



“HARNESSTOM reaches out to Citizens: HARNESSTOM liaison with IMPETUS”

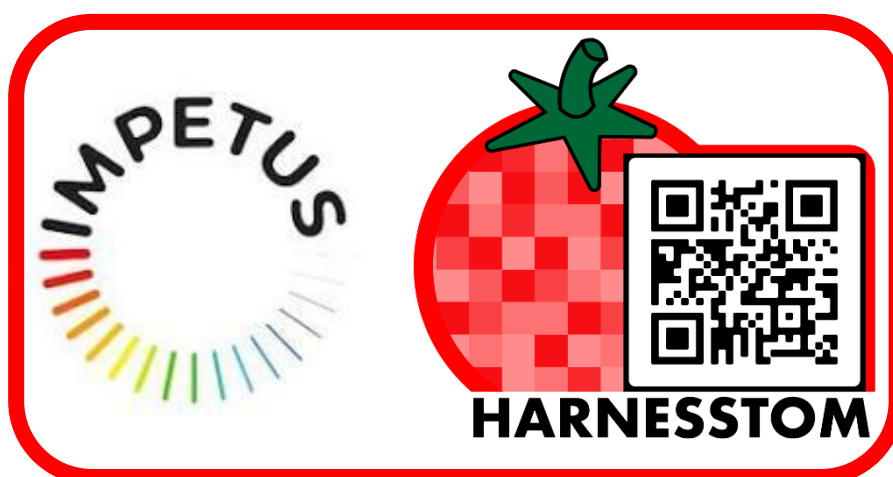
HARNESSTOM was awarded a European Citizen Science Honorary prize last year and early on January 2024 the coordinator Antonio Granell and citizen science workpackage leader in HARNESSTOM Joan Casals were interviewed by IMPETUS.

IMPETUS is an H2020 EU funded project that is setting a citizen science innovation CSI program for exploring innovative funding schemes and boosting recognition (<https://impetus4cs.eu/>). In this way IMPETUS aims to bring projects with a CS component closer to society and policymakers and to acknowledge its role in tackling the greatest challenges of our times. Therefore, it has a strong focus on enhancing projects contributions to the Green Deal and the UN SDGs (<https://sdgs.un.org/goals>) some of which are addressed by HARNESSTOM project.

One of the ways IMPETUS provides support has been by awarding EU Prizes for Citizen Science, based on their outstanding achievements, thus allowing them to continue and expand their work and showcase it to a broader audience.

As the European Union Prize for Citizen Science Jury 2023 (Kat Austen, Lewis Hou, Pedro Russo, Andrea Sforzi, Stefanie Wuschitz) stated: “This pan-European project (HARNESSTOM) involves farmers, scientists, citizens and chefs to explore the real-world differences arising from the genetic diversity of tomatoes. The research for HARNESSTOM could not be carried out without the projects’ citizen scientists. From contributing tomato farming or growing practices to understand how different tomato species survive in the real world, to participating in sensory surveys and evaluations to discern their tastiness, this transdisciplinary project democratizes the variety of tomatoes stored within European germoplasm banks and helps determine how they can contribute to future food security – and enjoyment”.

The interview was also a continuation of this support given to HARNESSTOM honorary prize and can be found at: <https://impetus4cs.eu/impetus-interviews-harnesstom/>





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