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**SOCIEDADES PARTICIPATIVAS PARA  
LOGRAR LOS ODS: MOVILIZAR LAS  
BIBLIOTECAS PARA LA CIUDADANÍA**

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# Ciencia ciudadana con y para las bibliotecas públicas

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# public libraries ?



# But... public libraries are not only books...

Multidisciplinary  
Transcultural  
Transgenerational

## SPACES



IT equipment  
Rooms  
Geographically-  
distributed

## INFRASTRUCTURES



Local users  
Librarians  
CSOs  
Administrations

## COMMUNITIES



# Citizen Science in Action



24 Public Libraries from the  
Barcelona Library Network

1) **Librarians capacitation** in  
Citizen Science

2) Co-created **Citizen SOCIAL  
Science** project





30 Librarians  
24 Libraries

4 researchers/trainers/facilitators  
25h capacitation/training

40 users (co-creation)  
400 collective experiments participants

# Librarians Capacitation 1/4

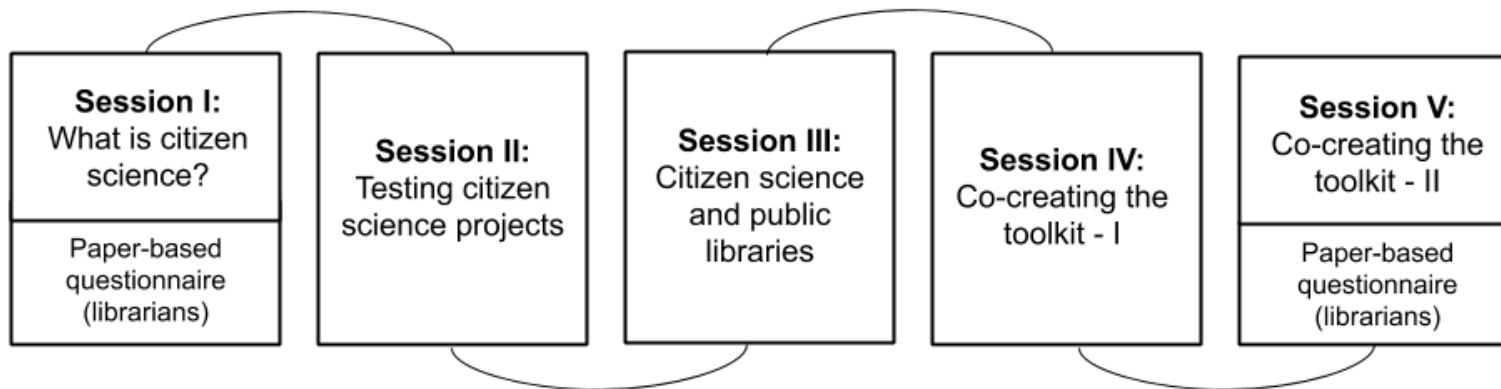


4 Trainers

30 Librarians

24 Libraries

10 hours of Capacitation + extra “homework”

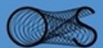


# Librarians Capacitation 2/4

CIÈNCIA CIUTADANA  
A LES BIBLIOTEQUES

OBSERVA, ANALITZA,  
CREA I PARTICIPA

OpenSystems



biblioLab

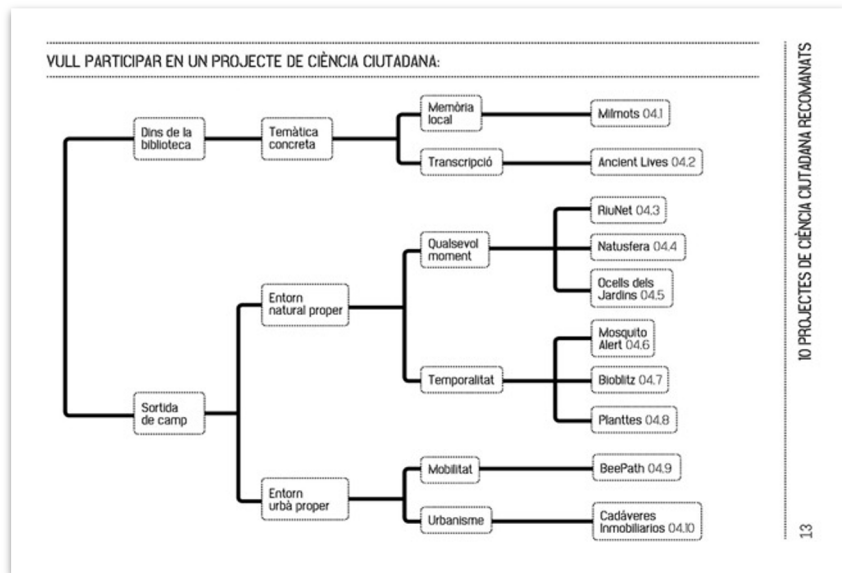
Open Publication for:

- 1) Librarians
- 2) Library users
- 3) Anyone interested in Citizen Science

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# Librarians Capacitation 3/4

## Practical Implementation of 10 projects in 24 Libraries:



### INTRODUCCIÓ DEL PROJECTE A: Biblioteca Can Pedrals de Granollers



#### OBJECTIU

La naturalesa del projecte, una aplicació mòbil, representa una eina per tal de recollir dades. Els objectius i la línia que es vulguin treballar dependran de les necessitats del propi municipi i poden ser diverses. És idoni comptar amb un grup motor que ajudi a establir l'objectiu. La inclusió d'al·lances en matèria de mobilitat és clau.

