Second Layer of answers for CS (researchers’)

1. What will citizens create during your project?
Think what works you will ask citizens to create. Everything that is expressed by a person in their own way on a tangible medium (not being just an idea in their mind) could be protected by Copyright Law.

Works such as images, photos, drawings are protected by Copyright Law. Ideas, facts and methods/scientific rules are not covered by Copyright Law. What is covered by Copyright law is the expression of the work.

Check, in your case, which of those works are protected by copyright.
In doubt? Ask the Copyright Information Point of the Library.

Be aware

The creator of a work is the **copyright holder** if the work that has been created is original (not copy-pasted and expressed by their owners’ own way)

The main rule is that a copyright holder is the physical person who created the work. There are some exceptions.
2. How will you use their work?
   The copyright holder is the one who has the right to allow or not a third party to use their own work further.

   Think about how you will use, share or distribute someone else’s works.

   Decide beforehand which license and under which conditions you would like to share your work and, consequently, the citizens’ work and inform them.

   Would like to publish under an open license, check the Creative Commons (CC) license for more information.

   Are there agreements in place which do not let you publish under a CC license? Ask the Copyright Information Point of the Library.

   Be aware
   In some cases, citizens might think the work they provided is theirs, while it could not be the case, like when re-creating them based on someone else’s work.

   Ask them if the works are their own.
   - If someone else had created the work, then that person should give permission.
   - If they have built on it or re-created the same work, they should have asked permission before remaking it.

   Without permission, you cannot use that work, as the citizens are not the right copyright holders.

3. Do they agree?
   You have two choices:

   - Ask for permission to publish - you are (TU Delft is) allowed to use the work within limitations, with the license of your choice.
   - Ask for a transfer of the copyright - you (TU Delft) will be the owner of the work for that moment onwards.

   Get their permission or the transfer of copyright in writing and keep them in your record for later possible use.

   Be aware
   When citizens agree on how you will use, share or distribute their works, they have to be informed as well over the consequences of a further use of your (and their) work through the chosen license.

4. Ready to publish?
   Check which permission and license to publish for which type of work the citizens gave you.
Give credits to citizens copyright holders where appropriate. You can use the CRediT contribution statement.

5. Still not sure?

Save time! Ask the Copyright Information Point of the Library. The Copyright Team will help you follow the copyright rules. You can contact them at copyright-lib@tudelft.nl