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Acronym	Open form
EC	European Commission
HE	Horizon Europe
GA	Grant Agreement
CA	Consortium Agreement
PO	Project Officer
PC	Project Coordinator
WP	Work Package
WPL	Work Package Leader
PR	Periodic Reporting
CS	Citizen Science
PMO	Project Management Office
KIP	Key Impact Pathways
DECP	Dissemination, Exploitation and Communication Plan



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1. Introduction

1.1. Summary of the Project

The RIECS-Concept project aims to conceptualise the European Research Infrastructure for Excellence in Citizen Science, which will leverage both citizens' resources (such as mobile phones, desktop computers, etc.) and existing scientific resources (citizen science platforms, data collections, existing RIs, etc.) and provide transversal services to the research community.

This proposal responds to the needs of citizen science actors (atomisation and interoperability issues, efficiency, etc) and lays the foundation for the world's first complete design. It sets a flagship pathway for citizen science, marking a significant leap forward for excellence in citizen science for the coming decades.

The RIECS-Concept project will produce two key outcomes: a conceptual design, a feasibility study, and a five-year implementation plan for the new research infrastructure. These outcomes will provide detailed insights into the diversity and maturity of the concept, considering technical, operational, societal, and environmental challenges associated with establishing the permanent and shared infrastructure. To gather project findings and community-based evidence, the consortium will conduct primary, secondary, and meta-analysis research involving various communities, themes, and scientific domains.

With a transversal and holistic approach, the catalogue of resources and best practices, gaps assessment, legal and ethical considerations, and sustainability and governance frameworks are addressed.

To substantiate how Citizen Science (CS) plays a central role when interconnecting domains with an example, we can see how CS-related policies from the three scientific areas chosen in this project – **climate change, health and environmental – observations** link to each other: the EU Green Deal strategy is looking for specific support and improved capacities for workers and households, while the report on integrating public health in European climate change adaptation policy emphasises the importance of actively involving civil society and citizens to participate in the design and implementation of fair transition policies, including through new participatory models. The consortium will cooperate with major national and international networks, co-organising activities such as surveys and workshops to bring their related solutions and needs.

1.2. Objective of the Document

Within the framework of the RIECS-Concept project, Work Package 6 (WP6) focuses on disseminating, exploiting, and communicating research results to maximise the project's reach and impact. As stated in D6.1 Communication, Dissemination and Exploitation plan, the main goal of the RIECS-Concept project is to conceptualise and explore the feasibility of developing a new research infrastructure composed of both services – to be provided to the different citizen science communities (those typically offered by any research infrastructure like an evaluation for access,



data aggregation, etc.) – and resources, including professional resources (citizen science platforms, data collections, federated computing and storage facilities, existing RIs, dedicated personnel, etc.) and citizens' resources (such as volunteers' mobile phones and desktop computers, affordable scientific kits, and personal knowledge).

The deliverable (D6.3) presents the communication, dissemination, and exploitation activities carried out during the first 18 months of the RIECS-Concept project (M1-M18), i.e., from January 2025 to June 2026. The leader of WP6 – RIECS-Concept Communication, Dissemination and Exploitation – Vilnius Tech (VT) is responsible for the overall management and support of the RIECS-Concept project's communication and dissemination activities, as well as for developing the tools and materials to be used during the project. The project activities mentioned in this report were planned, run, and monitored in accordance with the D6.1 Dissemination, Exploitation and Communication plan, submitted in March 2025 (M3).

1.3. Structure of the Document

The Deliverable 6.3 (D6.3) Interim Report on Communication, Dissemination and Exploitation presents the communication and dissemination activities carried out during the first 18 months of the RIECS-Concept project (M1-M18), i.e., from January 2025 to June 2026. The communication, dissemination, and exploitation activities were planned, run, and monitored in accordance with the modalities outlined in the RIECS-Concept D6.1 Communication, Dissemination and Exploitation plan.

The document is structured as follows:

Section 2 outlines the background of the plan, i.e., the expected impacts of RIECS-Concept, key audiences, objectives and strategic approach to communication and dissemination.

Sections 4 and 5 focus on communication and dissemination channels and tactics to achieve the strategic goals of the RIECS-Concept.

Section 6 focuses on exploitation. This section complements the Communication and Dissemination Plan by outlining strategies to ensure the long-term sustainability and utilisation of the project's outcomes.

Section 7 focuses on the monitoring process, including Key Performance Indicators, the activity timeline, and the governance structure for managing and tracking communication and dissemination.



2. Dissemination, Exploitation and Communication Approach

2.1. The Goal and Expected Impact of RIECS-Concept

Dissemination, exploitation, and communication of the RIECS-Concept are carried out through several approaches. It's the inclusiveness of all the stakeholders being equally accessible to everyone. Engagement of various audiences is valued as a significant contribution.

A green communication policy designed to reduce environmental impacts has been followed. A cooperative approach will be used in planning the strategy and activities, sharing among partners and continuous improvement. The alignment with the EU and internal policy is monitored.

According to the Grant Agreement (101188210) the RIECS-Concept project aims to conceptualise and explore the feasibility of developing a new research infrastructure composed of both services – to be provided to the different citizen science communities (those typically offered by any research infrastructure like an evaluation for access, data aggregation, etc.) – and resources, including professional resources (citizen science platforms, data collections, federated computing and storage facilities, existing RIs, dedicated personnel, etc.) and citizens' resources (such as volunteers' mobile phones and desktop computers, affordable scientific kits, and personal knowledge). With an emphasis on collective design and planning, we actively involve future users as citizens throughout the conceptualisation process, enhancing the desirability, long-term use, trustworthiness, coherence, diversity and acceptability of the project.

2.2. RIECS-Concept Approach to Communication, Dissemination and Exploitation

According to the European Commission (2022), communication, dissemination and exploitation are crucial for valorising R&I knowledge. The Commission differentiates between these concepts as follows: (1) **Communication**: Activities that inform people about the project and its outcomes, engaging various audiences to disseminate impact and gather feedback; (2) **Dissemination**: The process of making project results accessible to potential users like peers in research, industry, commercial sectors, and policymakers, aimed at facilitating the adoption and use of project outcomes; and (3) **Exploitation**: Utilising project results for commercial purposes or other applications, including further research, public policymaking, and addressing societal challenges.

In this context, the communication, dissemination and exploitation activities of the project are designed to enhance the social, economic, scientific and political impacts of the R&I projects. The communication, dissemination and exploitation approach articulates a series of strategic objectives to amplify the project's influence across various sectors and communities. **These objectives include:**

O1: Enhance visibility and raise awareness of the project among key SHs.



O2: Foster engagement with diverse audiences and amplify dissemination efforts by encouraging active participation with project outputs and outcomes.

O3: Develop sustainable plans for leveraging project results and outcomes beyond the project duration.

O4: Strengthen collaboration and relationships among SHs, including policymakers, researchers, marginalised communities, and innovation support institutions, to enhance project impact.

O5: Expand dissemination efforts within scientific communities.

O6: Facilitate the adoption of RIECS-Concept assets by fostering collaboration with relevant Horizon Europe, Horizon 2020, and other EU-funded projects to amplify impact.

The objectives are assembled into four overarching series of activities: 1) **Inform** (promoting the project, its results, ongoing activities, and share information relevant to the project's focus, enhancing understanding among European citizens); (2) **Raise awareness** (inform key stakeholders about the benefits and methodologies used within the project, highlighting the anticipated outcomes, showcase how EU funding of citizen science contributes to societal innovation, stimulates public engagement and capitalises on feedback from diverse groups and to raise awareness on innovation and opportunities in citizen science by collaboratively designing the future research infrastructure); 3) **Engage** (foster community participation in the co-creation process, use of project results by involving stakeholders, periodic validation activities from the early stages, thereby enhancing the quality and applicability of project findings); and 4) **Ensure impact** (inform European Union regulatory processes to secure a long-term impact of the research, aiming to integrate project findings into decision-making processes at the highest levels). These activities underpin the strategic direction of Work Packages 6 and 7 and form the basis of our Communication, Dissemination, and Exploitation approach.

2.3. Ethics, Data Management, Inclusivity and Gender Equality in Project Communication

As follows in RIECS-Concept D6.1 Communication, Dissemination and Exploitation plan, the overall RIECS-Concept project Communication and Dissemination strategy ensures that all partners follow instructions and guidance included in the WP1 deliverables, namely the D1.1 Project Handbook, D1.3 Ethical Management Plan, D1.4 Data Management Plan, and D1.5 Legal and IPR Management.

To ensure every person involved receives comprehensible and relatable information, regardless of their cultural background or skills, infographics, visual maps, and oral communication are strongly recommended in place of long texts, especially when direct interaction with citizens is envisioned. This is done by following an inclusive communication and design approach and keeping them in

line with the most recent communication guidelines by the European Parliament¹. Inclusiveness and diversity in organising the events and materials are promoted regarding gender, ethnicity, socio-economic and sociocultural backgrounds, geographic location, educational levels, and accessibility for people with disabilities.

By doing so, the overall accessibility of project communication is increased for all, and mutual interaction and understanding are enhanced. Gender-neutral language is used, and a balanced representation of gender and other intersectional characteristics is ensured. The RIECS-Concept consortium acts as facilitators, providing an inclusive environment, linguistic and accessibility support and encouraging participation from all attendees.

Data protection in communication and dissemination:

During the first 18 months of the RIECS-Concept project (M1-M18), i.e., from January 2025 to June 2026, communication and dissemination were integral to the engagement activities. In some cases, the activities require access to users' data, thereby constituting a potential privacy risk under the GDPR. Participants were informed of the purpose of the data collection. Data privacy is the main priority in the dissemination and communication activities. The RIECS-Concept dissemination and communication activities are supported by the following FAIR principles in the project's data management, based on RIECS-Concept D1.3 Ethical management plan and D1.4 Data management plan.

The FAIR principles include:

- Findability – persistent identifiers such as DOI or URN provided by the data repository are generated and used in linking to datasets.
- Accessibility – archived in an open data repository, used in the certified repository services such as [Zenodo](https://zenodo.org/) or EOSC.
- Interoperability – variables and value names are constructed and provided following general data processing conventions familiar to the research subject. After project closure, metadata for open datasets is made available via FAIR-compliant repositories for research and reuse.
- Reusability – potential re-utilisation is enabled, and quality of the data is ensured by careful documentation of data collection methods as well as the contents of the datasets.

In addition, compatibility with selected Common European Data Spaces is established. Seamless data exchange between collaborating partners under shared governance and policy is facilitated. Creative Commons licences are used for any open datasets unless compelling reasons exist to select a more restricted type of CC licence. Licences, by default, also include a disclaimer of liability for re-using open data.

¹ European Parliament. (2017). The European Parliament's consistent communication guidelines. Publications Office. <https://data.europa.eu/doi/10.2861/592602>



2.4. Open Access

RIECS-Concept has adopted and complied with the Open Science Policy principles, practices, and methodologies and has respected GDPR regarding personal and sensitive data, emphasising transparency, collaboration, and openness in scientific research. The outcomes, including publications, reports, briefs, and deliverables, have been presented in formats and under licences that minimise restrictions, encouraging maximum reuse. This commitment is evident in the tasks, deliverables, and their interconnections.

The Consortium members have ensured open access to peer-reviewed scientific publications relating to their results. The scientific papers are published as open access, and links to the publications are on the website under the Outputs: Deliverables, Published Papers, Policy Briefs, papers, reports, newsletters, and press releases page. The deliverables have been uploaded to Zenodo, a repository that enables researchers to archive and share their research outputs with the worldwide research community.



3. Progress of the Results of the Dissemination and Communication Activities during M1-M18

The section presents the progress of dissemination and communication activities from M1 to M18. This includes an overview of KPI progress and the key audiences addressed.

3.1. KPIs Achieved during M1-M18

Table 1 presents the achieved Key Performance Indicators compared to the targets determined in the GA and target audiences.

Table 1 – RIECS-Concept Key Performance Indicators (26 June 2026)

No	KPIs	Targets (by project end)	Targets	Target Audience
O1	Objective: Increase visibility and awareness			
1.1	Project Website	1	1	All
1.2	Visual identity	1	1	All
1.3	A dissemination pack and materials	1	1	All
O2	Objective: Boost engagement with different audiences and increase dissemination			
2.1	# Followers on social media	X > 700 followers LinkedIn > 300followers Instagram > 200 followers Facebook >700 followers	X: 10 LinkedIn: 377 Instagram: 58 Facebook: 20 Mastodon: 11 Bluesky: 51	All
2.2	Website visits and analytics metrics	No of visits > 10,000	8870	All
2.3	# Blog posts	100	65	All
2.4	# Newsletter issued	6	2	All
O3	Objective: Foster the uptake of RIECS-Concept assets			
3.1	Collaborations with sister projects funded under the same call & other EU-funded projects on CS	6	1	All
3.2	Zenodo community with open licences	1	1	TA2, TA3, TA4
3.3	Open catalogues on Zenodo	2	1	TA2, TA3, TA4
3.4	Aggregated # of online/in-person events	>50	7	All
3.5	Aggregated # of in-person events	>20	28	All
3.6	Aggregated # of online events	>30	10	All
3.7	Aggregated # of attendees to events	>800	6780	All
3.8	CS summit attendees	200	To be in RP2	All
3.9	Attendees of the project final event	100	To be in RP2	All
3.10	Presence in large-scale and third-party events	>20	15	All
3.11	Policy briefs	2 (months 18 and 36)	1	TA5
O4	Objective: Maximise dissemination among the scientific audience			
4.1	Papers published in scientific journals	4	4	TA2
4.2	International scientific conferences presenting outputs	12	7	TA2, TA8
O5	Objective: Communication of outputs and activities to the general public			
5.1	Media quotes in traditional means, online papers, magazines, TV, and radio	50	8 (Table 20)	All
5.2	Contributions to established online newsletters	24	1	All
5.3	e-Newsletter subscribers	100	67	All
O6	Objective: Increase viability through strengthening exploitation and sustainability			
6.1	Events with SHs	16	1	TA2, TA3, TA4, TA5, TA6
6.2	Workshops with communities and the general public	16	18	TA1



6.3	Open consultations with policymakers	4	To be in RP2	TA5
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3.2. Reach of Key Audiences

There are 8 target audiences identified for communication, exploitation and dissemination. The project aims to engage the target audiences in co-creation activities and dissemination and communication purposes during the project. The key audiences are engaged during the whole communication process. Each target group has its own interests, which will be taken into account.

To reach all key audience groups and achieve communication and dissemination objectives, the following key messages were defined at the beginning of the project. A strategic, evidence-based, and coordinated approach was employed, ensuring that messages were targeted to stakeholder needs, clear and consistent, and implemented based on inclusiveness, engagement, and ease of understanding (see Table 2).

