

## SensJus quarterly bulletin - second quarter of 2023 - 18 April 2023

Dear [SensJus](#) project friends,

We hope that spring is proceeding well on your side. We are reaching out with our quarterly bulletin to share some project updates.

First, research-wise, we are up to 'new horizons' and with Systasis - Research Centre on the Management and Prevention of Environmental Conflicts, we recently launched a research project and campaign called "*Le Rotte del Clima*" exploring the experience of climate migrants arriving in Italy with an eye to legal protection. We organized launch events around Italy, for example at the Triennale, Milan. A small crowdfunding is ongoing to support an artistic dimension of the project, engaging theatre professionals and illustrators. If you would like to know more and support it, visit the [dedicated page](#) (in Italian).

On the front of published research, a light Q&A article containing an interview on SensJus work has been published in the journal *Nature* with the title "[Civic sentinels](#)". Moreover, a new open access article titled "[Exploring Citizen Science over Time: Sensing, Technology and the Law](#)" published together with co-author Edwin Alblas from Wageningen University is now out in open access. We are also thrilled to announce that after months-long work, our co-curated special issue with the overarching theme of "[Where Environmental Citizen Science Meets the Law?](#)" is published in open access in the journal *Citizen Science: Theory and Practice*. We contributed as co-editor, but also as co-authors with a thought-provoking piece on the '[right to contribute environmental information](#)' under the Aarhus Convention framework.

At the level of outreach, SensJus was quite active on occasion of the UN International Day of Women and Girls in Science, contributing with a short video to the European Citizen Science Association compilation. You can watch the short video [here](#). SensJus also featured in the '#SHEU LEADS' campaign launched by Commissioner Mariya Gabriel dedicated to all girls and young women that are making a difference in their communities in the fields of Innovation, Research, Education, Youth, Culture and Sport across the EU. Find the tweet by Commissioner Gabriel and video [here](#).

We 'met' new research and practitioners communities. For example, on 9 January, we gave a lecture titled "[Citizen Science and Civic Monitoring Supporting Law Enforcement: A New Frontier?](#)" on occasion of the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Society for Digital Earth International Lectures series, with the theme of 'The Digital Earth(s) of Citizens'. Video recording and PPTs can be found [here](#). We also started participating structurally to '[The Gathering](#)', a civic participation experiment convened by the EU-funded project MOSAIC and Milan City Council. The citizens, experts and industry invited are asked to come up with ideas and proposals for implementing Milan city plan for air and climate (*Piano Aria e Clima*).

Last but not least, as you know, SensJus is close to its natural end, on 31 August 2023. We really enjoyed conducting the research and engagement work for the project. We would like to celebrate its closure with **a final event**, on **July 7** from **11 to 13:00 CEST**. The event will occur in person, on the JRC Ispra site (Visitor Centre). This will be mainly a physical event but livestream will be available so save the date, to follow it in person or through livestream! If you would like to come in person from outside the JRC, just let us know for an entry permit.

Best regards, also on behalf of Sven,  
Anna