**Agents col·laboradors externs:**  
Es recomana crear un grup motor, amb diferents actors, que acompanyi el projecte: entre ells, Granollers pedala, Granollers en transició i els centres educatius.

#### USUARI I LOGÍSTICA



**Rang d'edat ideal dels participants i perfil d'usuari:**  
El perfil dels participants estarà marcat pels objectius. Per exemple, si es preten conèixer els itineraris que es realitzen en les zones escolars s'inclourà a aquest públic en la recerca.

**Grau d'implicació de l'usuari:**  
Baix. La facilitat de l'ús fa que la implicació sigui mínima, sempre i quan es disposi del material.



**Temps:**  
Es destinarà una franja concreta de temps: pot ser només 1 dia o més.

**Periodicitat ideal:**  
Qualsevol moment de l'any.



**Idioma:**  
Català.



**Lloc de realització:**  
Segons els objectius.



**Material:**  
Cap.



**Necessitats tecnològiques:**  
Telèfon intel·ligent o tauleta tàctil amb connexió a Internet.

### I, A MÉS, UNA ACTIVITAT RELACIONADA:

#### Joc sobre la mobilitat

**Objectiu de l'activitat:**  
El projecte pot complementar-se amb una activitat Bibliolab i fer un joc experimental sobre la mobilitat que abordi temes com conèixer la mobilitat en altres països o la creació d'itineraris.

**Format de l'activitat:**  
Joc i narrada.

**Durada de l'activitat:**  
Flexible.

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# Librarians Capacitation 4/4

## Before Capacitation:

**ONLY 32% of Librarians** did see themselves capable of providing their users with content related to CS

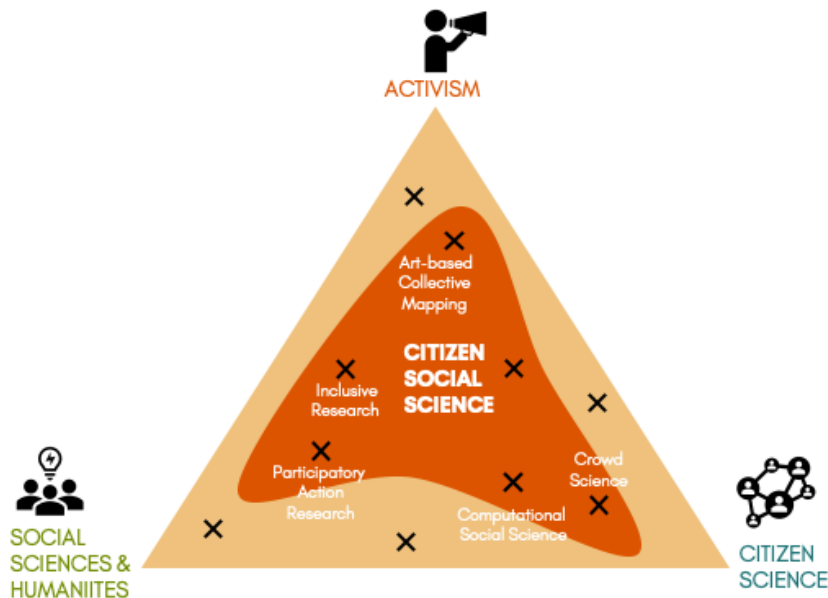


## After Capacitation:

**100 % of Librarians** self declared able to recommend and explain some CS projects to library users

**82 % of Librarians** felt motivated to be more engaged in CS projects

# Co-created Citizen SOCIAL Science 1/5



**CoAct**  
Citizen Social Science

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# Co-created Citizen **SOCIAL** Science 2/5

