

SensJus last quarterly bulletin - 8 August 2023

Dear SensJus friends,

'Time flies' and it is now time to say goodbye (or '*arrivederci*') with the last bulletin edition before the project closure, on August 31. Whereas my ec.europa.eu email will no longer be active, you can keep this email (anna.bertisuman@gmail.com) for future contacts. The [Sensing for Justice](#) project page will also stay alive with plenty of resources. If you wish to follow the larger context of the research group where SensJus was hosted, you can keep an eye on [INNPULSE public page](#) (Innovation of Public Services and Digital Transformation of Governance).

With this bulletin, we would also like to share what happened in the last months, since our May bulletin. First, some publications. We reflected on the methodological approach of SensJus and shared our takeaways in [an OA article](#) mainly intended for an Italian audience (it is in Italian) but preceded by an English abstract. The piece is inserted in a monographic part which we curated for the Journal *Ragion Pratica*, titled "[Field Research, Ethics and Interdisciplinarity](#)". We also co-authored [a piece](#) on "The Valuable Plurality of the Citizen Sciences" on the Journal *Science & Technology Studies*, which is stimulating debate in the field.

Some recognitions and happy news to share. SensJus received two Honorary Mentions, respectively at the [EU Prize for Citizen Science](#) and at the [S+T+ARTS Prize](#) (in the links you can read the jury motivations), and will feature in the top projects that will be showcased at Ars Electronica Festival, Linz, in September. The Grand EU Prize for Citizen Science went to the initiative "Isala: Citizen-science map of the vaginal microbiome", a project that we discuss in our [co-authored article](#) "Reimagining health services provision for neglected groups" in the Journal *Frontiers in Sociology*. SensJus was also the first shortlisted project for the [European Ombudsman Award for Good Administration 2023](#), for "Excellence in Citizen-oriented delivery", featuring among other impressive projects such as on fighting wildfires and combating international crimes. Thank you all that supported the project with the public vote! Last but not least, Anna's scientific contribution was recognized by the awarding of [the JRC Young Scientist Excellence Award 2023](#) for "Spearheading (environmental) sensing for justice".

We were also busy with events. For example, we run a very popular stand at [KlimatFest 2023](#), Milan, engaging a variety of audiences in sensory walks, collective clay-making and a drawing jam session all revolving around our experience with sensing nature and the climate. We also celebrated the closure of the SensJus project with an engaged event (see [the recordings](#)), where we shared our scientific results, research methods and art-based practices. We then offered a keynote in Rio de Janeiro, about the value of civic environmental monitoring for promoting citizenship, rights and democracy at the [Annual Congress](#) of the Latin American and Caribbean Network for the Popularization of Science and Technology, this year on the theme of "Voces Diversas: diálogo entre saberes e inclusión en la popularización de la ciencia". You can find more in [an interview](#) (in Portuguese, but DeepL does a good translation job) on our contribution. We take this occasion to wish you a very nice rest of the summer! If you are looking for a summer reading, we are thrilled to leave you with an illustrated booklet summarizing SensJus key results, which is freely available in [English](#) and [Italian](#).

Despite the end of the project, we hope that our results will keep spreading and fuelling discussions. You can help us by sharing our work and engaging further with our resources. We are currently scoping 'futures' for SensJus and we hope to collaborate with you in the future! Best regards, also on behalf of Sven,

Anna