Table 2 – Key Audience and Key Messages (26 June 2026)

Target audience	Message	Goal and specific attention	Results
TA1. Citizens and society , including citizen scientists, students, teachers, grassroots communities and the general public, traditional and online (both local and European) media outlets	„Let us know your needs regarding CS”. “Support the conceptualisation of a future RI with citizens at its core”. “Get involved in initiatives addressing the challenges you encounter when participating in CS projects”. “Shape the future of CS at national, European and global levels”.	Special attention will be given to addressing specific local communities in their local language when necessary	1) 65 website blog and news posts published (Section 4.3, Table 3). 2) Social media dissemination across 6 platforms (LinkedIn, Facebook, Instagram, X, BlueSky, Mastodon);(Section 4.6). 3) 16 citizen-focused workshops and co-creation activities implemented (Section 5.3.2, Table 13).
TA2. Scientific community , encompassing researchers from universities, academia and research centres.	“Join us in driving excellence in CS research”, “Support the conceptualisation of a cutting-edge and interdisciplinary RI”, “Play a fundamental role in shaping the direction and impact of CS”, “Be part of a transdisciplinary community dedicated to advancing scientific knowledge with the support of CS”.	To widen the reach (O1), involvement (O2) and collaboration of the academic society (O4) and ensure CS integration into the academic agenda (O5)	1) 4 peer-reviewed scientific publications (Section 5.4, Table 19). 2) Participation in 7 international scientific conferences (Section 5.3, Table 16). 3) Publication of project deliverables (Table 22).
TA3. Networks and organisations: CS networks at global (e.g., CSGP, associated initiatives), international (e.g., iNaturalist), national and local levels, civil society organisations (CSOs) and NGOs.	“Support the conceptualisation for an RI-centred CS, driving collaborative innovation.” “Help us identify current CS challenges and explore collaborative solutions to overcome them.” “Join us in fostering collective knowledge and experiences to advance	To foster engagement (O2) and strengthen collaboration (O4), to explore the potential for the sustainability plans beyond the project (O3)	1) Participation in 3 network-based events (Section 5.3). 2) Publication of 65 website blog and news posts and related social media content, including partner-focused



	<i>scientific research and decision-making processes."</i>		communication and representation of them (Section 4.3, Table 3).
TA4. Private sector representatives: industry and business actors, corporate social responsibility departments and technology providers	<i>"Gain insights into the diverse needs of stakeholders for the development of an innovative RI."</i> <i>"Explore new potential technologies and business models to be used in CS."</i> <i>"Share your vision of a new RI with society at its core and the services that should be provided ."</i>	To foster engagement (O2) and strengthen collaboration (O4) to explore the potential for the sustainability plans beyond the project (O3)	1) Participation in 3 interdisciplinary events involving industry and business actors (Section 5.3).
TA5. Policy- and decision-makers at all levels (local, national, European and global) and covering different sectors (e.g., open science, education, environment, innovation, society).	<i>"Support the conceptualisation of an innovative RI that will foster evidence-based decision-making."</i> <i>"Advocate for the recognition and support of CS in policy agendas."</i> <i>"Explore funding and governance models to sustain a new RI that will help address pressing global challenges ."</i>	To widen the reach (O1), involvement (O2), and collaboration of academic society (O4), facilitate the adoption of RIECS-Concept assets (O6)	1) Participation in 3 policy-relevant events (Section 5.3).
TA6. Relevant Research Infrastructure actors, including representatives of EOSC, ESFRI and other RIs.	<i>"Share your valuable knowledge and experiences in the technical implementation of RIs."</i> <i>"Support the conceptualisation of an RI that will complement existing ones, as a bridge to society and supporting the advancement of scientific knowledge."</i> <i>"Discover and explore collaboration opportunities among diverse RIs ."</i>	Involvement (O2), explore the potential for the sustainability plans beyond the project (O3), collaboration with academic society (O4), and facilitate the adoption of RIECS-Concept assets (O6)	1) Contribution to 5 research infrastructure-related events and discussions (Section 5.3, Table 15). 2) Contribution to RI development through project deliverables (Table 15).
TA7. Education systems, including secondary and university levels (including pre- and post-doc training).	<i>"Integrate CS into educational curricula to foster collaboration between educational institutions and the CS community."</i> <i>"RIECS will bring innovative projects to your classrooms and empower your students to participate in real-world scientific research."</i> <i>"Let's co-design toolkits and training materials for students and young researchers to embrace CS as part of their curriculum."</i> <i>"Help us compile best practices and useful resources tailored for education policy makers, teachers and students."</i>	To widen the reach (O1), involvement (O2), explore the potential for the sustainability plans beyond the project (O3), and a collaboration of academic societies (O4)	Contribution to 6 education and training activities (Section 5.3, Table 15).
TA8. International organisations: UN agencies and others	<i>"Leverage CS to address global challenges and achieve sustainability goals."</i> <i>"Integrate CS into global research and policy frameworks for a more excellent, inclusive and participatory approach."</i>	Explore the potential for the sustainability plans beyond the project (O3), collaborate with the academic society (O4) and facilitate the adoption of RIECS-Concept assets (O6)	Participation in 2 international-level events (Section 5.3).



PRE-APPROVAL



4. RIECS-Concept Communication Means and Channels M1-M18

4.1. RIECS-Concept Communication Objectives

Following the strategic framework outlined in D6.1 RIECS-Concept Dissemination, Exploitation and Communication Plan and the Overall results presented in the Section above, this chapter presents in detail the activities driving the RIECS-Concept project towards achieving its ambitious communication goals. The communication means and activities outlined are designed to maximise the project's impact by effectively spreading knowledge about its aims and the critical issues it seeks to address. The communication strategy is structured around two central objectives:

- Informing by promoting the project, the results, the ongoing activities, and sharing relevant information on the consequences of the project and the impact on European citizens.
- Raising awareness by informing relevant stakeholders about the benefits associated with the expected project outcomes and the methodology producing such results, showcasing how EU funding of citizen science contributes to societal challenges, stimulates public engagement and capitalises on feedback from diverse groups and raising awareness on innovation and opportunities in citizen science by collaboratively designing the future research infrastructure.

To effectively address these objectives, we have identified a diverse array of communication means and activities tailored to the needs of our varied stakeholders. Different combinations of these tools are used throughout the project to suit specific communication needs. Each chosen method resonates differently with the target audiences of RIECS-Concept, ensuring that each message is delivered in the most impactful way possible.

4.2. RIECS-Concept Visual Identity, Branding and Templates

4.2.1. Visual Identity

Visual Identity:

Visual identity is presented in D6.2, “RIECS Digital and Visual Identity”². RIECS-Concept Visual Identity provides standardised guidelines and facilitates the individualisation of logos, colours, and visual communication tools. RIECS-Concept Visual Identity provides guidelines for the use of logos, including proportions and margins, the adopted font for web and publishing content, and the colour palette. It also defines the design of digital banners for the website and social media. In addition, this chapter includes the layout of the deliverable and instructions for adapting it for personal use,

² Kovaitė, K., & Šūmakaris, P. (2025). Deliverable 6.2: RIECS-Concept Digital and Visual Identity. Zenodo. <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.18789044>



as well as layouts for the letterhead, the reporting form, and the slides to be used on both dark and white backgrounds. In particular, the guidelines include the use of logos (see Figure 1, Figure 2 and Figure 3), proportions, margins, the adopted font (see Figure 4) for web and publishing content, and colour palette (see Figure 5 and Figure 6). The digital banners for the website and social media (see Figure 7). Also, the layout of the deliverable (see Figure 8) and the instructions on how to adapt the layout to personal usage, the layout for the letterhead (see Table 9), the reporting form (Table 9 and the slides to be used on a dark and white background (see Figure 10, Figure 11 and Figure 12) are presented.



Figure 1 – The Main Logo of RIECS-Concept



Figure 2 – Additional Logo of RIECS-Concept



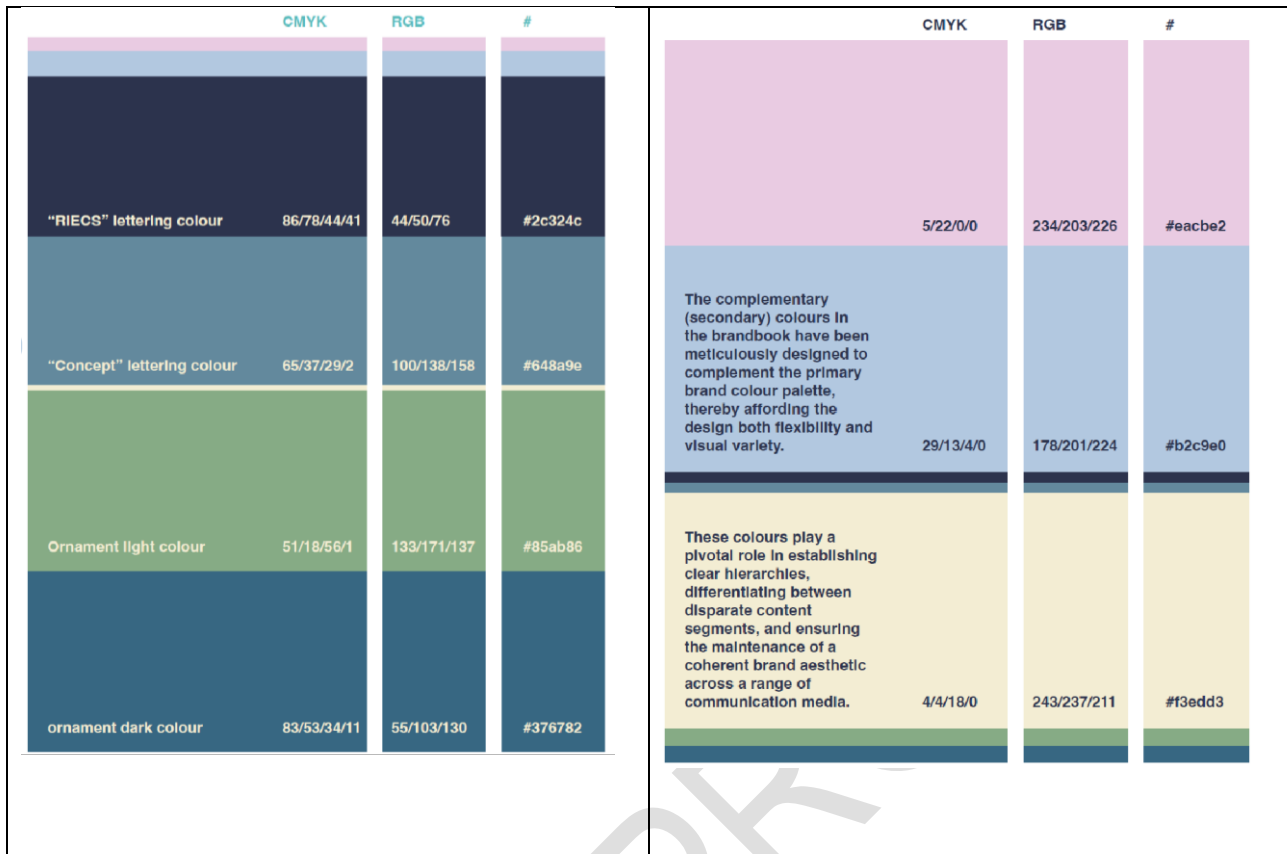


Figure 5 – Major Colours of the Logo and Design (on the left) and Additional Colours (on the right)

4.2.2. Templates for Formal Communication

This section presents the standardised and individualised templates for formal communication, including:

- Layouts for the deliverables (Figure 6).
- Layouts for the letterheads (Figure 7).
- Templates for pre-event, post-event and content-related communication (Figure 8).

Figure 6 – Layout for the Deliverable, Front Page and Inside Page

Figure 7 – Layouts for the Letterhead



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Pre-event communication

This is the form – checklist to be used for the communication before the event. To support the promotion of your event, please complete the following template with information you want to share or use it as a checklist and upload into GDrive. This will help us ensure clear and timely communication across all channels.

Change the title of the file to: Preevent_YYYYMMDD_Event_Partname

We need to receive the information at least 5 working days before the expected comm activity. If anything, urgent, send us by email with a note URGENT, we'll do our best 🙏

Send to: Paulus Somakaris
Email: paulus.somakaris@h2i-labtech.fr and deca@ulb-toulouse.fr
Upload to: GDrive WP6A7 -> WP6 Events -> Pre-event communication

Organization:	
Representative:	
Email:	
Path or link in Gdrive	WP6A7 ->
WP6A7 -> WP6 Events -> Pre-event communication	

Event title
(Please provide a clear title for the event)

Type of the event (conference, workshop, championship, participating round table, etc.)

Event Overview / Description
(Briefly describe the main idea and goals of the event – 2-4 sentences)

Date, time (timezone) & Duration

Location (link to registration criteria link, online venue address)

Organizing Partners / Institutions
(Please list main organizers, if any, roles, roles)

Key people from the organizing institution

Target Audience of the event
(Choose from: Citizen & society / Researchers & scientists / CS Networks / Technology providers / Education systems / Policy & decision-makers / Other EU RIs & the European Open Science Cloud (EOSC) / International organizations & global policy-making institutions)

Event Programme / Agenda (optional, if not in the event link)

Key Speakers & Representatives (optional)
(List names, titles, and affiliations of confirmed speakers or key representatives if not in the programme)

Key Speaker's quote (optional)

Link to URL to other Communication Channels of current event (optional)

Visual Materials (optional)
(Communication elements directly for the current event)
(When you send logos, pictures or names, please make sure the compliance with GDPR. Preference: these are links to the original message to ensure GDPR)

Post-event communication

This is the form – checklist to be used for the communication AFTER the event. To support the promotion of your event, please complete the following template with information you want to share or use it as a checklist and upload into GDrive. This will help us ensure clear and timely communication across all channels disseminating important events and insights.

Change the title of the file to: Postevent_YYYYMMDD_Event_Partname

We need to receive the information at least 5 working days before the expected comm activity. If anything, urgent, send us by email with a note URGENT, we'll do our best 🙏

Send to: Paulus Somakaris
Email: paulus.somakaris@h2i-labtech.fr and deca@ulb-toulouse.fr
Upload to: GDrive WP6A7 -> WP6 Events -> Post-event communication

Organization:	
Representative:	
Email:	
Path or link in Gdrive	WP6A7 ->
WP6A7 -> WP6 Events -> Post-event communication -> YYYYMMDD_Event_Partname	

Title of the event

Type of the event

The role of RIECS partners in the event

Link to the event (URL)

Photo & Visual Highlights

Short Summary / Highlights (key themes, ideas, key takeaways, results)

Basic information of the event (number of participants, countries represented, organizer of the event, number of speakers, topics discussed, format of the event, etc.)

Key participants to be mentioned (name, position, affiliation)

Key Speaker's Quote

Additional information that has emerged during the event (interviews with key speakers, the event description, etc. (This needs to be prepared in advance))

Target Audience of the event
(Choose from: Citizen & society / Researchers & scientists / CS Networks / Technology providers / Education systems / Policy & decision-makers / Other EU RIs & the European Open Science Cloud (EOSC) / International organizations & global policy-making institutions)

Event Programme / Agenda (A draft or confirmed schedule of the event, including session idea, image, and participants)

Post-Event Materials (Please attach, upload or link to any publicly shareable materials, such as: presentations, minutes, reports, speaker slides, handouts, ...)

Stakeholder involvement

Stakeholder quote

Media Coverage / Social Media Posts (links)

Follow-up Actions / Next Steps: what are you going to do later, what is it for RIECS, CS, partners, etc. (The programme is used as a template, please adapt it to your needs)

Thank You Message (honorable mentions, and anything from your side 🙏)

(When you send logos, pictures or names, please make sure the compliance with GDPR. Preference: these are links to the original message to ensure GDPR)



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Results (post-event) communication

This is the form – checklist to be used for the communication of the RESULTS AND CONTENTS. To support the promotion of your event, please complete the following template with information you want to share or use it as a checklist and upload into GDrive. This will help us ensure clear and timely communication across all channels.

Change the title of the file to: Results_YYYYMMDD_resulttitle_Partname

We need to receive the information at least 5 working days before the expected comm activity. If anything urgent, send us by email with a note URGENT, we'll do our best 🙏

Send to: Paulus Somakaris and
Email: paulus.somakaris@h2i-labtech.fr and deca@ulb-toulouse.fr
Upload to: GDrive WP6A7 -> WP6 Events -> Results communication

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Title and type of the result (article / publication / research results / deliverable / conference report / workshop / interview, etc.)

Link to the result (for scientific publication, conference, report, etc.)

Basic information of the result:
event/location, date, topics, countries
media publication/publisher, media, coverage
interview, media, coverage
Main findings / Highlights (a short, contextual version of the content to engage the reader)

Extended Summary (for event details, if applicable)

Target Audience of the event
(Citizen & society / Researchers & scientists / CS Networks / Technology providers / Education systems / Policy & decision-makers / Other EU RIs & the European Open Science Cloud (EOSC) / International organizations & global policy-making institutions)

Photo & Visual Materials (communication elements directly for event / visualization of results e.g., from an article)

Link to Media Coverage / Social Media Posts (Please attach or link to any publicly shareable materials, such as: presentations, minutes, full interview video, stakeholder posts from the social network, ...)

