



EMBL-EBI Public Engagement Annual Report

November 2021 - December 2022

Goal

To share EMBL-EBI's science and technology in context through a mutually-beneficial process of engagement with the public.

EMBL-wide context

Public engagement is part of the 2022 - 2026 EMBL programme.

EMBL's Science Education and Public Engagement office (SEPE), formerly European Learning Laboratory for the Life Sciences (ELLS) has been established to strategically support the embedding of public engagement across EMBL.

EMBL-EBI engagement

Number of events/activities	29 (Formal ¹ 13, informal ² 15, both 1)
Number of interactions	3393 (Formal 2064, informal 1879, both 50)
Number of staff/students involved	73
Number of countries	3

1 Engagement with audiences in a school/education setting.
2 Engagement with audiences outside of a school/education setting.

Successes

- Public Engagement Summer Fair with audience partners and over 200 staff
- Embedding public engagement in formal processes
- Development of mutually beneficial relationships and new activities with audience partners



Challenges

- Organising activities during the unpredictable time of a pandemic
- Building connections during a pandemic when there is uncertainty and a shift of priorities and capacity for partner organisations
- Enabling support for, and prioritisation of, public engagement within a busy environment
- Adapting to changes external to the EMBL-EBI organisation and public engagement team

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