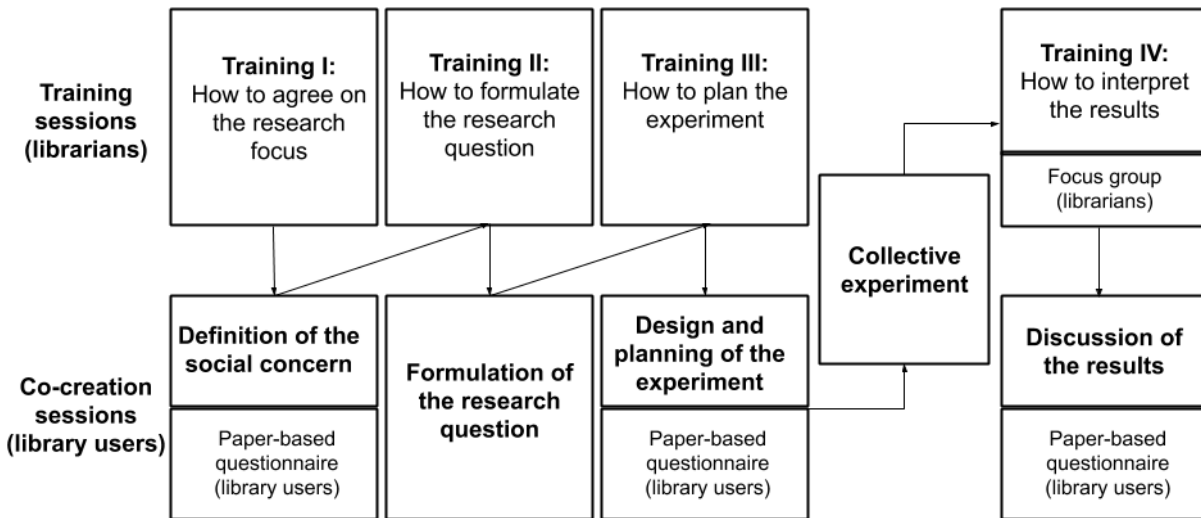


3 Facilitators (Researchers)

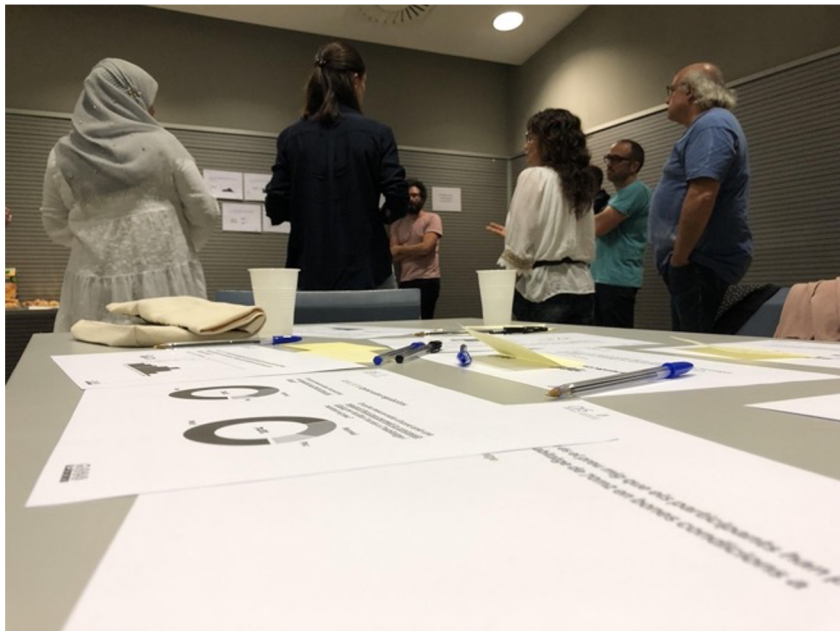
7 Librarians

4 Libraries in 3 cities

40 Library Users



# Co-created Citizen **SOCIAL** Science 3/5



Libray Roca Umbert, Granollers. June of 2019

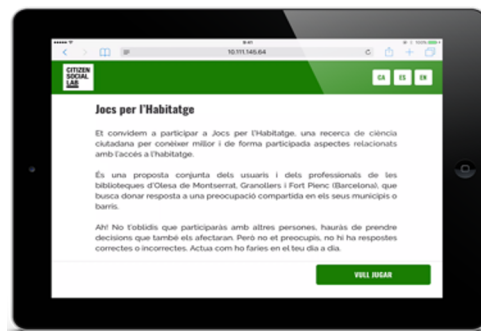


Libray Fort Pienc, Barcelona. March of 2019

# Co-created Citizen **SOCIAL** Science 3/5



Plaça Josep Maluquer i Salvador, Granollers. juny de 2019



**Social Concern:** access to housing.  
408 participants in 3 cities.



# Co-created Citizen **SOCIAL** Science 3/5

## Library users

**70%** agreed to a great extent that the public behavioral experiment had positively changed their perception of the library



**58% very motivated** to run the experiment (58%, n=18)

**70% very satisfied** with the experiment

## Librarians

**100% high or moderately high motivated** to run the experiment



## Citizen science **for** public libraries

Specific projects for each library

## Citizen science **with** public libraries

Citizen Social Science strengthen  
the social relevance of the libraries





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### Public libraries embrace citizen science: Strengths and challenges

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#### ABSTRACT

Can public libraries become hubs for citizen science? In line with the principles of citizen science, this question was answered collaboratively with librarians from the Barcelona Network of Public Libraries who performed two hands-on activities. One activity was a training course taken by 30 librarians from 24 different libraries which enabled them to envisage citizen science implementation at each library. The other activity consisted of co-creating a citizen social science project and involved 40 library users, seven librarians from three different cities, and professional scientists. The analysis considers the perspectives of both librarians and users, through participant observation, surveys, and a focus group to identify strengths and challenges. The overall results suggest that public libraries can offer leadership in the promotion of citizen science and contribute to the mission of public libraries to act as local community hubs. The main challenges identified were related to the complexity of collaboration, uncertainty regarding research co-creation, and participant retention strategies.



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