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Cosmic ray research, a new field in physics and astrophysics, emerged in 1912 [1]. Its deeper understanding became possible through advancements in electronics and detectors. However, it was rarely included in citizen science projects. Our CREDO-edu program aims to change this. We created an app for cosmic ray measurements in schools and homes and developed a year-long school curriculum to engage teachers in introducing students to cosmic rays. The program also includes professional lectures and workshops for educators focused on teaching methods. These components represent a new approach to citizen science.

Education level

Age 15-18 (Secondary education)

Physics topic

Contemporary and modern physics

Research focus

Active learning

Research method

Educational design research (Qualitative research)

Organizing preference criteria

Physics topic

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