Additional information that has emerged during the event:
interviews with key speakers, the event description, etc. (This needs to be prepared in advance)

Follow-up Actions / Next Steps: what are you going to do later, what is it for RIECS, CS, partners, etc.

Thank You Message (honorable mentions and anything from your side 🙏)

(When you send logos, pictures or names, please make sure the compliance with GDPR. Preference: these are links to the original message to ensure GDPR)

Figure 8 – Reporting Form Layouts



4.2.3. Templates for Digital Communication

This section presents the standardised and individualised templates for the digital communication, including:

- Digital banners, to be used for the website and social media (Figure 9 – Layouts of the Digital Banners).
- Templates for the presentation slides (Figure 10, Figure 11, Figure 12).



Figure 9 – Layouts of the Digital Banners, Different Formats

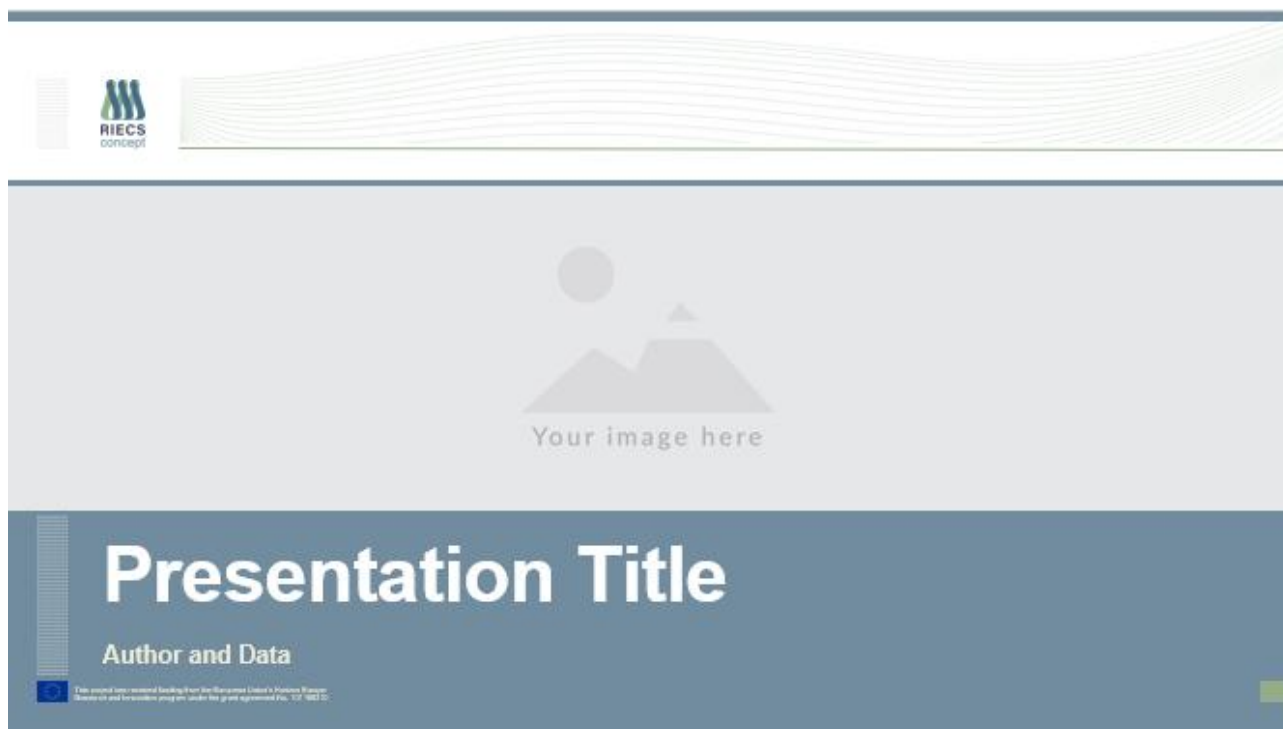


Figure 10 – Layout of the Presentation

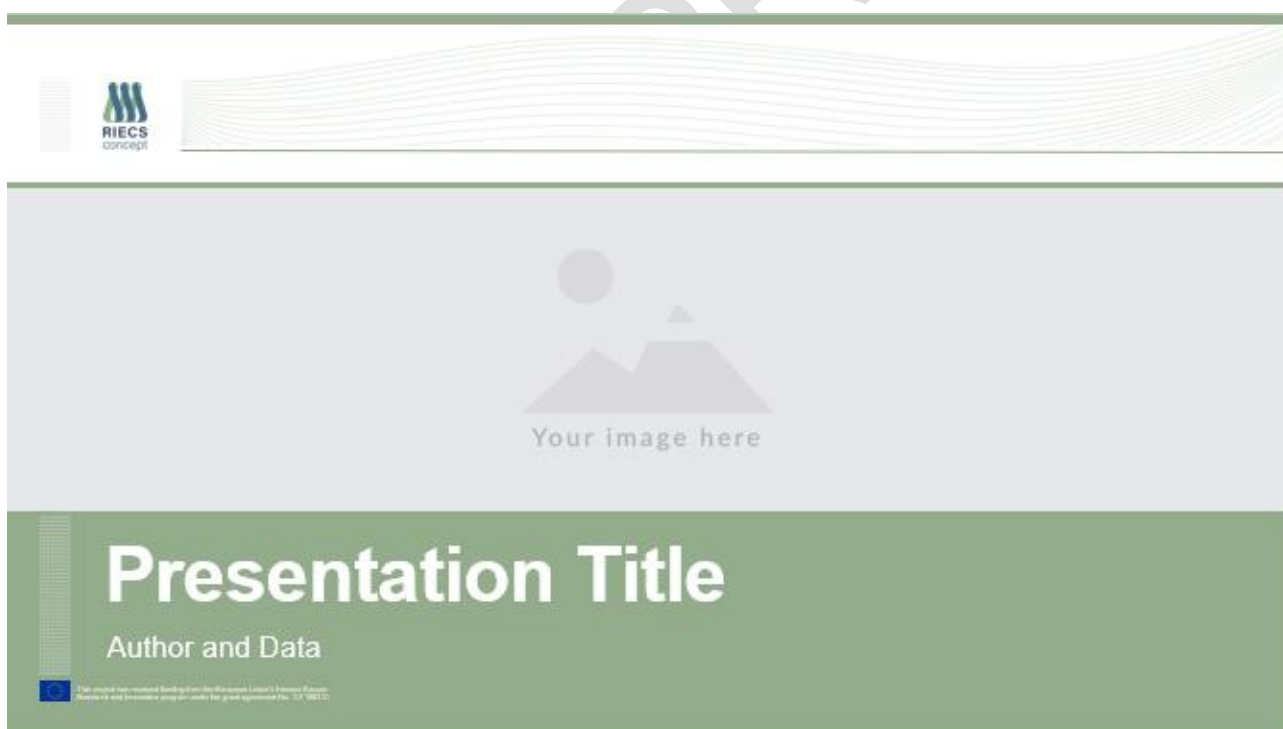


Figure 11 – Layout of the Presentation, Green Background

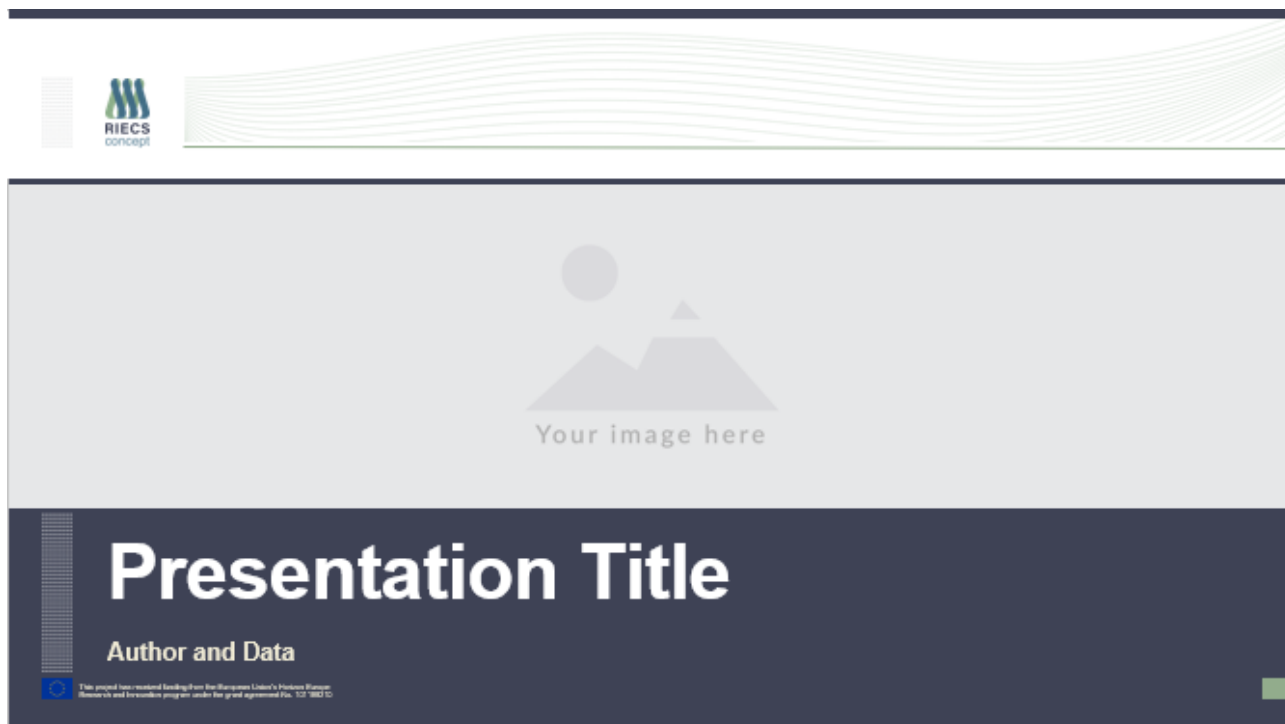


Figure 12 – The Layout of the Presentation, Dark Background

4.2.4. Templates for Printed Materials

The printed materials provide a way to be visible at in-person events and for informal communication. The template materials are created from the branded templates and translated and localised, when necessary, to serve the recipients best. The printed material is linked to the online offer through links and QR codes to increase impact, integrating with digital communication and building long-term relationships. Only if needed upon request due to ecological concerns.

The printed materials include:

- A brochure (Figure 13, Figure 14).
- Name cards (Figure 15, Figure 16, Figure 17).
- Postcards (Figure 18, Figure 19, Figure 20, Figure 21, Figure 22, Figure 23).
- Stickers (Figure 24).
- Bookmarks (Figure 25).

Brochure Layout. The brochure layout presents a clear and visually structured overview of the RIECS-Concept project, combining key information with engaging design elements. It highlights the project's objectives, methodology, scientific areas, and consortium, and provides essential details such as budget, duration, and scope. The layout effectively integrates visual identity elements, imagery, and concise text to communicate the project's purpose, activities, and impact in an accessible and coherent way.



Figure 13 – Front Side of the RIECS-Concept Brochure



Figure 14 – Back Side of the RIECS-Concept Brochure

Name Cards. A set of name card templates has been developed in three variations to ensure flexibility and adaptability across different event formats and contexts. The designs maintain a consistent visual identity while allowing for different levels of information display and layout preferences.

The three versions provide options for varying use cases, such as simplified badges, more detailed informational layouts, and alternative visual compositions, ensuring practical use in diverse event settings while preserving a unified project style.



Figure 15 – The Template of the Name Card, Version 1



Figure 16 – The Template of the Name Card, Version 2





Figure 17 – The Template of the Name Card, Version 3

Postcards Layout. A set of postcard templates has been developed to support flexible, visually consistent communication for the RIECS-Concept project. The templates follow the project’s visual identity and combine key elements such as the project logo, tagline, EU funding acknowledgement, and QR code, ensuring recognisability and coherence across materials.

Several variations of the postcards have been created to accommodate different communication purposes. Some versions focus on presenting general project information and facts, while others highlight specific themes, such as scientific areas or key project objectives.

Additional formats include more visual or minimal layouts, as well as designs with space for notes or personalised content, making them suitable for both informational and engagement-oriented use in diverse dissemination contexts.



Figure 18 – The Template of the Postcards, Version 1



Figure 19 – The Template of the Postcards, Version 2



Figure 20 – The Template of the Postcards, Version 3



Figure 21 – The Template of the Postcards, Version 4



Figure 22 – The Template of the Postcards, Version 5



Figure 23 – The Template of the Postcards, Version 6

Stickers Templates. The sticker templates are developed as compact visual communication tools to promote the RIECS-Concept project and its key messages informally.

All designs are built around a unified circular format, ensuring immediate recognition and alignment with the project's visual identity.

The set includes multiple variations that differ in content emphasis and visual expression. Certain designs focus on presenting the project's main scientific domains, while others illustrate its core processes and strategic framework.

Additional versions integrate graphical elements and icons to enhance interpretability. Variations in colour and background treatment provide flexibility for use across different dissemination materials and environments, while preserving a consistent overall style (see Figure 24).

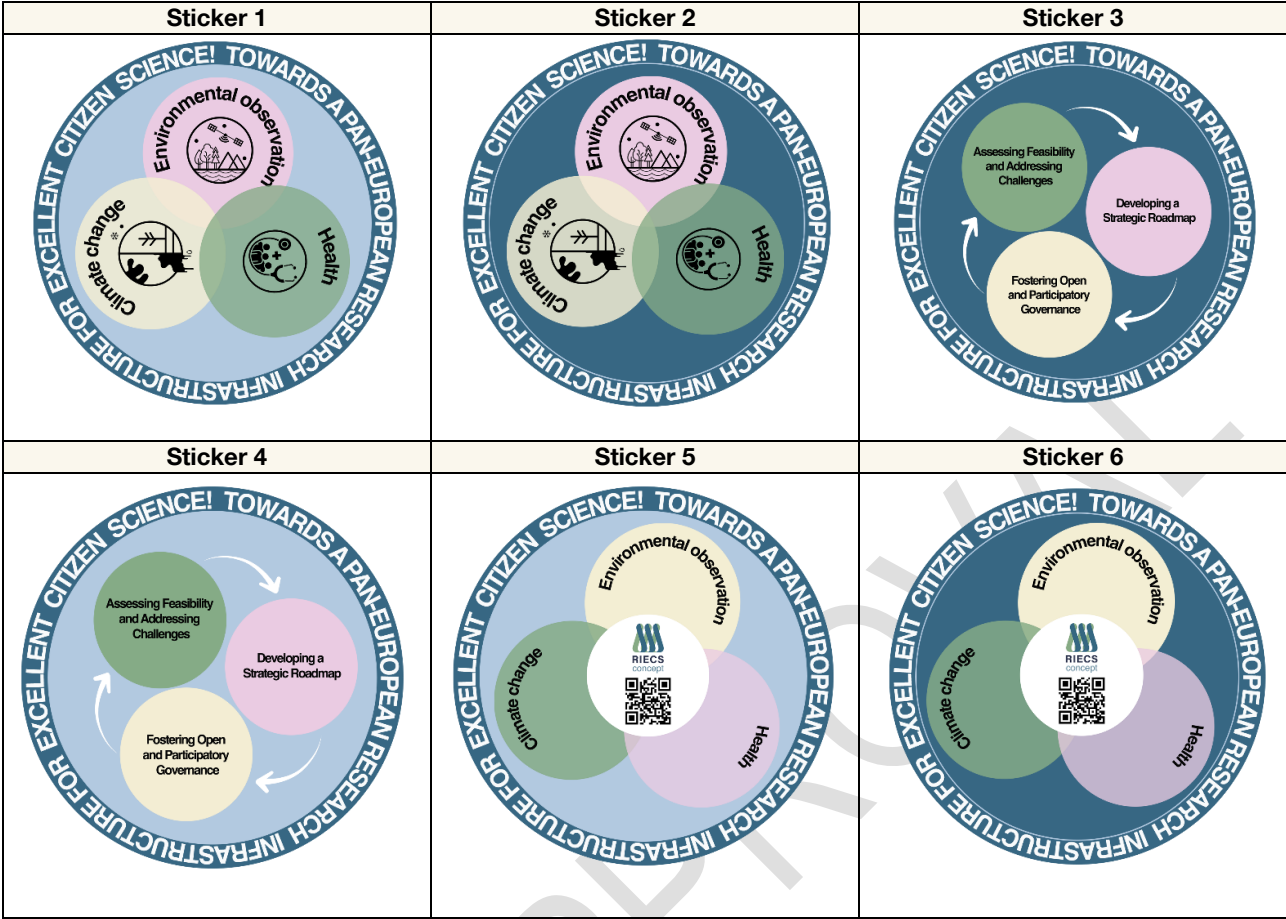


Figure 24 – The Template of the Stickers, Version 1-6

Bookmarks Templates.

