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Statement of Exclusivity

On SPOTTERON, we provide an innovative platform for customized Citizen Science and public engagement Apps for universities, institutions and NGOs.

Our range of services is unique.

Due to our concept of applying the SPOTTERON <u>"Feature Ecosystem</u>" to all projects on the platform, we do not only offer a <u>"minimum viable product</u>" (MVP), but a broad spectrum of functionalities and features, that are available for any single project on SPOTTERON without extra development costs. Any already existing feature is a usable part for a new project due to SPOTTERON's unique collaborative platform design.

This concept allows Citizen Science projects to use features like communication tools, live data visualizations, social communities from start, building upon the work and experience of other Citizen Science projects. The "Feature Ecosystem" enables single projects to utilize a wide range of already tested and proofed-to-work features as a whole, and to provide innovative and user-oriented functionalities to participants in the Apps far beyond of what is possible in single-project funding budgets.

With over 6 years of active production and participation in Citizen Science projects, we accumulated a high level of experience and know-how related to Citizen Science practice, that we share with all projects on the platform. Our growing list of publications cover a wide range – from design-related topics to best-practice in Citizen Science. We have also co-authored EU-wide publications like App-related chapters in "The Science of Citizen Science" (Vohland K. et al. (eds) The Science of Citizen Science. Springer, Cham. <u>https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-58278-4_23</u>) and in research papers.

Furthermore, we apply a high level of digital privacy ethics to the platform and its Citizen Science optimized ICT infrastructure, which we provide along the Citizen Science Apps. With a clear no user-tracking policy and digital privacy considerations beyond just fulfilling EU GDPR compliance, our service stands further out from regular user-driven platforms or agency-developed tools.

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Vienna, 12th of September 2022 **Philipp Hummer, CEO** SPOTTERON Citizen Science platform <u>www.spotteron.net</u>