



The WeObserve Communities of Practice

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Practice & passion of the WeObserve CoPs



Key challenges to mainstreaming Citizen Science:



AWARENESS

Generating awareness to build and sustain a critical mass to support citizen science initiatives



ACCEPTABILITY

Showcasing the added value of citizen-driven science to decision and policy makers



SUSTAINABILITY

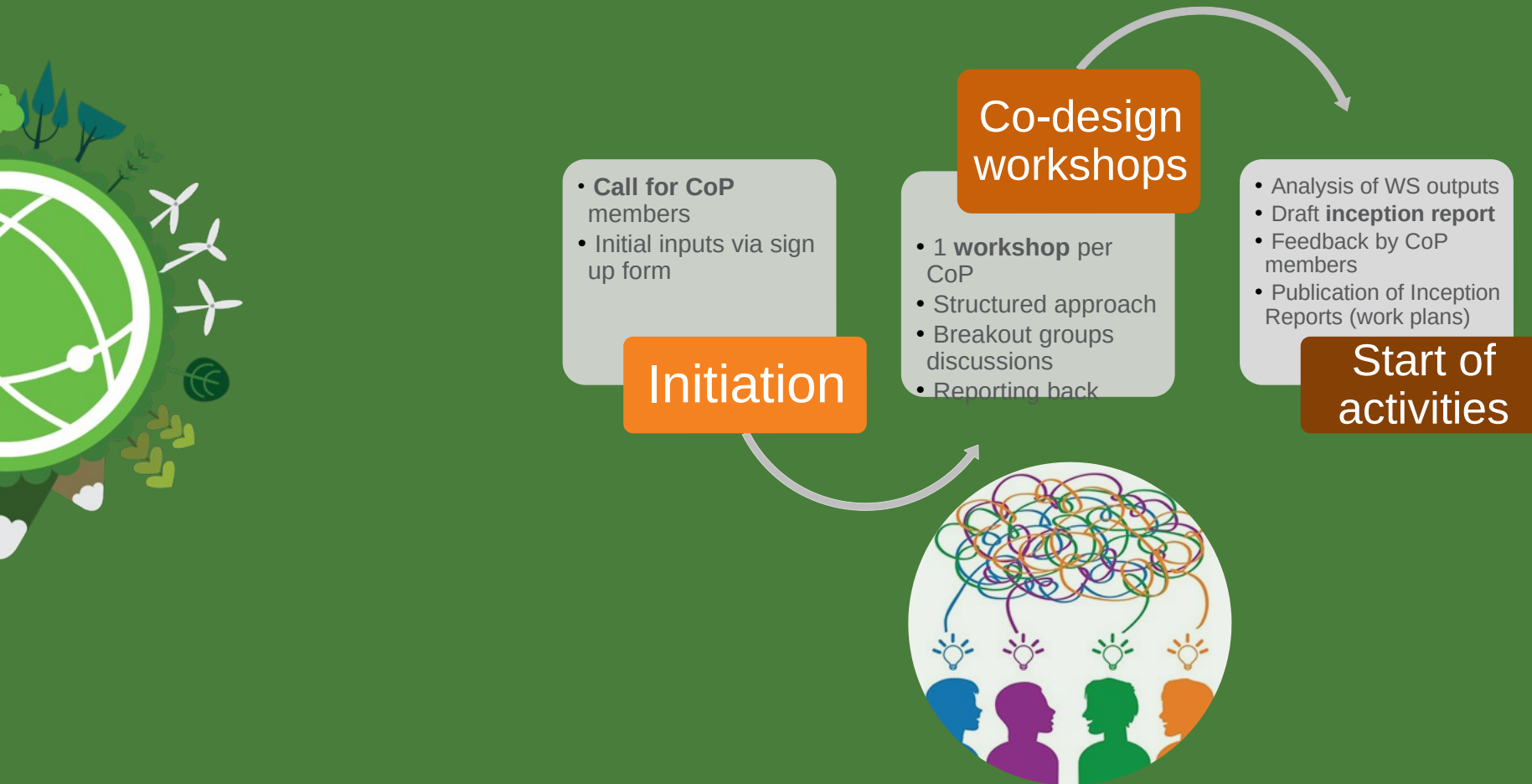
Creating an ecosystem that can support and scale-up citizen science to various sectors