Book tab 1 (front and back)		Book tab 2 (front and back)	
Book tab 3 (front and back)		Book tab 4 (front and back)	

Figure 25 – The Template of the Bookmarks, Version 1-4



4.3. Website

The project website functions as the main hub and a key tool for all relevant information and news about the project. The main webpages of the website are the following:

The website includes static and dynamic information about the project and its outcomes, including a thorough description, clearly defined aims, project activities, introductions to the consortium partners, and the benefits the project provides to its stakeholders and society. It is continuously updated to include information on the project's news, blog posts, events, scientific areas and outputs (deliverables, published papers, policy briefs & papers, newsletters & press releases, reports) (see Figure 26).

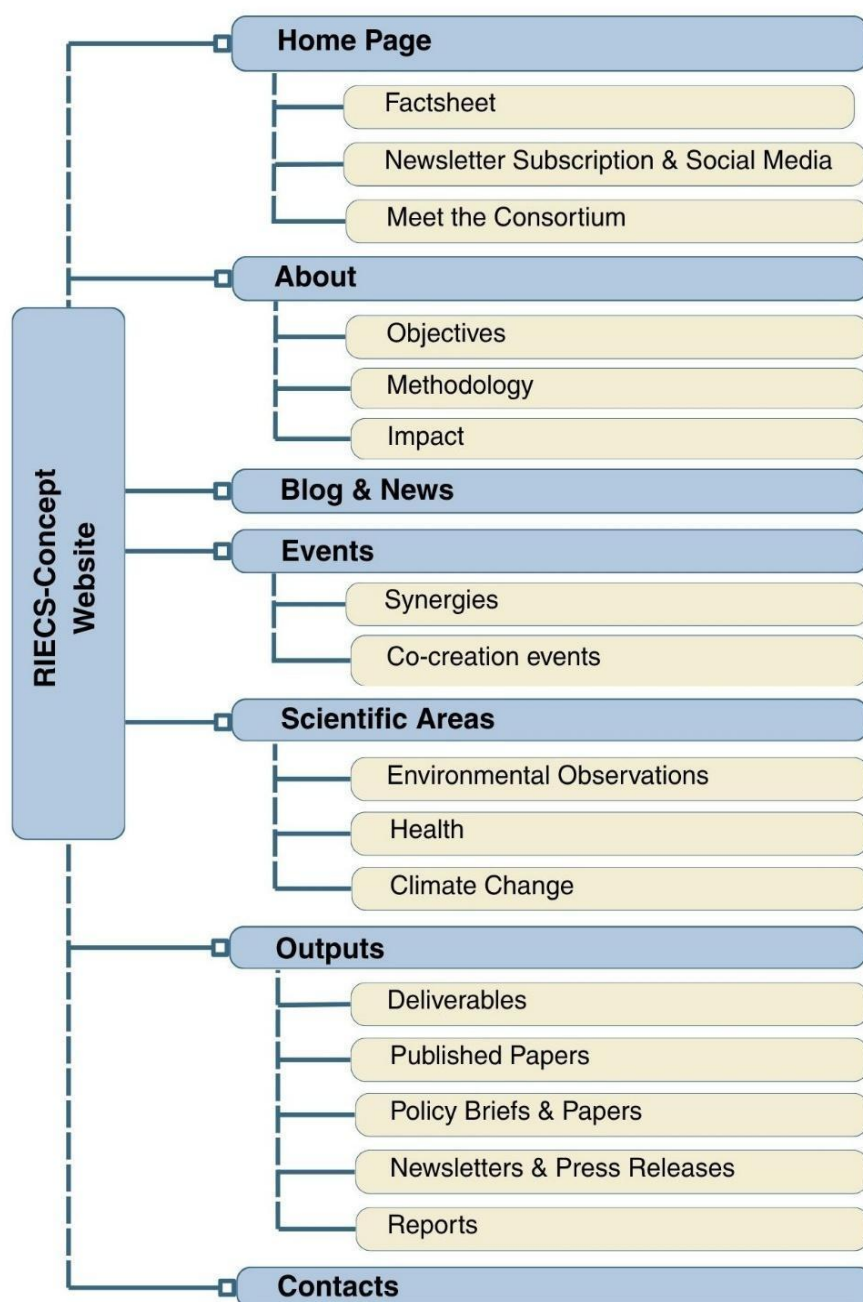


Figure 26 – The Structure of the Website

Below is a more detailed explanation of each webpage.

Home page. The homepage is designed to make an immediate impact and encourage engagement with minimal clicks. It will provide a clear, user-friendly overview of the RIECS-Concept project, with straightforward access to current participation opportunities in the co-design process, based on what actions are open at the time (see Figure 27).

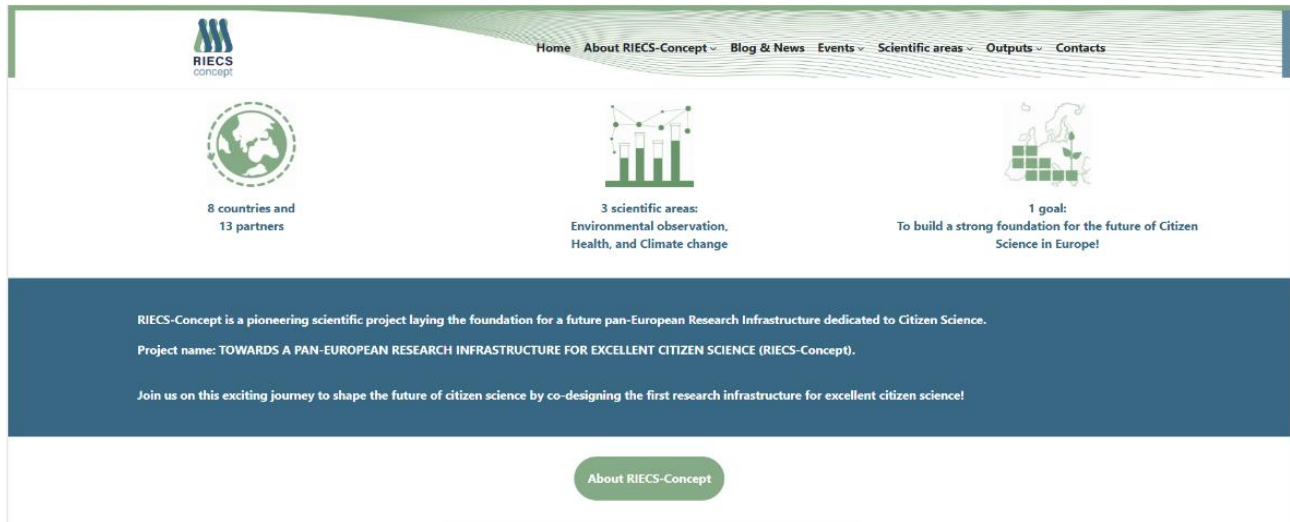


Figure 27 – The Home Webpage

About RIECS-Concept. The drop-down menu, under the About button, consists of three main web pages: (1) Objectives, (2) Methodology, and (4) Impact. The About page provides an overview of the project, outlining its aim, the challenges it addresses, the expected impact, and key facts such as the budget, duration, and consortium size (see Figure 28).

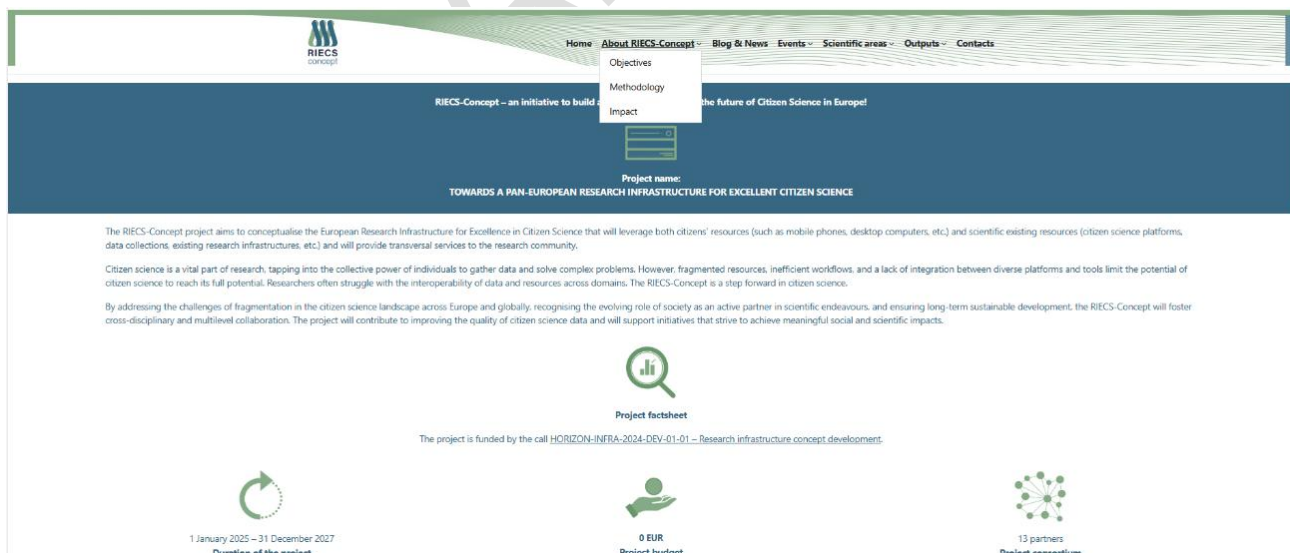


Figure 28 – The Webpage on About RIECS-Concept

Scientific Areas. The ‘Scientific Areas’ webpage presents three areas of research focus: climate change, health and environmental observations. More scientific areas will be added if RIECS-Concept expands its scope during the project (see Figure 29).

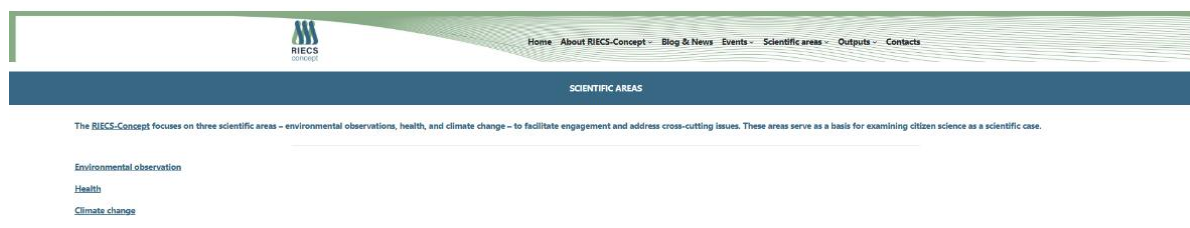


Figure 29 – The Webpage on Scientific Areas

Blog and News. This sub-webpage includes stories in different formats: blogs, news, interviews, and other communication activities. It will be interactive with social media and updated during the project activities (see Figure 30).

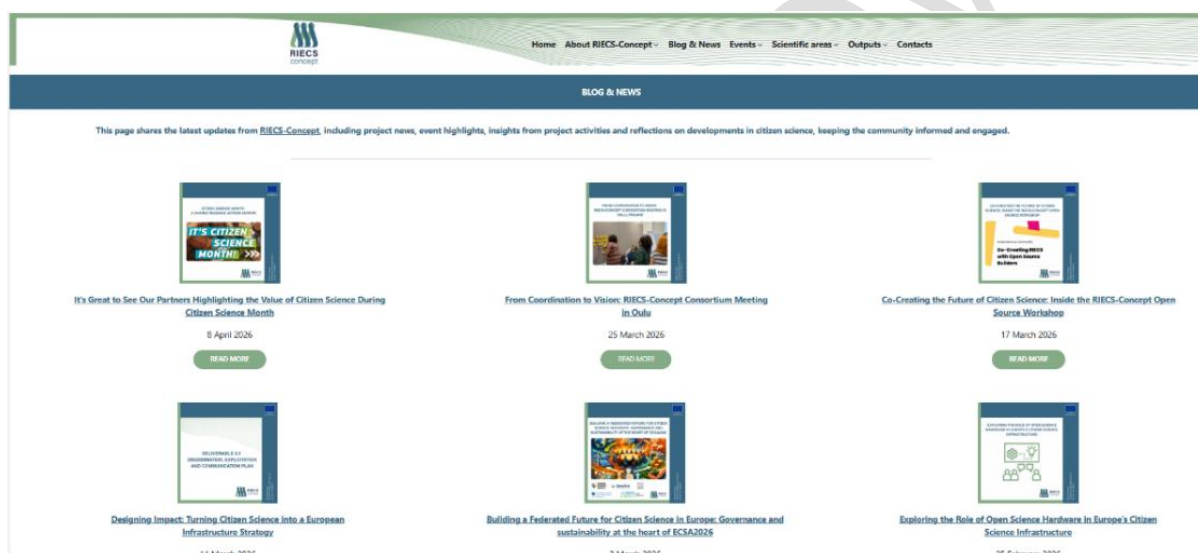


Figure 30 – The Webpage on Blog and News

Events. The events are presented on two separate sub-webpages: (1) Synergies and (2) Co-creation events. The first sub-webpage is dedicated to synergy-related activities, cooperation with relevant projects, and the events organised by third parties to disseminate the project concept and results to the target audiences. The second sub-webpage is dedicated to the activities and events organised by the consortium. This section also presents the calendar of events (see Figure 31).

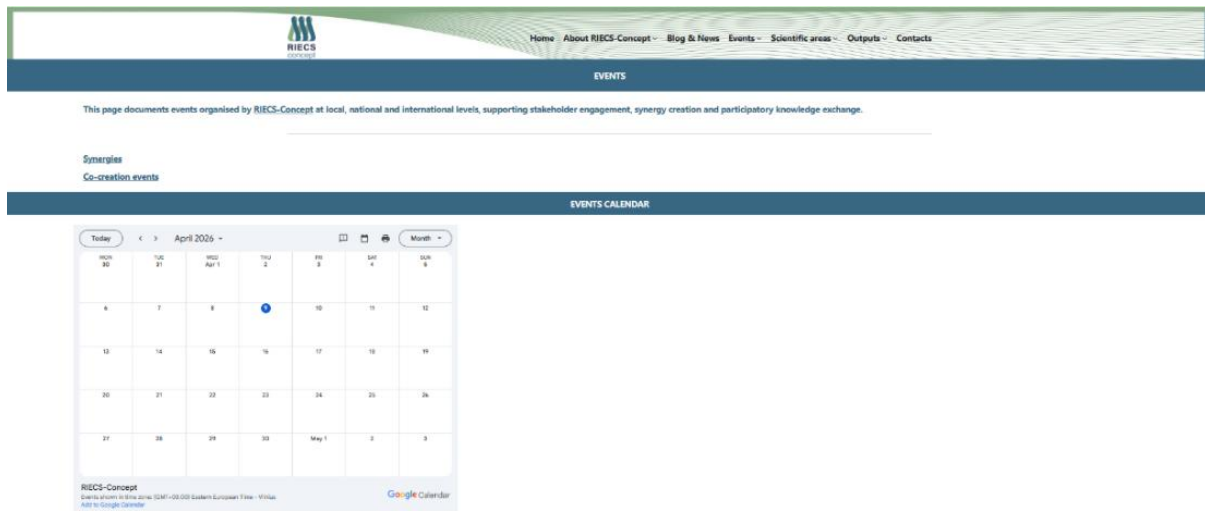


Figure 31 – The Webpage on Events

Outputs. This webpage presents all the outputs and downloadable results of the project. The outputs are presented on five web pages: (1) Deliverables, (2) Published papers, (3) Policy briefs and Papers, (4) Newsletters and Press Releases, and (5) Reports. The web pages can be adapted to meet the needs of the stakeholders and the audiences. The downloadable files are available in PDF format or another easy-to-use format (see Figure 32).

