BioBlitz Task & Finish Group

1st March 2017

European Citizen Science Association

- ECSA is a non-profit organisation encouraging the growth of citizen science in Europe
  - Promoting Sustainability through CS
  - Linking CS to politics
  - Sharing knowledge and skills
  - Linking to international CS community

- Almost 200 members from 28 European countries and beyond

- Members get together in thematic Working Groups to undertake activities together

- ECSA is involved in research and coordination project Horizon2020
  - DITOs (Doing It Together Science)
  - Landsense

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- Approved at ECSA General Assembly, January 2017, Austria

- **Purpose:** to connect people, communities and organizations involved in the organisation of BioBlitz, to facilitate the sharing of good practice and to build capacity

- BioBlitz is under *Sharing best practice and capacity building for citizen science* Working Group
  - o Ten Principles of Citizen Science now available in 26 languages

- Links to other ECSA working groups:
  - o Policy, strategy, governance WG
  - o Project, data, tools and technologies WG
  - o Learning and education in citizen science

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Major objectives of the Bioblitz T&F Group

- Mapping BioBlitz activity in Europe, e.g. event calendar

- Exploring coordination and collaborative approaches for running BioBlitz in Europe and beyond.

- Assessing applicability of existing resources for practitioners across Europe, adapt at country level and translate them.

- Learning from pioneering initiatives, e.g. UK National BioBlitz Network.

- Knowledge exchange and capacity building activities, e.g. training workshops, webpages with resources.

- Policy engagement, e.g. policy brief and 'Discovery Trips'

Draft work plan and timeline of activities

Ongoing activities:

➢ Delivering knowledge exchange activities

➢ Showcasing best practices in BioBlitz

➢ Providing support to the European Bioblitz Network

➢ Running BioBlitzes

2017 – Establishing network

2018 – Promoting network and running activities

2019 – Making the network sustainable

Outputs for 2017

- Policy Brief
- Event calendar
- Gathering guidelines
- 1 capacity building workshop

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