ponti	Marisa	Sweden
31	org	<a href="#">DIY Fix the City Foundation</a>	<a href="#">NGO</a>	Wyszomirski	Pawel	Poland
32	org	CREAF-UAB	NGO	Claramunt	Bernat	Spain
33	org	Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences	Science	BACKELJAU	Thierry	Belgium
34	Ind	CETAF	Science	Casino	Ana	Belgium
35	org	Open University	Science	Janice	Ansine	Great Britain
36	org	Wissenschaft im Dialog	Science	Witt	Thorsten	Germany

## ECSA Finances

According to the Constitution, ECSA has an annual budget. Main donors are the Museum für Naturkunde Berlin which pays Claudia Göbel and acts as fall back support, the SEPA network which gave 12.000 Euro, and increasingly the member fees.

PLAN	Date: 8.4.2014 Plan		Date: 29.10.2014 State
			<b>13.083,21</b>
<b>Expected Income</b>	<b>12.000,00 €</b>		<b>€</b>
SEPA-Donation	11.000,00 €		11.923,21 €
Membership Fees	1.000,00 €	10 org. member 4 ind. Member	1.000,00 € 160,00 €
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>12.000,00 €</b>		<b>4.007,01 €</b>
Travel Secretariat & Gremia	3.000,00 €		2.346,33 €
Workshop Communication Committee	1.500,00 €		
Workshop Policy Committee	1.500,00 €		
Workshop Principle Committee	1.500,00 €		
Workshop Technology Committee	1.500,00 €	via 1000001Labs	1.500,00 €
Fees for registration etc.	500,00 €		160,68 €
Webpage development	2.000,00 €		
Flyer, printed material	500,00 €		
<b>Balance</b>	<b>0,00 €</b>		<b>9.076,20 €</b>

The fiscal year only ends at December 31<sup>st</sup>; some bills are still outstanding.

In addition, ECSA profits from in-kind contribution.

## ECSA Communication

ECSA developed a simple webpage (<http://ecsa.citizen-science.net/>) which provides key information. For the current GA, there is a WIKI available which may be developed for specific ECSA purposes.

In addition, Katrin Vohland sent out two-monthly newsletters giving information on ECSA as well as on other developments in citizen science. Currently, the newsletter reaches 423 persons throughout Europe and beyond.

# **ECSA Activities**

## **ECSA Working Groups**

The Board of Directors supported the work of the working groups and kept contact.

## **ECSA bids**

### **EASME Life Bid**

The EASME Life Bid is mainly meant to support institutional development of ECSA. The bid was timely submitted and just passed the first eligibility barrier.

### **Horizon 2020 –**

The bid initiated by Muki Hakley, UCL, is meant to support the idea of citizen science, to bring together different communities, especially DYI, to test various formats. ECSA is asked to take the lead for the work package supporting policy and will contribute to capacity building and communication.

# **International Cooperation**

Members of the Board of Directors met in October in London with representatives of CSA (USA) and Australia (via skype). A Memorandum of Understanding was suggested.

## **Journal Citizen Science: Theory and Practice**

Katrin Vohland is member of the inaugural board of the emerging journal.

## **First international Conference**

The board of directors keeps contact to the organizing team of the First international Citizen Science Conference (February 2015, USA).