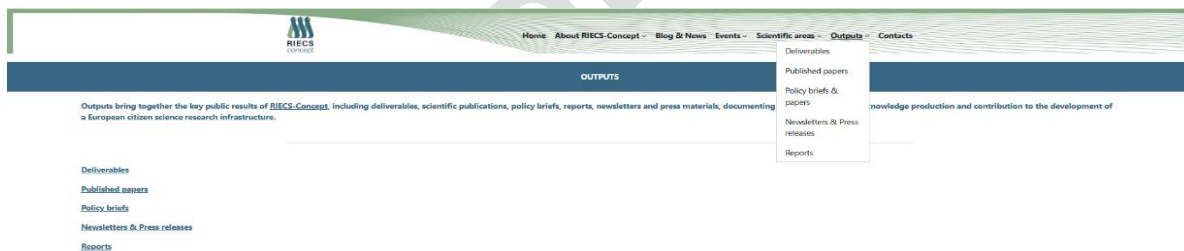


Figure 32 – The Webpage on Outputs

Contacts. This page is meant to enable website visitors to contact the project coordinator. They can send their inquiries by providing the required details, such as name and surname (see Figure 33).



Figure 33 – The Webpage Contacts

Social media and EU Funding. The links to social media are in the footer of the website.



Figure 34 – The Social Media Links in the Footer of the Website

The RIECS-Concept website follows modern web design principles and focuses primarily on usability, accessibility, and straightforward navigation. Posting several news items with appropriate keywords frequently improves search engine optimisation. Design updates and improvements are anticipated in the coming months.

The main website performance indicators for the period from February 2025 to June 2026 are presented, including website visits, unique visits, average CTR (Click-Through Rate), and average position in Google Search Console (see Table 3).

Table 3 – Website Performance Overview (Based on Analytical Data from the RIECS-Concept Project Website and Google Search Console, 26 June 2026)

No	Metric	Value	Target by M36
1.	Website visits and analytics metrics	8870	>10000
2.	Unique visits	3952	
3.	Average CTR (Click-Through Rate)	14,9%	
4.	Average Position (in Google Search Console)	6	
5.	Blog posts	65	100

Table 3 shows that the website recorded 8870 visits, including 3,952 unique visits. The average click-through rate (CTR) reached 14,9%, indicating the proportion of users who engaged with the content after viewing it. The average position in Google Search Console was 6, indicating the website's visibility in search results. 65 websites, blogs, and news posts published between February 2025 and June 2026.

4.4. Partners' Websites

Partners' websites are used as communication tools for the Partners' direct audiences.

The latest information about the RIECS-Concept project is published on the websites of consortium members and adapted to local audiences. Where possible and appropriate, partners provide content in the language of the country in which the institution is based, thereby increasing accessibility and relevance for different target groups (see Table 4).

Table 4 – RIECS-Concept Partners Unique Websites for the Project (26 June 2026)

Partner name	Website URL	A unique webpage dedicated to RIECS-Concept
FUNDACIÓN IBERCIVIS	https://ibercivis.es/en/home-english/	https://ibercivis.es/en/riecs-towards-a-pan-european-research-infrastructure-for-excellent-citizen-science/

ZENTRUM FÜR SOZIALE INNOVATION GMBH	https://www.zsi.at/	https://www.zsi.at/project/riecs-concept/8
CENTAR ZA PROMOCIJU NAUKE	https://www.cpn.edu.rs/	https://int.cpn.edu.rs/en/riecs/
VILNIUS TECH	https://vilniustech.lt/	https://vilniustech.lt/en/university/projects/towards-a-pan-european-research-infrastructure-for-excellent-citizen-science/ ; https://vilniustech.lt/en/faculty-of-creative-industries/faculty-departments/centre-for-citizen-science/
Ars Electronica	https://ars.electronica.art/	https://ars.electronica.art/europe/en/riecs-concept-towards-a-pan-european-research-infrastructure-for-excellent-citizen-science/
OeAD	OeAD main: https://oead.at/en/ OeAD Centre for Citizen Science: http://zentrumfuercitizenscience.at/en	https://oead.at/en/studieren-forschen-lehren/citizen-science/riecs
ECSA	www.ecsa.ngo	https://www.ecsa.ngo/cases/riecs/
Citizen Science Zurich	https://www.citizenscience.uzh.ch/en.html	https://www.citizenscience.uzh.ch/en/projects/riecs.html
IIASA	https://iiasa.ac.at/	https://iiasa.ac.at/projects/riecs-towards-pan-european-research-infrastructure-for-excellent-citizen-science
CSGP	https://citizenscienceglobal.org/	https://citizenscienceglobal.org/about-us/ https://citizenscienceglobal.org/2025/02/05/eu-riecs-kick-off/
CSIC	https://www.csic.es/en	https://www.csic.es/es/actualidad-del-csic/espana-lidera-la-creacion-de-la-nueva-infraestructura-de-investigacion-europea-para-la-ciencia-ciudadana https://www.icm.csic.es/es/noticia/impulsan-el-reconocimiento-de-los-observatorios-ciudadanos-como-infraestructuras-clave-para

4.5. Newsletters and Mailings

RIECS-Concept Newsletters. The RIECS-Concept e-newsletter has been published regularly every 6 months and has included information about the progress of the project, upcoming events, and has been distributed among the project stakeholders (see Table 5).

The newsletters have been structured to reflect key project milestones, highlight major achievements, and present upcoming activities in a clear and accessible format:

- 1st Newsletter: Six Months Strong: How RIECS-Concept is Laying the Groundwork for a Citizen Science Infrastructure in Europe
- 2nd Newsletter: One Year in Motion: How RIECS-Concept is Advancing a Pan-European Citizen Science Infrastructure

Table 5 – Statistics on RIECS-Concept Newsletters (Created Based on Analytical Data from the RIECS-Concept Project Website, 26 June, 2026)

Metrics	KPI by M18	Target by M36
Newsletters	3	6
Subscribers to the Newsletters	67	100

Table 5 shows that the RIECS-Concept newsletter has been steadily developing in both content production and audience engagement. Within the reporting period, two newsletters were published,



marking key project milestones at six months and one year. A slight increase in engagement is evident, indicating growing interest in the project's updates and activities (see Table 6).

Table 6 – Newsletters of RIECS-Concept, M1-M18

	Title of Newsletter	Publication Date	Clicks
1.	Six Months Strong: How RIECS-Concept is Laying the Groundwork for a Citizen Science Infrastructure in Europe	October 2025	340
2.	One Year in Motion: How RIECS-Concept is Advancing a Pan-European Citizen Science Infrastructure	February 2026	238

The number of subscribers (67 out of the 100 KPI target) indicates a moderate but growing audience reach, highlighting potential for further expansion through targeted dissemination efforts.

Mailings and Partners Newsletters. The project has used the existing project-supporting stakeholders' newsletters and mailing lists to disseminate relevant project updates and events, thus spreading news more widely (see Table 7).

Table 7 – Consortium Newsletters List (26 June 2026)

Partner	Publication date	Link
ECSA	October 2025	https://mailchi.mp/90eecbe037b2/ecsa-newsletter-december-5857144?e=7683e8d4b3
OeAD	August 2025	https://mailchi.mp/oead/oead-citizen-science-newsletter-16747277?e=[UNIQID]
	November 2025	https://mailchi.mp/oead/oead-citizen-science-newsletter-16748702?e=915ef500d6
	December 2025	https://mailchi.mp/oead/oead-citizen-science-newsletter-16750143?e=915ef500d6%20f500d6
	January 2026	https://mailchi.mp/oead/oead-citizen-science-newsletter-16750961?e=915ef500d6
	April 2026	https://mailchi.mp/oead/oead-citizen-science-newsletter-16753165?e=915ef500d6
CSIC	February 2025	https://mailchi.mp/e97d3aa04ac0/frlmcs27lq-10146719?e=8b8325be23

4.6. Social Media

The project has created accounts on LinkedIn, Facebook, Instagram, X, Blue-Sky and Mastodon and has benefited from the active social media accounts of project partners. YouTube was launched for sharing videos. Here are the links:

- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/riecsconcept/>
- Blue sky: <https://bsky.app/profile/riecs-concept.bsky.social>
- X: https://x.com/RIECS_Concept
- Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/riecs-concept>
- LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/riecs-concept/>
- Mastodon: https://mastodon.social/@RIECS_Concept
- YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@RIECS-Concept>

The most comprehensive version of the content was published on the project's website (in the Blog and News section), which serves as the main repository of project information. Social media posts were systematically adapted to each platform's format, communication style, and audience expectations, while maintaining consistency in key messages and hashtags. Each post directed



users to the full content via links to the RIECS-Concept website, ensuring both accessibility and traceability of information.

The communication approach was based on a centralised content model, in which website articles served as the primary outputs, and social media channels were used for dissemination and engagement. This ensured that all published content was interconnected, contributing to a coherent communication platform and allowing for consistent messaging and maximising reach across different audience groups. All major project outputs, including deliverables, events, publications, and newsletters, were consistently and in a coordinated manner disseminated across all social media platforms. The level of activity and engagement across platforms is reflected in the number of posts, followers, and total views, as presented in Table 8.

The project's social media channels are used to share a diverse range of content, ensuring continuous engagement with different target audiences. The published content includes project updates, announcements of upcoming events, post-event summaries, dissemination of key results and deliverables, partner activities, and broader topics related to citizen science and research infrastructure development. In addition, social media is used to amplify visibility through partner collaborations and by sharing relevant external initiatives aligned with the project's objectives.

Within the project, a specific KPI has been set to measure social media growth, namely the number of followers across key platforms. Table 8 below presents the results achieved in the first half of the project, reflecting the current status of the project's social media audience development across these platforms.

Table 8 – The Reach on the Social Media Platforms, M1-M18 (26 June 2026)

No	Social media title	Link	KPI	Followers (<i>the size of the audience following the SM channel</i>)	Total Views (<i>the overall reach and visibility of the content</i>)	Number of posts (<i>the level of activity on each platform</i>)
1.	LinkedIn	https://www.linkedin.com/company/riecs-concept/	LinkedIn > 300 followers	377	36 260	65
2.	Facebook	http://www.facebook.com/riecs-concept	Facebook > 700 followers	20	14 350	65
3.	Instagram	https://www.instagram.com/riecsconcept/	Instagram > 200 followers	57	5964	62
4.	X	https://x.com/RIECS_Concept	X > 700 followers	10	2560	75
5.	BlueSky	https://bsky.app/profile/riecs-concept.bsky.social	-	51	-	71
6.	Mastodon	https://mastodon.social/@RIECS_Concept	-	11	-	22
7.	YouTube	https://www.youtube.com/@RIECS-Concept	-	5	20	3

Table 8 shows that the project has maintained consistent and active communication across all social media platforms. A coordinated posting strategy is evident, with 65 posts published on LinkedIn, Facebook, and Instagram; 75 on X; and 71 on BlueSky, indicating slightly higher activity

across platforms. Mastodon includes 22 posts, reflecting its later introduction within the project's communication activities, while YouTube (3 posts) has been used more selectively.

LinkedIn stands out with 377 subscribers and 36,260 views, making it the most visible platform. Facebook has generated 14,350 views despite having 20 subscribers. Instagram shows steady engagement with 57 subscribers and 5,964 views, while X has reached 2,560 views with 10 subscribers. BlueSky (51 subscribers) and Mastodon (11 subscribers) help expand the project's presence on additional platforms, although view data is not available. YouTube, with 5 subscribers and 20 views, serves as a platform for hosting video content and complements the project's overall communication activities.

Figure 35 presents a collage of the main pages for the RIECS-Concept social media channels presented in the following order: 1) LinkedIn; 2) Facebook; 3) Instagram; 4) X; 5) BlueSky; 6) Mastodon; 7) YouTube.

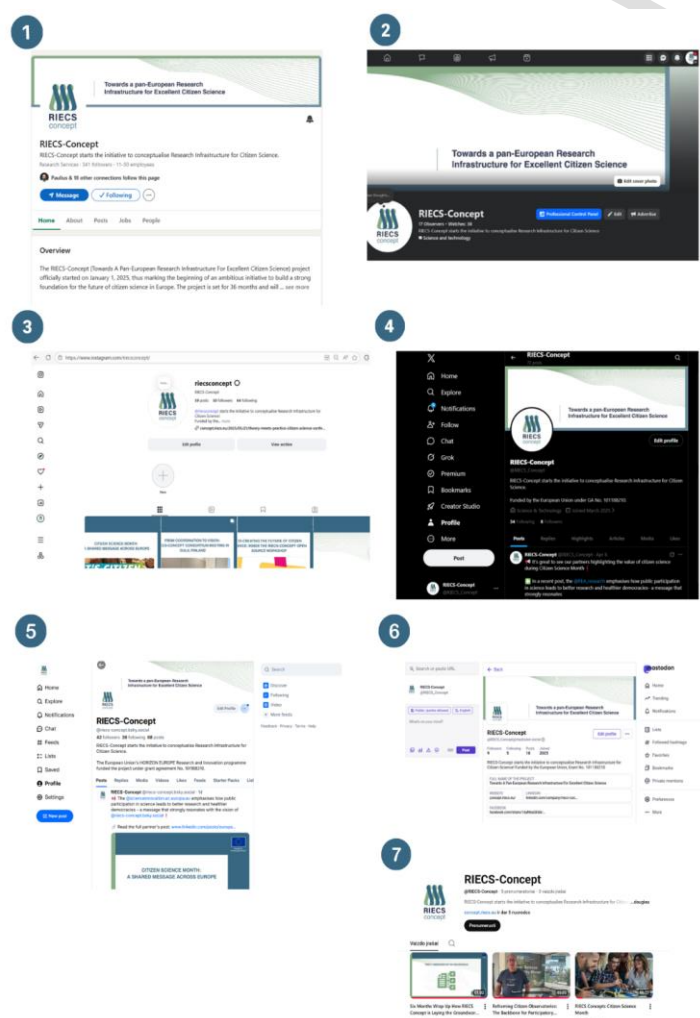


Figure 35 – Home Pages of RIECS-Concept Social Media

During RP1, a total of 54 unique hashtags were used across the project's social media communication. They include the project title, funding programme, partners' titles, events, and refer to the research infrastructure and the areas RIECS-Concept works in: citizen science, climate, environmental, and health. These include:



#citizenscience, #CitizenScience, #citizenzscience, #citizenScience, #citizenaciencia, #openscience, #opensource, #opengovernment, #riecsconcept, #riecsconcep, #codesign, #cocreation, #researchinfrastructure, #researchinfrastructures, #researchinfrastrucutre, #sciencepolicy, #scienceinnovation, #scienceengagement, #ParticipatoryScience, #publicengagement, #publicengagementinscience, #collaborativeresearch, #stakeholderengagement, #participation, #participatorygovernance, #sustainability, #environmentalgovernance, #climatepolicy, #health, #innovation, #futureofscience, #internationalconference, #partners, #consortiumspotlight, #ECSA, #ECSA2026, #RSA25, #KT4D, #AI, #DigitalTransformation, #digitalgovernance, #horizoneurope, #HorizonEurope, #horizonEU, #citizensciencemonth, #CAPS2025, #caps2025, #visuality2025, #arselectronica25, #barcelonaCC2025, #partwiss25, #EMBIMOS.

The social media run by the partners are utilised as additional dissemination tools to support the promotion and wider visibility of the RIECS-Concept project activities (see Table 9).

