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**Short Name** WILD-IN

Formal Name

Inclusive Citizen Science: Engaging excluded communities in biodiversity conservation

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## Website

https://www.uco.es/investiga/grupos/gesbio/quienes-somos/

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Empowering people with functional diversity gives a voice to vulnerability, adressess biodiversity, and finds solutions to wildlife-human conflict.

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## Summary

This project aims to engage people with intellectual disabilities in biodiversityfocused citizen science by designing and testing inclusive tools and protocols. Using the wild rabbit paradox as a case study of human-wildlife conflict, the project will be run from June 2025 to January 2026 in Córdoba and Ciudad Real, Spain. It will involve co-design workshops with participants, training sessions, data collection by direct and indirect methods, such as camera traps, and participatory analysis. It seeks to promote social inclusion, generate conservation-relevant data, and foster critical dialogue among stakeholders such as farmers, hunters, and environmental managers. It contributes to the field of CS by addressing accessibility barriers and incorporating underrepresented voices into environmental research and decisionmaking.

