BOOSTING THE EMERGENCE OF COLLECTIVE AWARENESS PLATFORMS FOR SUSTAINABILITY AND SOCIAL INNOVATION

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Collective Awareness Platforms for Sustainability and Social Innovation (CAPS) are ICT systems leveraging the emerging "network effect" by combining open online social media, distributed knowledge creation and data from real environments ("Internet of Things") in order to create awareness of problems and possible solutions requesting collective efforts, enabling new forms of Social Innovation.

Over the period 2013-2015 the European Commission will support a number of research projects, coordination actions and studies concerning CAPS.

CAPS2020 Coordinator

The CAPS2020 project is coordinated by **Sigma Orionis**. Research and innovation, particularly in the field of information and communication technologies (ICT) have become key factors conditioning the progress of our societies, enabling them to achieve ambitious economic, social and environmental objectives. Since its creation in 1984, Sigma Orionis has strived to make an effective contribution to a stronger '**research – innovation – market**' process through its research activities, its studies and its consultancy services.

Based in Sophia Antipolis, "The international city of wisdom, science and technology", Sigma Orionis operates at the European and global levels. The company is heavily involved in research and innovation programmes supported by the European Commission, as well as in projects aimed at strengthening the scientific and technological cooperation between Europe and other regions of the world, especially Africa and Asia.

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CAPS2020 is a project **supported by the European Commission** in this context of emergence and diversity of CAPS. In order to reach a strong momentum that Horizon 2020 will amplify, it is important that an **annual international conference focusing on CAPS** can be organised, providing all CAPS projects with an opportunity to increase their visibility and impact in Europe and beyond, and to liaise with other interested stakeholders, including organisations developing similar projects in other regions of the world.

Two conferences – in 2014 and 2015 – will be organized in Brussels: the **coordination and realisation** of these annual events is the main **objective of the CAPS2020 project**. The conferences will be key milestones in the present CAPS booming period, allowing to address issues of common interest, to develop synergies between initiatives, and to discuss the CAPS research roadmap for Horizon 2020.

The conferences will guarantee a continuity with the **"1ˢᵗ Dialogue on platforms for collective awareness and action"** held in Brussels in September 2011. Close liaison with the CAPS Unit and all CAPS projects selected at Call 10 will be implemented by CAPS2020 to ensure the greatest success of these events. Reaching the event **self-sustainability** beyond 2015, i.e. after the end of the CAPS2020 project, will be sought.

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Research Projects for Grass Roots Experiments and Pilots

DecarboNet: Raising collective awareness about environmental challenges
CAP4ACCESS: Collectively removing barriers to inclusion
CATALYST: Collective Intelligence in online platforms: from discussion to action
Wikirate: Enabling citizens to rate companies on corporate social responsibility
D-CENT: New tools for direct democracy, participation, new economic models

Coordination and Support Actions

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Web-COSI: Increasing trust in collectively-generated statistics
Ia4Si: Impact assessment of collective awareness platforms
SciCafe 2.0: Promoting new collaboration models

Seed Funding for Social Innovation

CHEST: Seed funding for digital social innovation projects based on the network effect

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