Table 9 – Current Social Media Reach of Consortium (26 June 2026)

No	Date	Link	Partner
1.	April 2025	https://www.linkedin.com/posts/citizensciencemonth-citizenscience-euprojects-ugcPost-7323037776256335872-dZWa?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAAEE3yG8BhGJ12B6-1snYtIsVUM7Tq2Vp06o	CSIC
2.	May 2025	https://www.linkedin.com/posts/fundacion-ibercivis_cienciaciudadana-caps2025-cienciaciudadana-activity-7334160460671246336-axH7?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAAEE3yG8BhGJ12B6-1snYtIsVUM7Tq2Vp06o	Fundación Ibercivis
3.	May 2025	https://www.linkedin.com/posts/rsa25-democraticparticipation-ai-ugcPost-7332701469965549568-oVN9?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAAEE3yG8BhGJ12B6-1snYtIsVUM7Tq2Vp06o	ECSA
4.	June 2025-	https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:7345402029760024578	CSIC
5.	June 2025	https://www.linkedin.com/posts/center-for-the-promotion-of-science_riecsconcept-citizenscience-meetthepartners-activity-7341063139880226817-oLgF?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAAEE3yG8BhGJ12B6-1snYtIsVUM7Tq2Vp06o	CPN
6.	October 2025	https://www.linkedin.com/posts/eucitsci_ecsa2026-harmonisation-ethics-activity-7368930827650396161-xHnc?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAAEE3yG8BhGJ12B6-1snYtIsVUM7Tq2Vp06o	ECSA
7.	October 2025	https://www.linkedin.com/posts/fundacion-ibercivis_cienciaciudadana-horizonteeuropa-activity-7380933729227014144-ySE3?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAAEE3yG8BhGJ12B6-1snYtIsVUM7Tq2Vp06o	Fundación Ibercivis
8.	November 2025-	https://www.linkedin.com/posts/fundacion-ibercivis_aragoninvestiga-activity-7396111841120202752-9nxi?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAAEE3yG8BhGJ12B6-1snYtIsVUM7Tq2Vp06o	
9.	November 2025-	https://www.linkedin.com/posts/fundacion-ibercivis_aragoninvestiga-activity-7396111841120202752-9nxi?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAAEE3yG8BhGJ12B6-1snYtIsVUM7Tq2Vp06o	Fundación Ibercivis
10.	December 2025-	https://www.linkedin.com/posts/partwiss25-citizenscience-participation-ugcPost-7397255910001213440-hYmi?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAAEE3yG8BhGJ12B6-1snYtIsVUM7Tq2Vp06o	ECSA
11.	December 2025-	https://www.linkedin.com/posts/arselectronica_riecsconcept-citizenscience-openscience-activity-7396461207819423744-TrtT?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAAEE3yG8BhGJ12B6-1snYtIsVUM7Tq2Vp06o	ARS ELECTRONICA



12.	February 2026-	https://www.linkedin.com/posts/ilanamallak_help-shape-the-future-of-citizen-science-activity-7426650997625790464-9St9?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAAEE3yG8BhGJ12B6-1snYtIsVUM7Tq2Vp06o	Fundación Ibercivis
13.	February 2026-	https://www.linkedin.com/posts/ferminherrero_resource-hub-european-open-science-cloud-activity-7429445009667641344-e4lx?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAAEE3yG8BhGJ12B6-1snYtIsVUM7Tq2Vp06o	
14.	March 2026-	https://www.linkedin.com/posts/ecs-citizenscience-researchpolicy-share-7440697936474411009-R5fv?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAAEE3yG8BhGJ12B6-1snYtIsVUM7Tq2Vp06o	ECSA
15.	March 2026	https://www.linkedin.com/posts/eucitsci_ecsaday-ecs2026-citizenscience-activity-7434855214077087744-13pU6c?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAAE	
16.	March 2026	https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:7438187354714046464	CSIC
17.	March 2026	https://www.linkedin.com/posts/center-for-the-promotion-of-science_citizenscience-ecs2026-activity-7434160009556647936-qux6?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAAEE3yG8BhGJ12B6-1snYtIsVUM7Tq2Vp06o	CPN
18.	March 2026-	https://www.instagram.com/p/DVYRGFBCHjT/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igsh=NTc4MTIwNjQ2YQ==	
19.	March 2026	https://www.linkedin.com/posts/dilekfraisl_openresearcheurope-policy-makers-funders-activity-7440696459022249984-XKJS?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAAEE3yG8BhGJ12B6-1snYtIsVUM7Tq2Vp06o	IIASA
20.	April 2026	https://www.linkedin.com/posts/fundacion-ibercivis_cr%C3%B3nica-del-taller-de-codise%C3%B1o-de-riecs-concept-activity-7450559744563572739-loWq?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAAEE3yG8BhGJ12B6-1snYtIsVUM7Tq2Vp06o	ECSA
21.	April 2026	https://www.linkedin.com/posts/eucitsci_citizensciencemonth-citizenscience-engagement-activity-7451917630082441216-LNx7?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAAEE3yG8BhGJ12B6-1snYtIsVUM7Tq2Vp06o	
22.	April 2026	https://www.linkedin.com/posts/center-for-the-promotion-of-science_april-is-citizen-science-month-activity-7447920662503116802-glN-?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAAEE3yG8BhGJ12B6-1snYtIsVUM7Tq2Vp06o	CPN
23.	May 2026	https://www.linkedin.com/posts/embimos-group-citsci_ecs-citizenscience-governance-activity-7434164095412719616-OPgk?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAAEE3yG8BhGJ12B6-1snYtIsVUM7Tq2Vp06o	CSIC



5. RIECS-Concept Dissemination Channels and Means

5.1. Objectives of Dissemination

The overall goal of dissemination activities is to describe project results and ensure they are available for others to use. Through dissemination activities, the RIECS-Concept Consortium has enabled other researchers and practitioners to advance the state of research infrastructure in excellent citizen science. Dissemination comes after communication, as it benefits from the community of followers created from the beginning of the project. Having a well-founded group of followers is paramount to improving the dissemination of project results. Concerning the strategy defined in Section 2, the following objectives are the ones that have been pursued through dissemination activities:

- Foster engagement with diverse audiences and amplify dissemination efforts by encouraging active participation in project outputs and outcomes within the community. Stakeholders have been engaged from the early stages (i.e., building empathy, defining problems, and ideating) in periodic validation activities to improve the quality of project findings.
- Strengthen collaboration and relationships among SHs, including policymakers, researchers, marginalised communities, and innovation support institutions, to enhance project impact.
- Expand dissemination efforts within scientific communities.

As the project activities have begun and the first WP results have been produced, communication has moved from the project itself to its preliminary findings. During this phase, the WP7 activities have switched from communication to dissemination. The same applies to the target audience, which has moved from the general public to a more specialised one to make results available for others to use.

5.2. Advisory Board

The consortium, including partners and associated partners, is supported by an External Advisory Board (EAB).

The Advisory Board comprises recognised experts in citizen science, open science, public engagement, digital governance, and research infrastructures.

During the reporting period, two EAB meetings were organised.

- The Kick-off meeting took place online on 21 October 2025. It focused on presenting the project's objectives, structure, timeline, and engagement plan, as well as initial feedback on



the conceptualisation of the research infrastructure, including interoperability, inclusiveness, and global collaboration.

- The second meeting was held online on 26 March 2026 and focused on project progress, key deliverables, and strategic development, including feedback on the project's vision, mission, objectives, and engagement approach.

The Advisory Board meetings have been organised in line with the plan, ensuring effective communication of project activities, outputs, and plans, while making efficient use of the Advisory Board's expertise and availability.

[RIECS-Concept Blogs and News blog post](#)

5.3. Events

The section presents all events organised by third parties, the consortium, or individual partners. This section includes in-person and online events, large-scale events and workshops, and events for synergies with similar projects. The section also presents KPI achievements: the number of participants (see Table 10).

Table 10 – The Overview of the Events, M1-M18 (26 June 2026)

No	Type of event	Number of events	Geography	Participants	Target audiences	SH groups
1.	Event, participation in person	28 (T11)	Austria, Belgium, Finland, Germany, Italy, Lithuania, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland, Tanzania, and the United States	3320	Research communities, citizens, civil society, policymakers and public authorities, EU institutions, international organisations, innovators, industry and business representatives, and specific end-user communities.	Citizens and society; Scientific community; Networks and organisations; Private sector representatives; Policy- and decision-makers; Research Infrastructure actors; Education systems; International organisations
2.	Event, participation online	10	Austria, Belgium, Lithuania, the United States, and global online participation	1210	Civil society, policymakers and public authorities, EU institutions, international organisations, education stakeholders, and specific end-user communities.	Scientific community; Networks and organisations; Policy- and decision-makers; Education systems; International organisations, Citizens and society
3.	Event, In-person and online	4	Belgium, Lithuania, Portugal	1630	Local authorities, national authorities, regional authorities, EU institutions, international organisations, innovators, and industry/business partners.	Networks and organisations; Private sector representatives; Citizens and society; Scientific community; Policy- and decision-makers; International organisations
4.	Large-scale and Third-party	15	Austria, Belgium, Finland, Lithuania, Portugal, Switzerland,	6780	EU institutions, international organisations, innovators, industry and	Research Infrastructure actors: International organisations, Citizens and society, Scientific



			Germany, the United States, and international participation		business partners, and specific end-user communities.	community, Networks and organisations, Private sector representatives, Policy- and decision-makers
5.	Workshops with Communities and the General Public	18	Austria, Germany, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, and online European participation.	279	Citizens, civil society, research communities, education stakeholders, local and regional authorities, specific end-user communities, innovators, and the general public.	Citizens and society; Scientific community; Networks and organisations; Education systems; Policy- and decision-makers.
6.	Policy event	3	Belgium and international participation	880	EU institutions, national authorities, international organisations, research communities, innovators, industry and business partners.	Scientific community; Policy- and decision-makers; Networks and organisations; International organisations; Private sector representatives.

Table 10 presents an overview of the events where RIECS-Concept partners participated. The events are distributed by the types of KPIs; events meet several requirements, e.g., they can be both large-scale, in-person and third-party organised. Then the same event is found under all the rows of the table. A more detailed allocation of the events can be found in the tables below.

The events organised by partners or by external stakeholders, RIECS-Concept has participated in national, European and international events and conferences, both online and in-person (ECSA Conference, Conference for Advancing the Participatory Sciences (CAPS 2025); Visuality 2025: Social Innovations for Sustainability Communication; the 53rd NORDTEK Conference: Green and Digital University Transformation; The Regional Studies Association Annual Conference in Porto; Ars Electronica Festival; the international conference “Open Science Today and Tomorrow”; Citizen Science for Health 2025 Conference; PartWiss 25 Conference; ECSA 2026 Conference, university conferences, public events, policy-making events etc. (see Table 10). The consortium has used these opportunities to present the project and its findings to wider audiences.

5.3.1. Third-party Organised Events

Participation in targeted external events is another relevant channel for disseminating RIECS-Concept advancement in knowledge and results. Depending on the opportunities offered, the Consortium has attended both live and virtual events. The project partners have also participated in events to disseminate their results, share information, and create synergies with other relevant projects and initiatives organised within the framework of REA and similar projects.

Relevant events have included international conferences and events such as the International Citizen Science Conference, Conference for Advancing Participatory Sciences 2025, International Conference Visuality 2025: Social Innovations for Sustainability Communication, the 53rd NORDTEK Conference: “Green and Digital University Transformation”, Regional Studies Association Annual Conference in Porto, Citizen Science for Health 2025 Conference, International conference “Open Science Today and Tomorrow”, ARS ELECTRONICA Festival 2025, the Brussels



Cluster Event organised by the European Commission, and the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-7); (see Table 11).

Table 11 – Presence in the External Third-party Organised Events, In-person (26 June 2026)

No	Title	Date and location of event	Link	In person / Online	Type of the event	Participants	Target audiences
1.	Conference: “Advancing the Participatory Sciences (CAPS 2025)”	27-30 May 2025, Portland, Oregon	https://participatorysciences.org/conferences/caps-2025/	In-person	Large-Scale and Third-Party Events	250+	Research communities, EU Institutions, International organisations
2.	NORDTEK Conference: “Green and Digital University Transformation”	11 June 2025, Vilnius, Lithuania	https://nordtek.net/nordtek-conference-2025/	In-person	Large-Scale and Third-Party Events	120+	Citizens, National authorities, Research communities, Local authorities, Civil society
3.	Capacity Building Workshop FOSTER Project (EU-Africa)	27-29 October 2025, Zaragoza, Spain	https://ibercivis.es/workshop-foster/	In-person	Third-Party Events	40	Research communities, National authorities, Civil society
4.	Conference: “Citizen Science for Health 2025”	7 November 2025, Zurich, Switzerland	https://www.citizenscience4health.nl/	In-person	Large-Scale and Third-Party Events	150+	Research communities, Innovators, Industry, business partner
5.	Conference: “PartWiss25”	13 November 2025, Leipzig, Germany	https://www.partizipation-wissenschaft.de/programm_2025/	In-person	Large-Scale and Third-Party Events	400+	Research communities, Specific end user communities, National authorities
6.	Dissemination event “Science Corner”	14 November 2025, Zaragoza, Spain	https://ibercivis.es/rincon-de-la-ciencia/	In-person	Third-Party Events	50	Citizens, Civil society, Research communities
7.	Universitat de Barcelona talk	20 April 2026, Barcelona	Internal invitation to UB researchers	In-person	Third-Party Events	50+	Research communities
8.	II Open Science Forum	23 April 2026 Dar es Salaam, Tanzania	https://ibercivis.es/ibercivis-tanzania/	In-person	Third-Party Events	60+	Research communities, National authorities, Civil society
9.	Regional Studies Association Annual Conference	26 June 2025, Porto, Portugal	https://www.regionalstudies.org/events/rsa25/	In-person	Large-Scale and Third-Party Events	750+	Research communities, National authorities, Regional authorities
10.	Advancing Public Engagement and Citizen	19 June 2025, Brussels, Belgium	https://concept.riecs.eu/2025/07/07/advancing-public-engagement-and-citizen	In-person	Large-Scale and Third-Party	700	EU institutions, International organisations, Research



	Science in the European Research Area: RIECS-Concept Cluster Event		citizen-science-in-the-european-research-area-riecs-concept-at-the-brussels-cluster-event/		Events: Public policymaking event		communities, National authorities
11.	Seminar organised by NCP Lithuania	22-23 January, 2025	Seminar organised by NCP Lithuania	In-person	Large-Scale and Third-Party Events	150+	Research communities, National authorities, Innovators, and business partners.
12.	Conference for Advancing the Participatory Sciences (CAPS2026)	26-29 May 2026, Online	https://participatorysciences.org/conferences/caps-2026/	Online	Large-Scale and Third-Party Events	600+	Civil society, National authorities, International organisations

Table 11 presents the third-party organised events where project partners were present in person.

Table 12 presents the third-party-organised event, with project partners joining online. Both tables distinguish large-scale events from those with smaller audiences.

