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### PROGRAMME

	<b>Chair</b> <b>Tobias Reckling</b> , Coordinator of UNICA & the City working group and Knowledge Exchange Manager at the University of Vienna
<b>10:30 – 10:35</b>	<b>Welcome address and interactive session with Mentimeter</b>
<b>10:35 – 10:45</b>	<b><i>Citizen and societal engagement: A policy and programme priority for the European Commission</i></b> , by <b>Katharina Buse</b> , Project Advisor, European Research Executive Agency (REA)
<b>10:45 – 11:30</b>	<b>Introduction of the panellists and panel discussion moderated by Tobias Reckling</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Annelies Duerinckx</b>, Coordinator, Scivil (RVO-Society) - Citizen Science Flanders</li><li>• <b>Jon Coaffee</b>, Deputy Chair of the Faculty of Social Sciences &amp; Director of the Midlands Graduate School, University of Warwick</li><li>• <b>Marzia Mazzonetto</b>, CEO at Stickydot srl</li><li>• <b>Florian Heigl</b>, Coordinator, Citizen Science Network Austria</li><li>• <b>Katharina Buse</b>, Project Advisor, European Research Executive Agency (REA)</li></ul>
<b>11:30 – 12:00</b>	<b>Q&amp;A with the audience</b>

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### Biographies of the speakers

 Tobias Reckling | Coordinator UNICA & the City working group (WG)



Tobias Reckling is Knowledge Exchange Manager at the University of Vienna, developing and implementing support measures to promote knowledge exchange with industry and society. Previously he worked as a Public Engagement Professional for the German Historical Museum and the Museum of Film and Television Berlin. He holds a PhD in History from the University of Portsmouth. He has extensive experience in management of cooperation projects and developing and implementing new initiatives. Elected coordinator of the UNICA & the City WG, he drives the activities of the group and contributes in many of the UNICA & the City's events.

Katharina Buse | REA



Katharina Buse is a Project Advisor within the unit 'Reforming European Research & Innovation and Research Infrastructure' of the European Research Executive Agency (REA). She is the main interlocutor for the citizen science portfolio funded under H2020 and Horizon Europe. Before joining the REA, Katharina has notably worked for the European Commission and the European External Action Service in policy and programme management positions. Katharina holds a Master in Political Science from the Freie Universität Berlin and a Master in Public Administration from the Ecole Nationale d'Administration in Strasbourg/France.

***Citizen and societal engagement: A policy and programme priority for the European Commission*** - Citizen science has the potential to improve the excellency and impact of research and building trust between science and society. Under Horizon Europe, citizen science and societal engagement have been mainstreamed across the programme. Starting with an overview of the main policy objectives, this presentation will outline key features for and examples of citizen science and societal engagement in Horizon Europe project activities.

 **Annelies Duerinckx | Scivil (RVO-Society)**



Annelies Duerinckx is coordinator of Scivil, the Flemish citizen science center. Scivil aims to open up citizen science as an impactful research approach for citizens, scientists, policymakers and civil society organizations. Scivil wants to connect and support citizen science stakeholders so that together, they can build impactful citizen science projects. Annelies holds a MSc in Artificial Intelligence and a PhD in Physics. Before co-founding Scivil, she was a Research Funding Advisor for the Social Sciences and Humanities Group of the University of Leuven.

 **Marzia Mazzonetto | Stickydot srl**



Marzia Mazzonetto is CEO and co-founder of Stickydot srl, a Brussels collective dedicated to multi-stakeholder engagement in research and innovation. Her work focuses on ensuring that all voices are included when it comes to co-creating research and innovation in a way that addresses the big societal challenges of our times. She is Executive Director of BE participation asbl, a non for-profit organisation fostering empowerment processes which enable Brussels disadvantaged inhabitants to be active and responsible citizens. She coordinates the H2020 EU-funded project MOSAIC (Mission-Oriented SwafS to Advance Innovation through Co-creation) and is deputy coordinator of the project TRANSFORM, focused on strengthening RRI practices in three European regions. She has been co-leading the development of the EU-Citizen.Science platform for the European Citizen Science Association and she has been part of the Forum for Research and Innovation to advise on the responsible governance of Research and Innovation for the Lombardy regional government.

 **Florian Heigl | Citizen Science Network Austria**



Florian Heigl is senior scientist at the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences Vienna (BOKU) in Austria. He is founder and coordinator of the Austrian citizen science platform Österreich forscht ([www.citizen-science.at](http://www.citizen-science.at)) and organizes several events and trainings in citizen science, such as the annual Austrian Citizen Science Conference. Additionally, he teaches citizen science at BOKU and provides training for researchers on how to implement citizen science in their research. His research focuses on citizen science in road ecology.

 Jon Coaffee | University of Warwick



Jon Coaffee is a full Professor of Urban Geography based in the School of Politics and International Studies at the University of Warwick. His research focuses upon the interplay of physical, technical and socio-political aspects of urban vulnerability and he has worked closely with a range of private and governmental stakeholders to ensure his research has real world impact. This work has been supported by a significant number of UK Research Council grants and FP7 and H2020 EU funding linked to building resilience across socio-technical systems. These projects have had significant elements of community engagement and citizen science embedded within them.