



The VERA hub as a tool for participatory research



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Where it all began



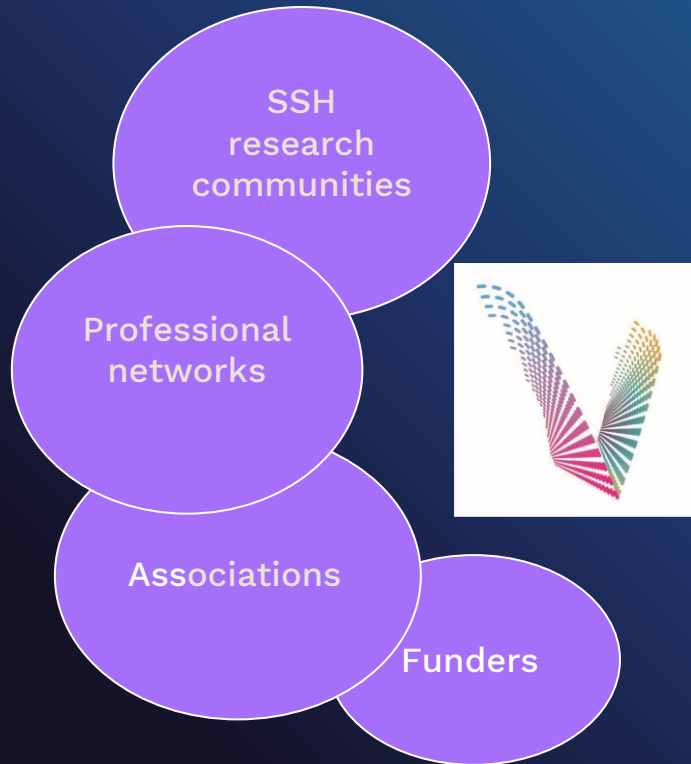
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Bridging the digital and the physical space



VERA
“collaboratory”
framework

Libraries

**Science
Shops**

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The CS platforms ecosystem

eu citizen science

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What can you find here?

343 Projects	243 Resources	75 Training Resources	328 Organisations	28 Platforms	4216 Users
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343 Projects: That are engaging the public in research via citizen science activities.

243 Resources: Useful for planning and running citizen science projects.

75 Training Resources: About the practice of citizen science.

328 Organisations: Involved in citizen science projects and research.

28 Platforms: To get an overview of further developments in citizen science.

4216 Users: You can connect with.

PROJECTS ABOUT GET INVOLVED TALK BUILD A PROJECT NEWS

SIGN IN REGISTER

Projects

Active Paused Finished

WELCOME! WE'RE SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE

Thank you for your interest in helping real research. Here we've gathered a few projects we could really use your help on right now. For more options just scroll down to browse all of our active projects.

Make sure to also check out [talk](#) where you can chat to other like-minded volunteers.

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PLANETON PORTAL

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TRACKING POLLINATOR POPULATIONS

Find volunteer opportunities that match topics you're curious or concerned about. There's something for everyone!

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Designing VERA: the overall approach

Challenges

Design and build something that users really want

Integrate with existing tools, developing only what is necessary

Integrate and avoid overlapping with other EU-funded projects platforms

Strategies

User involvement since the very beginning

Lean approach

Fast development iterations



An online hub for collaborative **research** with and for **society**

Discover
partners

Find
funding

Manage
projects

Get
visibility



Join the community!



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Enabling collaborative research with and for society

VERA empowers participatory research in Social Sciences and Humanities by making it easy to create a diverse team, find funding, work together and share with the world

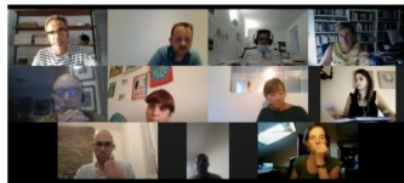
Get started

Visit: <https://vera.operas-eu.org/>



Are you interested in Citizen Science?

Mastering VERA: 4 tips for success in building a thriving Citizen Science project



Mastering VERA: 4 tips for success in building a thriving Citizen Science project

1 Explore projects for inspiration, connect with others, and engage in meaningful discussions

Explore existing projects and connect with people on the platform to find inspiration.



2 Embark on your journey

Join the platform. Discover and engage with the diverse community on the platform to find inspiration, collaborate, and bring your ideas to life, whether you already have a project in mind or are looking for new ones to explore.



3 Connect. Collaborate for project success

Build your dream team by inviting contacts or platform users. Utilize the communication tools proposed by VERA, like **Mattermost**, **Zoom** or **Meet** for seamless collaboration, discussions, and brainstorming.



4 Manage and develop your project

Fill your project details as description, academic subject, project goals... Boost



VERA demo: https://youtu.be/cBQGGOR3JJ8?si=u_LCHUA5ZB3snhJd



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activating research

Thank you for your attention

Useful links

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COESO:

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