Table 12 – Presence in the Third-party Organised Events, Online or In-person and Online (26 June 2026)

No	Title	Date and location of event	Link	In person / Online	Type of the event	Participants	Target audiences
1.	Citizen Science Conference: „Theory Meets Practice”	29 April 2025, Vilnius, Lithuania	https://concept.riecs.eu/2025/05/21/theory-meets-practice-citizen-science-conference-brings-together-researchers-and-communities-in-vilnius/	In-person and online	Large-Scale and Third-Party Events	130+	Research communities, Civil society, Citizens, Local authorities, National authorities
2.	The Regional Studies Association Annual Conference	6-9 May 2025, Porto, Portugal	https://www.regionalstudies.org/events/rsa25/	In-person and online	Large-Scale and Third-Party Events	750+	National authorities, Research communities, regional authorities, and EU institutions
3.	The International Conference: “Open Science Today and Tomorrow”	22 October 2025, Vilnius, Lithuania	https://biblioteka.vu.lt/en/about/news/2551-international-conference-open-science-today-and-tomorrow	In-person and online	Third-Party Events	50	Research communities, EU Institutions, National authorities, international organisations
4.	Citizen Science in Global Health Online course - “Technologies and Citizen Science.”	10 April 2026, online	https://univ-unita.eu/online-course-citizen-science-for-global-health/	Online	Online course, large-scale third-party event	1000+	International organisation, EU instructions, National authorities, Civil society, Research communities



5.	Advancing Public Engagement and Citizen Science in the European Research Area RIECS-Concept	19 June 2025, Brussels, Belgium	https://rea.ec.europa.eu/events/cluster-event-advancing-public-engagement-and-citizen-science-era-2025-06-19_en	In-person and online	Large-Scale and Third-Party Events	700	EU Institutions, Research communities, Industry, business partners, Innovators
6.	Policy Event	19 February 2026	https://eu-citizen.science/ecs_project/ https://concept.riecs.eu/2026/02/16/riecs-concept-supports-high-level-policy-event-on-the-institutionalisation-and-long-term-sustainability-of-citizen-science/	Online	Third-Party Events Public policymaking event	30+	National authorities, EU institutions, Research communities, international organisations
7.	People and Policy Together: Citizen Science Takes the Stage at UNEA-7	3 December 2025 United Nations Environment Assembly	https://concept.riecs.eu/2025/12/16/people-and-policy-together-citizen-science-takes-the-stage-at-unea-7/	Online	Large-Scale and Third-Party Events Public policymaking event	180	International organisation, EU Institutions, National authorities, Civil society, Research communities

The consortium members have represented the project at relevant in-person and online events to create new connections, share and peer-review partial or final results, and more. The relevant events have been collected in a shared event calendar. The following list includes external events RIECS-Concept has attended during the reporting period.

5.3.2. Events Organised by RIECS-Concept

Events organised as a direct activity of the project are in this category. RIECS-Concept has hosted workshops, co-design activities, discussions, and targeted engagement events, engaging citizens and diverse types of stakeholders, especially in WP4 and WP5, and also in international and national contexts to promote the usage of CS in different areas such as climate change, heritage, etc. (see Table 13). RIECS-Concept fully organises some events, while others are part of other events, e.g., conference sessions. Participating as co-organisers of third-party events demonstrates the significance of the project topics and provides a deeper dissemination impact for the target audiences.

Table 13 – Events (Co-) Organised by RIECS-Concept, In-person (26 June 2026)

No	Title	Date and location	Link	In person / Online	Type of the event	Participants	Target audiences
1.	Exchange Meeting between OeAD and the Austrian Federal Ministry for Women,	May 2025		In-person	Policy event	10+	National authorities,



	Research and Science						
2.	The session: "Political Activity, Participation and Co-Producing Regional Futures"	8 May, 2025, Porto, Portugal	https://concept.riecs.eu/2025/07/03/co-production-civic-futures-at-rsa25/	In-person	Co-organised a session in Large-Scale and Third-Party Event	10+	Research communities, regional authorities, and EU Institutions
3.	The RIECS-Concept & ECS Collaboration Event	19 June 2025 Brussels, Belgium	https://concept.riecs.eu/2025/07/07/advancing-public-engagement-and-citizen-science-in-the-european-research-area-riecs-concept-at-the-brussels-cluster-event/	In-person	Large-Scale and Third-Party Events	700+	Research communities, EU Institutions, International organisations
4.	Ars Electronica Festival: "PANIC – yes/no"	3-7 September 2025, Linz, Austria	https://ars.electronic.a.at/panic/en/	In-person	Large-Scale and Third-Party Events	1000+	Citizens, Civil society, Innovators, Research communities, Industry, business partners
5.	Citizen Science Townhall Meeting	4 September 2025, Linz, Austria	https://concept.riecs.eu/2025/08/27/riecs-x-ars-electronica-festival-2025-join-the-citizen-science-townhall-in-linz/	In-person	Large-Scale and Third-Party Events	750	Research communities, Civil society, National authorities, international organisations
6.	Workshops: "Building a Shared Vision for RIECS-Concept: Consortium"	24-25 September 2025, Milan, Italy	https://concept.riecs.eu/2025/11/19/building-a-shared-vision-for-riecs-concept-consortium-workshops-in-milan/	In-person	Workshop	20+	Citizens, Innovators, Research communities, EU Institutions
7.	Citizen Science Workshop in Spain: Shaping the Future of RIECS-Concept	1 October 2025 Barcelona, Spain	https://concept.riecs.eu/2025/09/29/citizen-science-workshop-in-spain-shaping-the-future-of-riecs-concept/	In-person	Workshop	50	Citizen science, Civil Society, Citizens, Research communities, Local authorities, regional authorities, Specific end user communities
8.	Workshop: "Giving a Voice to Austrian Citizen Scientists"	2 October 2025, Vienna, Austria	https://concept.riecs.eu/2025/10/02/riecs-concept-workshop-giving-a-voice-to-austrian-citizen-scientists/	In-person	Workshop	12	Citizen science, Civil Society, Citizens, Research communities, Local



							authorities, regional authorities, Specific end user communities
9.	Workshop: “Citizen Scientists Shape the Future of Collaborative Research in Vienna”	3 October 2025, Vienna, Austria	https://concept.riecs.eu/2025/11/26/citizen-scientists-shape-the-future-of-collaborative-research/	In-person	Workshop	20+	Comm and General Public
10.	Workshop: “Make a Wish: A Shared Infrastructure for Citizen Science in Europe”	10 October 2025, Vienna, Austria	https://concept.riecs.eu/2025/10/08/make-a-wish-building-a-shared-infrastructure-for-citizen-science-in-europe/	In-person	Workshop	20+	Comm and General Public
11.	Workshop 7 – RIECS-Concept: Technological Challenges for a European Citizen Science Infrastructure	13 November, 2025 Leipzig, Germany	https://concept.riecs.eu/2025/11/14/workshop-7-riecs-concept-technological-challenges-for-a-european-citizen-science-infrastructure/	In-person	Workshop	20+	Research, Citizens, EU Institutions, Innovators
12.	Workshop 7: “RIECS-Concept: Technological Challenges for a European Citizen Science Infrastructure”	18 November 2025, Barcelona, Spain	https://concept.riecs.eu/2025/11/14/workshop-7-riecs-concept-technological-challenges-for-a-european-citizen-science-infrastructure/	In-person	Workshop	20+	Comm and General Public
13.	Workshop: “The HEROES (Hardware Ecosystem Requirements for Open and Emerging Science) “	19-20 January 2026, Geneva, Switzerland	https://indico.cern.ch/event/1627217/overview	In-person	Workshop	20+	Comm and General Public
14.	Conference: ECSA 2026 “Building a federated future: Conceptualising governance and sustainability for the pan-European Citizen Science infrastructure”	5 March 2026, Oulu, Finland	https://concept.riecs.eu/2026/03/03/building-a-federated-future-for-citizen-science-in-europe-governance-and-sustainability-at-the-heart-of-ecsa2026/	In-person	Large-Scale and Third- Party Events	600+	Research communities, Innovators, Industry, business partners, Civil society
15.	Workshop: “Co- Creating the Future of Citizen Science: Inside the RIECS-	16 March 2026, Berlin, Germany	https://concept.riecs.eu/2026/03/17/co-creating-the-future-of-citizen-science-inside-the-riecs-	In-person	Workshop	20+	Comm and General Public

	Concept Open-Source"		concept-open-source-workshop/				
16.	Workshop with Students	27 April 2026, Vienna, Austria	https://oead.at/en/study-research-teaching/citizen-science/center-for-citizen-science/news/article/2026/04/school-workshop-shaping-the-future-of-citizen-science	In-person	Workshop	6	Research communities, Civil society, National authorities
17.	The scientific-practical conference "From Idea to Impact: Living Lab as a Space for Co-Creation and Change"	27 May 2026, Vilnius	https://concept.riecs.eu/2026/05/29/from-awareness-to-action-living-labs-and-citizens-assemblies-in-climate-adaptation/	In-person	Third-Party Events	25	Research communities, Local authorities, Regional authorities, Civil society

Table 14 presents the events (6 events) that were organised or co-organised by RIECS-Concept partners, online.

Table 14 – Events (Co-) Organised by RIECS-Concept, online (26 June 2026)

No	Title	Date and location	Link	In person / Online	Type of the event	Participants	Target audiences
1.	RIECS-Concept & ECS Collaboration Event	1 April 2025, online	https://concept.riecs.eu/2025/05/26/we-are-excited-to-announce-the-riecs-concept-ecs-collaboration-event/	Online	Large-scale policy event		Research communities, EU Institutions, International organisations
2.	Workshop: "Listening, Learning, and Shaping"	7 November 2025, online	https://concept.riecs.eu/2025/11/05/listening-learning-and-shaping-co-designing-a-pan-european-research-infrastructure-for-citizen-science-in-health/	Online	Workshop	N/A	Specific end user communities, Citizens, Civil society
3.	International Workshop on Citizen Science in Education	1 December 2025, online	https://oead.at/en/study-research-teaching/citizen-science/center-for-citizen-science/news/article/2025/12/international-workshop-on-citizen-science-in-education	Online	Workshop	40	Research communities, civil society, and education stakeholders
4.	Austrian Citizen Workshop	14 January 2026, online	https://oead.at/en/study-research-teaching/citizen-science/center-for-citizen-science/news/article/2026/01/review-a-co-creative-workshop-with-citizen-scientists	Online	Workshop	11	Comm and General Public



5.	Co-Creative Workshop on Citizen Science in Education Systems	25 March 2026, online	https://oead.at/en/study-research-teaching/citizen-science/center-for-citizen-science/news/article/2026/03/co-creative-workshop-on-citizen-science-in-education-systems	Online	Workshop	20+	Research communities, National authorities, Civil society
6.	An Online Co-Design Workshop: Shaping the Future of Europe's Research Infrastructure for Citizen Science"	13 April 2026, online	https://concept.riecs.eu/2026/04/22/co-designing-the-future-of-citizen-science-insights-from-the-riecs-concept-workshop/	Online	Workshop	N/A	Research communities, Civil society, National authorities, international organisations

The events related to policy-making (3 events) are separately presented in Table 15, giving this dimension an additional significance.

Table 15 – Public Policy Events (26 June 2026)

No	Title	Date and location of event	Link	In person / Online	Type of the event	Participants	Target audiences
1.	Policy Event:	19 February 2026	https://eu-citizen.science/ecs-project/ https://concept.riecs.eu/2026/02/16/riecs-concept-supports-high-level-policy-event-on-the-institutionalisation-and-long-term-sustainability-of-citizen-science/	Online	Public policymaking event	Institutions: 20 Countries: 15	EU Institutions, National authorities, international organisations, Research communities
2.	Advancing Public Engagement and Citizen Science in the European Research Area: RIECS-Concept Cluster Event in the European Commission	19 June 2025, Brussels, Belgium	https://concept.riecs.eu/2025/07/07/advancing-public-engagement-and-citizen-science-in-the-european-research-area-riecs-concept-at-the-brussels-cluster-event/	In-person	Public policymaking event	700	EU Institutions, Research communities, Industry, business partners, Innovators
3.	People and Policy Together: Citizen Science Takes the Stage at UNEA-7	3 December 2025, United Nations Environment Assembly	https://concept.riecs.eu/2025/12/16/people-and-policy-together-citizen-science-takes-the-stage-at-unea-7/	Online	Public policymaking event	180	Research communities, Innovators, EU Institutions

During the RP1, the project partners participated in 7 scientific conferences, as shown in Table 16. The international teams have been encouraged to participate in international events.



Table 16 – Participation in Scientific Conferences (26 June 2026)

No	Title	Internet link	Participants	Date and Location
1.	International scientific conference “VISUALITY 2025: Social Innovations for Sustainability Communication”	Vilnius Gediminas Technical University	120	7-9 May 2025 Vilnius, Lithuania
2.	International Citizen Science Conference “The Citizen Science: Bridging Theory and Practice”	https://biblioteka.vu.lt/images/PDF-%C4%AFvair%C5%ABs-dokumentai-NE-veiklos-dokumentai/Conference-programe-Vilnius-2025.pdf https://biblioteka.vu.lt/apie/naujienos/2503-balandzio-29-d-ivyko-pirmoji-konferencija-skirta-pilieciu-mokslui-citizen-science-bridging-theory-and-practice	40	29 April 2025 Vilnius, Lithuania
3.	Conference for Advancing Participatory Sciences 2025	CAPS 2025 Portland - Association for Advancing Participatory Sciences	50	27-30 May 2025 Portland, USA
4.	The 53rd NORDTEK Conference: “Green and Digital University Transformation”	https://nordtek.net/nordtek-conference-2025/	100	11 June 2025 Vilnius, Lithuania
5.	Regional Studies Association Annual Conference in Porto	https://www.regionalstudies.org/events/ras25/	850	6-9 May Porto, Portugal
6.	Citizen Science for Health 2025 Conference	Citizen Science for Health 2025 Citizen Science for Health 2025 UZH	150	6-7 November 2025, Zurich, Austria
7.	International conference “Open Science Today and Tomorrow”	International conference “Open Science Today and Tomorrow”	50	22 October 2025, Vilnius, Lithuania

The RIECS-Concept publications and activities have been planned to ensure that the context and momentum for sharing information about the project have been maintained throughout the year. A calendar of relevant days and celebrations has been created and used to collect and track relevant moments and organise activities and publications accordingly.

Relevant holidays and celebrations have been used to communicate the idea of the project. The examples of the celebration days are provided in the table below.

5.3.3. Synergies with relevant EU-Funded Projects

Partnerships with relevant EU-funded projects have been explored to amplify and create connections and opportunities. During the reporting period, RIECS-Concept has engaged with a range of relevant projects and initiatives through participation in joint events, conferences, and dissemination activities, enabling knowledge exchange, cross-promotion, and the identification of complementarities (see Table 17).

Table 17 – Projects for Synergies (26 June 2026)

Project title and acronym	Project link	Reach	Responsible partner	Date of the synergies event	Title and link for the synergies event
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ECS - European Citizen Science	https://eu-citizen.science/ecs-project/	Institutions: 20 Countries: 15	ECSA	1 April 2025, online	RIECS-Concept and ECS Collaboration event: https://concept.riecs.eu/2025/05/26/we-are-excited-to-announce-the-riecs-concept-ecs-collaboration-event/
				19 June 2025, Brussels, Belgium	Advancing Public Engagement and Citizen Science in the European Research Area: RIECS-Concept at the Brussels Cluster Event: https://concept.riecs.eu/2025/07/07/advancing-public-engagement-and-citizen-science-in-the-european-research-area-riecs-concept-at-the-brussels-cluster-event/
				19 February 2026, online	Policy Event: https://concept.riecs.eu/2026/02/16/riecs-concept-supports-high-level-policy-event-on-the-institutionalisation-and-long-term-sustainability-of-citizen-science/
IMPETUS4CS - Setting a citizen science innovation programme to explore innovative funding schemes and boost recognition.	https://impetus4cs.eu/	Countries: 4 Institutions: 5	AE	19 June 2025, Brussels, Belgium	1) Advancing Public Engagement and Citizen Science in the European Research Area: RIECS-Concept at the Brussels Cluster Event: https://concept.riecs.eu/2025/07/07/advancing-public-engagement-and-citizen-science-in-the-european-research-area-riecs-concept-at-the-brussels-cluster-event/
				3-7 September 2025, Linz, Austria	2) Ars Electronica Festival 2025: https://concept.riecs.eu/2025/08/27/riecs-x-ars-electronica-festival-2025-join-the-citizen-science-townhall-in-linz/
Climateurope2 - Supporting and standardising climate services in Europe and beyond	https://climateurope2.eu/	Institutions: 29 Countries: 14	CPN	29 September – 1 October 2025	Climateurope2 Festival: https://climateurope2.eu/news-events/events/events/climateurope2-festival-in-belgrade
INCENTIVE - (H2020)Establishing Citizen Science Hubs in European Research Performing and Funding Organisations to drive institutional change and ground Responsible Research and Innovation in society	https://incentive-project.eu/	Countries: 7 Institutions: 9	ECSA, VT, CSZ	7 November 2025, Zurich, Switzerland	Conference Citizen Science for Health 2025: https://www.citizenscience4health.nl/
CLIMAS (HE) - Climate change citizens engagement toolbox for dealing with Societal resilience	www.climas-project.eu	Countries: 9 Institutions: 14	VT	7 May 2025, Vilnius, Lithuania	Discussion and re-Conference Day of Visuality 2025: “Citizen Science Practices and Digital Innovation”: https://concept.riecs.eu/2025/06/17/designing-the-future-of-citizen-science-riecs-concept-at-visibility-2025/



EOSC CSN (HE - EOSC Gravity) - EOSC Citizen Science Node	eosc.riecs.eu	Countries: 3 Institutions: 4	IBE	KoM, June 2026	Under development
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RIECS-Concept has organised and participated in events together with similar projects, presenting the project, its objectives, and initial results, while fostering synergies, knowledge exchange, and collaboration across related initiatives. These activities have contributed to strengthening connections between projects and exploring complementarities in the field of citizen science and research infrastructures.

