

Interaction Seeds Citizens Engagement Self-Assessment Tool



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What it is

The **Citizens Engagement Self Assessment Tool** was designed in the framework of the EU funded project "**Interaction Seeds**". Running from January 2024 to December 2025, InteractionSeeds bridges arts, science, innovation, and society. Through artistic engagement, the project connected Citizens, Cultural & Creative actors, Public authorities, Researchers and Industries, to demonstrate how diverse disciplines can collaborate and tackle key societal challenges—while adapting to diverse contexts and providing replicable approaches to public engagement. This tool builds upon the experience gained in Interaction Seeds as well as inputs from various stakeholders, and takes into account other initiatives such as the Living Labs Markers and the New European Bauhaus assessment tool for small projects.

Link to the tool https://www.interactionseeds.eu/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/Art-Science-Citizen-Engagement-Radar_v2.2.xlsx

Who it is intended for

This tool is intended for different types of organisations running a project involving citizens:

- **R&I stakeholders:** researchers who want to share their research results with citizens and turn these results into meaningful product or services for society; teams in charge of knowledge valorisation
- **Facilitators**, i.e. intermediaries supporting local authorities in their citizens engagement processes

By **project** we mean a set of activities or an intervention limited in scope and time (from a few days to a few years) - but the tool is rather flexible in relation to the size and duration of the project you want to cover.

Why using it

This tool evaluates the maturity of the processes used within a project to engage with citizens and stakeholders, through participatory process and/or the sharing of scientific and technical knowledge. It also questions the way Art is integrated in those processes. The tool therefore enables to identify pathways to improve citizens engagement in a project, and to strengthen the integration of artistic approaches.

When to use it

You can use this tool when launching a project that involves knowledge valorisation and/or citizens engagement
The tool can then be used during and at the end of the project, to assess progress.

How it works

- 0) If not are not familiar with some of the concepts mentioned in the tool, please first have a look at the "**Glossary**".
- 1) Then provide high-level information about your project in the tab "**Your project**". Please note that some fields are compulsory (marked with "*").
- 2) Answer the questions in the "**Checklist**" tab. For each question, you have to select the maturity level (from 0 - the lowest, to 3 - the highest) that better aligns with your project, at the start (column H), in the middle of the project (column I) and at the end (column J). Please select "Not applicable" if the question is not relevant for your type of project. You can also enter a short text (optional) to justify your answer - this can be useful if you want to use this tool as part of a continuous improvement cycle, or in case you want to send it to us to get advice.
- 3) Check the "**Results**" - you do not have to enter anything in that tab
- 4) Finally, have a look at "**Whats next**" to see how to access recommendations and improve your "art-science engagement" maturity !

Contact us:

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