The Role of Citizens in EU Missions Implementation

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The pressure on cities to speed up the process of emissions reduction from pollutants and climate gases is overwhelming.
Why engaging citizens in science and policy will help cities?

GIVE A MAN A FISH AND YOU FEED HIM FOR A DAY, TEACH A MAN TO FISH AND YOU FEED HIM FOR A LIFETIME.

Lao Tzu
1. Cities need relevant and insightful environmental data for decision making. Current monitoring systems are costly and do not always have data when and where need it.

2. Information needs to resonate to people in a world full of “noise” and “fake news”.

3. Cities need actions to reduce the impacts of climate change and environmental degradation to the health of the citizens and the planet. Cities do not have time to lose.
Norwegian cities should integrate Citizen Science in the implementation of the EU Missions
Citizen generated data can complement current measurements and increase the number of observations of the (urban) environment.
Citizen Science increases awareness, involvement and engagement of citizens from all backgrounds and age with science and policy.
Citizen Science increases opportunities for shared responsibility in the protection of the (urban) environment and deepens the role of citizens in governance.
Citizen Science is a powerful research and policy-making approach in support of the EU Missions Implementation, providing:

- Data
- Awareness
- Actions

It is important that Norway integrates Citizen Science in research and governance to achieve the climate goals.
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