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Resilient Communities: Citizen Participation in the Sustainable Management of Natural Resources.

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Multi-actor and public engagement is a major element underpinning Responsible Research and Innovation as well as Science with and for Society in Horizon 2020. Under FP7 a number of actions and pilot-projects were funded to enhance multi-actor and public engagement in research and innovation. The most innovative of these pilots was the VOICES initiative implemented for the EC by the European Network of Science Centres and Museums (ECSITE). VOICES held a Europe-wide public consultation process addressing the issue of urban waste and involving a total of 1000 citizens in 27 European countries.

Multi-actor and public engagement is now an integral part of the RRI cross-cutting issue in Horizon2020, to be effectively embedded in all Societal Challenges and Pillars. Seeing there is now a formal requirement to integrate public engagement, there will be a need to establish indicators to assess impact and monitor progress.

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