Dear SensJus project friends,

We hope that fall is proceeding well on your side. We are reaching out to share another edition of our quarterly bulletin to update you on what we have been busy with over the last weeks and share yet another invitation.

First, some good news: SensJus is one of the 20 world winners of the ‘Falling Walls Contest’ in the Science Engagement category. The project was judged among the best Science Engagement experiences from around the world. We are invited to present our results in Berlin during the Falling Walls Science Summit from 7 to 9 November to compete for the title of ‘Falling Walls Breakthrough of the Year’!

We are also just back from Berlin where we co-organized two interactive sessions at the European Citizen Science Association Conference 2022 and delivered a keynote at the CitizenScienceTrack project final symposium. Our sessions focused on “Rethinking public services provision citizen science to support public and environmental health services”, with collective drawing and visual scribbling, and on “The wickedness of citizen science, law and planetary health grappling with trust, democracy and representation”, with an interesting exercise that saw participants asked to argue with each other like in a court setting. We will share two reflexive posts soon through our social channels!

Back to research and writing, with an interesting synergy with the domain of community psychology, SensJus recently published an article in Open Access titled “The ‘caring community’. Recognizing and shielding civic environmental monitoring” in: Psychology in Society (PINS), 2022, 64, p. 5-20. We are also thrilled to share our just finalized Policy Brief on “Doing Science with Art & Art with Science”. Find it on the main page of SensJus, scrolling down.

Let’s end with the invitation: in a week from now, on the 20th of October 2022, our JRC Ispra site will host the Public Participation and Deliberative Democracy Festival. We invite you to follow our very dynamic discussion session taking place from 15:00 to 16:00 CEST on the provocative question ‘What can civic monitoring offer to deliberative democracy?’, in person if you already registered (now the event is fully booked) or following the livestream here.

We hope that some of this inspires you! Please let us know any questions or suggestions you may have. Wishing you a nice afternoon.

Best regards, also on behalf of Sven,

Anna