

CITIZEN SCIENCE LIBRARY PROJECT FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE IN BALKAN COUNTRIES

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Citizen-Enhanced Open Science in Southeastern Europe Higher Education Knowledge Hubs, broadly known as **CeOS_SE**, is an on-going project (2022-2025) funded by the EU Erasmus+ Program. This project strives to raise awareness about **Citizen Science (CS)**, mainstream practices in Southeastern European (SE) countries, monitor performance and processes in CS implementation, document and publicly share best practices in a FAIR way and engage non-expert groups. It also empowers academic libraries in SE countries to develop further as knowledge hubs by **upskilling staff in the area of building connections between OS and CS, transfer knowledge and promotion** of good CeOS practices. In accordance with these objectives, CeOS_SE engages **Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Cyprus and Serbia in the partnership**. University Library Belgrade (**UNILIB**), as one of the **8 full-fledged partners**, aims to assist the convergence among countries of this region, by networking with associated partners from **Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Republic of North Macedonia**. Based on the conducted survey of academic librarians in the Balkans, **UNILIB mapped the OS and CS landscape** in terms of knowledge level, practices, and policies, as well as engagement with actors external to the HEIs. As a result, the **Roadmap on CeOS in the Balkans** was created.

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transfer of knowledge