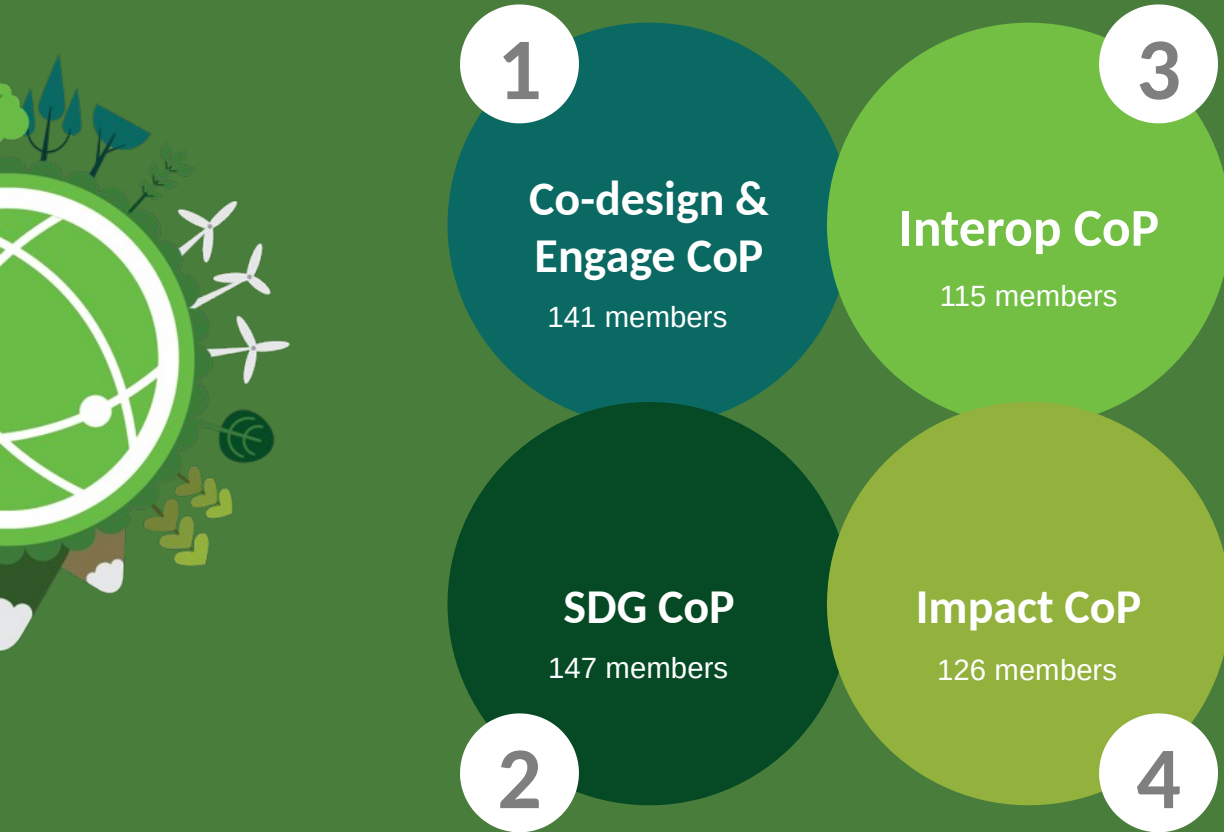
Purpose of the WeObserve CoPs



Co-design of each WeObserve CoP (2018)



The WeObserve CoP members



Per CoP:

12-20 **Active members**
vs. **Observers** (rest)

Geographic spread:

>40 countries from Europe and
around the Globe

Type of members:

mostly academia/research;
public sector, NGOs

WeObserve CoP interactions

Monthly telcos & regular CoP Forums



Forum #1, Geneva, 2018



Forum #2, Venice, 2018



Forum #3, Vienna, 2019



Forum #4, Barcelona, 2019



Forum #5, October 2020, online

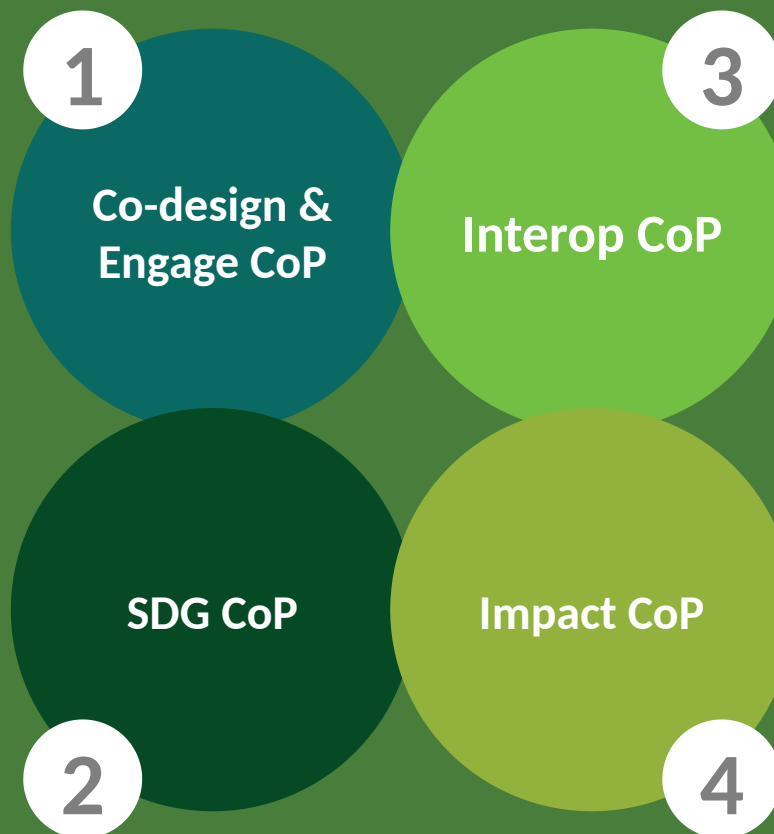
WeObserve CoP Activities



Create an **atmosphere** where everyone feels comfortable with their **contribution and time** they could allocate for this

Balance CoP Action Plan & topical discussions with guest speakers

Reaching out to other communities NSOs, UN, and broader data and stats communities as well as GEO and standardisation bodies



Create an **atmosphere** where everyone is able to share what was done in different projects and **experiment** with combining data and services

Consolidation of knowledge: online glossary of terms & definitions, 7 papers, 2 reports, 7 joint conference sessions/ presentations

Joint networking: exchanges on/joint session preparations for **events**



THANK YOU!

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