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Video - 2.12 Training for data collection

In this video, you heard Professor Mel Woods explaining how the WeObserve Citizen Observatories have trained people to collect data. For all of the Observatories, learning to collect data has been a social experience, with collaboration at the core.

We discussed some of the projects that are coming out of [Ground Truth 2.0](<http://gt20.eu/about/about-gt-2-0/>) and the [GROW Observatory](<https://growobservatory.org/>). In the video, Mel mentioned the different ways people trained for data collection in the projects:

- + [VattenFokus](<https://vattenfokus.se/>) - EarthWatch FreshWaterWatch platform. (Website is in Swedish)
- + [Meet Mee Mechelen](<https://mechelen.meetmee.be/c/english-summary/>)
- + [GROW Places](<https://growobservatory.org/get-involved>)

You can also find more information on training for data collection using these resources:

- + [Open Science Training Handbook](<https://open-science-training-handbook.gitbook.io/book/>)
- + [Citizen Science in the (Digital) Arts and Humanities module on Parthenos](<https://training.parthenos-project.eu/sample-page/citizen-science-in-the-digital-arts-and-humanities/>)
- + GROW Observatory – [Citizen Science: From Soil to Sky](<https://knowledge.growobservatory.org/>) online course

VattenFokus is a citizen observatory made up of volunteer citizens, politicians, researchers, municipal employees, and others. Together, they test and collect data on our lakes and streams to monitor the health of our waters.

VattenFokus is part of Ground Truth 2.0, a three-year EU-funded project that tested the setting up of six national observatories under real-world conditions in different parts of the world. Citizens' own observations, with the help of modern technology, the Internet and mobile telephony will complement existing systems and data sources and lead to a better environment.

##Share your experiences!

- + Have you ever had to collect data or information?
- + How did you prepare or did you undertake any training for it?

Please tell us about it in the discussion area below.