

SciShops



**DEVELOPING NEW SCIENCE
SHOPS ACROSS EUROPE**



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SciShops is an EU-funded project promoting the growth of community-based participatory research and Science Shops across Europe. The project is exploring how different types of research organisations, such as universities, research institutes, companies and non-profit organisations, can develop sustainable Science Shops. Ten new Science Shops across Europe are being established as part of the project alongside resources, tools and training to support new Science Shops.

WHAT IS A SCIENCE SHOP?

Science Shops carry out independent scientific research in response to concerns experienced by citizens and local civil society in order to create new knowledge that can be used to better understand or tackle societal issues. The process is participatory and collaborative, with researchers working closely together with civil society organisations and community members to ensure a clear understanding of the issue and that the outcomes will be of maximum benefit.

Many Science Shops are based within universities or research institutes, but they can also be run by non-profit organisations, or even companies wanting to share their research expertise to support their local community.

BENEFITS OF SCIENCE SHOPS

FOR STUDENTS

- Research experience working on real-life problems
- Employability skills (e.g. joint problem definition, communication, project management)
- Credits for courses or theses

FOR RESEARCHERS

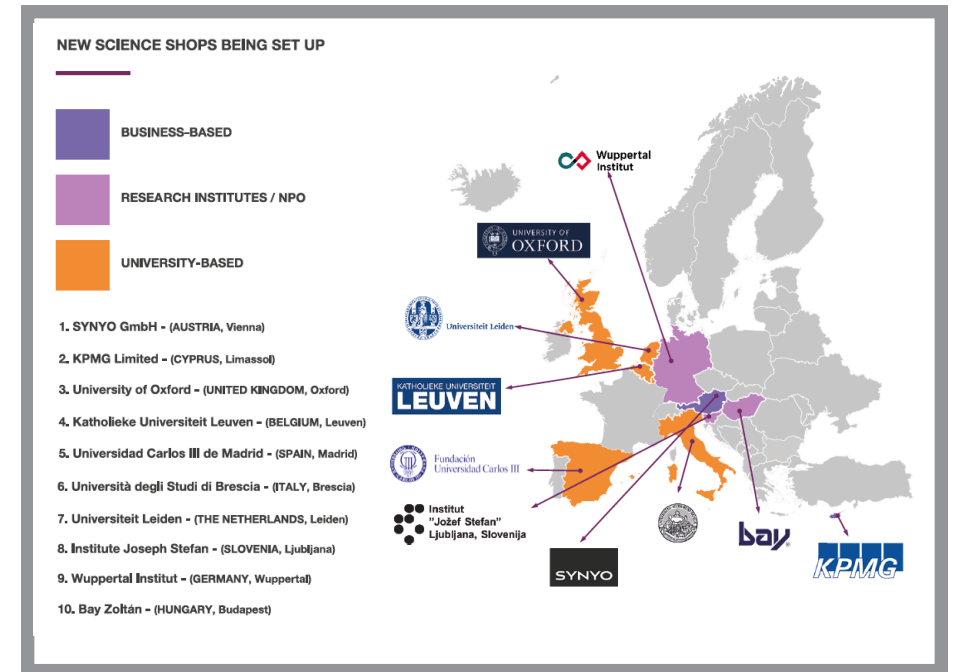
- Work on research projects that have societal impact
- Material for future publications or further analysis
- New perspectives and professional development opportunities

FOR CIVIL SOCIETY/CITIZENS

- Free access to research expertise
- Actively participate in knowledge creation and gain a better understanding of research
- Obtain knowledge and evidence that can be used to bring about societal change

FOR SCIENCE SHOPS

- Engage with local communities and gain a better understanding of issues affecting them
- Undertake research and other activities that bring about social impact
- Develop new methods for public engagement and co-creation
- Enhance public understanding of science and how it can improve people's everyday lives and society as a whole



RESOURCES FOR SCIENCE SHOPS

On www.scishops.eu you can find:

- Guide on how to establish and run a Science Shop.
- Case studies of Science Shops and best practices.
- Opportunities for networking and knowledge sharing.
- Tools to support responsible research and innovation (RRI) and stakeholder engagement.
- Information about training and mentoring to support new Science Shops.



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