RIECS-Concept also suggests holding meetings and organising a joint final conference with sister projects to present findings, share knowledge and experiences, and explore complementarities.

5.4. Publications

The scientific publications have been published as the research results have become available. The review process, from submission to publication, has been taken into account. Relevant scientific conferences and peer-reviewed journal publication opportunities have been centrally collected to increase opportunities, encourage international collaboration, and track abstract submission deadlines. The special issues of most scientific journals are considered a more focused, targeted opportunity, and information on special topics has been collected during the project.

Table 18 presents the distribution of the publications by type. This section includes:

- The publication of the scientific paper in academic journals (Table 19).
- Publications in general and practical professional media and community-based media (Table 20).
- Papers to policy-makers (Table 21).

Table 18 – RIECS-Concept Publications (26 June 2026)

No	Type of publication	KPI by M18	Target by M36	Target Audience
1.	Publication of the scientific paper in academic journals	4	4	Academia, practitioners
2.	Publication in general, practical, professional or community-based media	8	50	General publics
3.	Position and policy papers	2	2+	EU and national level Policy and decision makers

Four publications in academic journals have been published, all after peer review as open access (Citizen Science: Theory and Practice; Sustainability; Communications Sustainability, Urban Transitions). RIECS-Concept has complied with the EC requirements for Open Access and Open Research Data by ensuring open access to the research data, results and publications (see Table 19).

Table 19 – RIECS-Concept Publication of Scientific Papers (26 June 2026)

No	Title of the Journal	Scientific Paper	Date of Publication	Link	Views/downloads
1	Sustainability	The Backbone of Participatory Science: Reframing Citizen Observatories as Research Infrastructures	17 May 2025	https://doi.org/10.3390/su17104608	3100+ views with multiple citations by journals in CA and Scopus
2	Citizen Science: Theory and Practice	Research Infrastructures in Citizen Science: State of Knowledge and Taxonomic Framework As a Pathway to Sustainability	7 July 2025	DOI: 10.5334/cstp.831	31360+ views and 3.340+ downloads.
3	Communications Sustainability	Why citizen science is now essential for official statistics	8 January 2026	https://doi.org/10.1038/s44458-025-00008-4	5280+ accessions
4	Urban Transitions	Enhancing municipal climate adaptation: Evaluating communication strategies in Lithuanian cities	March 2026	https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ubtr.2026.100027	N/A

The publications have approached citizens, society, NGOs, and community-based institutions, as well as audiences other than scientific or policymaking audiences (see Table 20).

Table 20 – Publication in General or Practical Professional Media and Community-Based Media of RIECS-Concept (26 June 2026)

No	Author of Publication	Date of Publication	Title	Link
1.	CSIC	7 February, 2025	Spain leads the creation of the new European research infrastructure for citizen science	https://www.horizonteeuropa.es/casos-de-exito/espana-lidera-la-creacion-de-la-nueva-infraestructura-de-investigacion-europea-para
2.	EIDiarioAragón	21 February 2025	Aragon leads the RIECS-Concept project: how to get European citizens and science to cooperate more effectively	https://www.eldiario.es/aragon/sociedad/aragon-lidera-proyecto-riecs-concept-lograr-ciudadania-europea-ciencia-cooperen-forma-efectiva_1_12072799.html
3.	Rosy Mondardini	10 April 2025	RIECS-Concept – Harnessing the full potential of Citizen Science in Europe	https://www.citizenscience.uzh.ch/en/news/blog/riecs.html
4.	OEAD	29 September 2025	RIECS-Concept meets in Milan	https://oead.at/en/study-research-teaching/citizen-science/center-for-citizen-science/news/article/2025/09/riecs-concept-meets-in-milan
5.	IIASA	14 February 2025	Strengthening citizen science and sustainability monitoring in Europe	https://iiasa.ac.at/news/feb-2025/strengthening-citizen-science-and-sustainability-monitoring-in-europe
6.	CPN	16 March 2026	Citizen Scientific Research: CPN at the ECSA 2026 conference in Finland	https://www.cpn.edu.rs/gradjanska-naucna-istrazivanje-cpn-na-konferenciji-ecsa-2026-u-finskoj/
7.	CPN	6 February 2026	Elementi Magazine (Issue 43): Article about the Heroine project, featuring a	https://elementarium.cpn.rs/u-centru/elementi-43/



			mention of the RIECS project	
8.	CPN	15 May 2026	Elementi Magazine (Issue 44): Article about the Tree Gems project, featuring a mention of the RIECS project	https://elementarium.cpn.rs/u-centru/elementi-44/

Two policy and position papers were prepared and published online with open access on Zenodo and on the project website [outputs](#): RIECS-Concept policy briefs (see Table 21).

Table 21 – The Policy and Position Papers by RIECS-Concept (26 June 2026)

No	Type and title of publication	Date	Link	Target Audience
1.	Position paper (full version): “Citizen science for the future of Europe”	31 March 2025	https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.1523497 3	EU Institutions, research communities, Industry, business partners
2.	Policy Brief	June 2026	COMING	Policymakers, local authorities, European Commission representatives, researchers, and infrastructure stakeholders

During the RP1, several project deliverables have been uploaded on [Zenodo](#) and the [project website](#) to foster wide dissemination and outreach (see Table 22).

Table 22 – Publication of RIECS-Concept Resources in Zenodo (26 June 2026)

Publication in Zenodo			
Title of publication	Date of Publication	Link	Views/ Downloads
D 2.1: Challenges assessment	22 December 2025	https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.1878830 4	17 views / 6 downloads
D 4.1: Engagement methodology protocol	30 June 2025	https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.1878854 5	16 views / 7 downloads
D 6.1: Dissemination, Exploitation and Communication Plan	March 2025	https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.1878898 9	5 views / 4 downloads
D 6.2: RIECS-Concept Digital and Visual Identity	March 2025	https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.1878904 4	6 views / 4 downloads
Published in RIECS-Concept Website		RIECS-Concept Deliverables	224 views

6. Exploitation Actions

The objectives of the exploitation plan are:

- **Develop sustainable plans** for leveraging project results and outcomes beyond the project duration;
- **Facilitate the adoption of RIECS-Concept assets** by fostering collaboration with relevant Horizon Europe, Horizon 2020, and other EU-funded projects to amplify the impact

This strategy will guide all efforts focused on exploiting project outcomes. Detailed action plans will be developed to demonstrate how the key project results are used after the grant period. These actions will facilitate, first, discussion and then detailed planning for the adoption and replicability of innovative project approaches and results, paving the way for broader impact beyond the project duration. The planning will be organised to engage all the partners in the process during RP2. The plan presented in D6.1 is actual and valid.



7. Monitoring Structure and Process

This section provides information about the KPIs of the project, the monitoring structure and the management process.

Progress towards these communication goals is monitored using a set of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), ensuring that our dissemination and communication strategies reach and resonate with our intended audiences.

Regular monitoring is carried out to ensure the timely execution of activities and to provide an opportunity to respond early to challenges or discover opportunities.

Based on the periodic assessment of the success of these criteria, the project updated the communication plan, including a refined list of concrete actions to communicate the project results and the assessment of the impact of these results on the target users.

7.1. Plan for RIECS-Concept Dissemination and Communication Activities or M19-M36

Table 23 provides an updated timeline for communication, dissemination and exploitation activities for the second phase of the project (M19-M36). The timeline is based on the analysis of the achieved KPIs.

The timeline will be updated regularly during project meetings and will depend on the development of project outputs and emerging dissemination opportunities (see Table 23).

Table 23 – A Preliminary Timeline for Communication and Dissemination Activities M19-M36 (26 June 2026)

KPI	Current status (M1–M18)	Target	Planned activity	Frequency
Website visits and analytics metrics	8,870 visits	>10,000 visits	Strengthened website-driven communication (Blog & News, social media redirection, internal linking)	Continuous
Unique visits	3,953	Increase	Same as above	Continuous
Website Blogs and News	65 posts	100 posts	Continuous publication of outputs, events, workshops and results	Monthly
Number of followers on social media	LinkedIn: 377; Instagram: 57; Facebook: 20; X: 11; YouTube: 5	X >700; LinkedIn >300; Instagram >200; Facebook >700	Campaign-based posting, partner amplification, tagging EC & stakeholders	Weekly/biweekly
Newsletters issued	3 newsletters	6 newsletters	Remaining newsletters (every 6 months)	Biannual
Newsletter subscribers	67 subscribers	100 subscribers	Promotion via website, social media and events	Continuous

Contributions to established online newsletters	1 contribution	24 contributions	Contributions to ECSA, OeAD, CSZ, IIASA and partner newsletters	Every 2-3 months
Media quotes in traditional means, online papers, magazines, TV and radio	8 outputs	50 outputs	Publications in general/professional and community media	Monthly
Number of scientific publications	4 publications	4 publications	Submission and dissemination of additional paper(s)	Upon readiness
Number of scientific conferences	7 conferences	12 conferences	Participation in international conferences	Ongoing
Number of workshops	18 workshops	16 workshops	Continued co-design and engagement activities	Ongoing
Number of events with SHs	1 event	16 events	Increased stakeholder-focused activities	Ongoing
Number of open consultations with policymakers	0	4 consultations	Organisation of policy-oriented consultations	Every 3-4 months
Zenodo catalogues	1 catalogue	2 catalogues	Upload of structured outputs	Upon outputs
Open catalogues on Zenodo	1	2 catalogues	Upload of structured outputs	Upon outputs

The actions presented in Table 23 are planned in the RP2. The activities will prioritise directly supporting the remaining targets:

- Using different media channels, including traditional media.
- Media visibility, newsletter contributions.
- Synergies with EU-funded projects.
- EC communication channels such as the Open Research Europe platform, Horizon dashboard, Horizon results platform, The Horizon Results Platform TV, and [Horizon results booster](#).
- The national-level channels, such as horizonteeuropa.es and <https://www.horizonteeuropa.es/casos-de-exito/espana-lidera-la-creacion-de-la-nueva-infraestructura-de-investigacion-europea-para>.
- Stakeholder engagement.
- Open consultations and policy events with policymakers.

Partners will be asked to further intensify their contribution by:

- Actively using institutional channels for dissemination.
- Contributing to media and professional publications.
- Supporting synergies with other projects and stakeholder engagement activities.

7.2. Governance Structure of Dissemination, Exploitation and Communication of RIECS-Concept

This section describes how the dissemination and communication process was planned, executed, and monitored throughout the reporting period.

The governance structure for the dissemination, exploitation, and communication of RIECS-Concept builds on the approach established during the first reporting period, ensuring coordinated, efficient, and strategic implementation across the consortium. This enhanced governance approach

ensures that activities are not only implemented but strategically aligned with the project's objectives and intended impact.

How we organise the work.

Dynamic communication and dissemination require continuous planning, evaluation, and adjustment. VT, as leader of WP6 (M1-M18) and WP7 (M1-M36), coordinates, manages, and implements the activities needed to achieve the dissemination and communication aims and KPIs, while also supporting partners with the initiatives they organise themselves.

This decentralised model combines two strengths: standardised procedures and templates on the one hand, and decentralised, partner-led organisation of activities on the other. At the start of the project, VT prepared templates and accompanying guidelines for their use. The templates comply with the requirements set out in the brand book while allowing for individualisation based on partner needs and the specifics of each initiative. They cover formal and informal communication, in both digital and printed formats.

Planning and the "before-during-after" model.

Communication activities follow a structured before-during-after model, organised around four moments:

- **Pre-event communication** – promotion and awareness-raising ahead of the activity.
- **Communication during the event** – engagement and visibility.
- **Post-event communication** – results and impact.
- **Communication about content** – reports, deliverables, and publications.

Responsibilities are distributed across this cycle. Before the event, the organising partner provides the event description, including its aim, target audience, and programme, on which VT prepares the content. During the event, communication is planned and delivered by the organising partner. After the event, partners supply activity-specific material such as quotes, photographs, and other essential information. This workflow directly supports the KPIs relating to the number of events and workshops, stakeholder engagement, and media and communication outputs.

The dissemination and communication plan is developed four to six months in advance, ensuring a steady flow of information about project activities, progress, and achievements, while leaving room for short-notice actions when an immediate need arises. Plans and progress are presented and discussed at the monthly meetings, which also give partners a space to share ideas and activities from their own work packages and to receive timely support from the VT team.

Roles and responsibilities.

VT (Lead): VT leads the implementation of the Communication and Dissemination Plan, coordinating with all consortium partners to ensure alignment with the project's strategic goals. It integrates inputs from across the consortium and ensures that all communication efforts are cohesive and effectively managed.



Communication partners: The communication focal points in each partner organisation collaborate to plan and execute activities, collect input, update plans, and provide data for monitoring and reporting.

Work Package and Task Leaders: WP and Task Leaders provide input on communication needs and ensure alignment between dissemination activities and project outputs. Each major output (deliverable, workshop, or publication) is systematically linked to a communication and dissemination action, so that all outputs are effectively promoted and contribute to KPI achievement.

Project Coordinator: The Project Coordinator oversees the strategic direction of communication and dissemination, ensures alignment with project objectives, and maintains contact with the Project Officer. All consortium partners remain actively involved in communication and dissemination activities.

Planning, tracking, and KPI monitoring.

The VT team organises the continuous collection of data (events, social media posts, and other outputs) and monitors achievements against the KPIs, initiating follow-up activities where needed.

Data and resource management. All communication materials are stored centrally in shared remote folders for easy access by all partners. This repository is updated regularly to keep the most current and relevant materials available as partners need them.

Recording and tracking. Detailed records of all communication activities are maintained online in shared folders and files. For each activity, this documentation captures the context, URLs, and performance metrics, and is updated monthly to reflect new data and insights from ongoing and completed activities. Continuous tracking covers website analytics, social media performance, the number and type of dissemination and communication outputs, stakeholder engagement indicators, and other KPIs. This KPI-driven approach ensures that all activities are systematically linked to project objectives, enabling continuous monitoring.

Risks and mitigation.

Minor risks could affect the achievement of the dissemination and communication objectives. These are monitored on an ongoing basis, and mitigation measures are built into the governance approach described above.

Uneven load of activities and necessary support. There are some periods in the RP2 when more intensive activities are planned, and more intensive dissemination and communication channels and support are needed. Two measures are in place to mitigate the risk: 4-6 months of planning and standardised templates, ensuring partners are as flexible as possible in dissemination and communication.

Dependence on third-party events. Several planned events rely solely on external efforts. Having alternatives to achieve the KPIs reduces the impact of the risk if it occurs. The examples can include a mix of project-led and externally hosted activities, which gives the flexibility to launch short-notice actions and reduces reliance on any single channel or event.



Looking ahead: achieving the KPIs in the second phase.

The second phase introduces a more targeted and adaptive approach, informed by the results achieved and the gaps identified against the project KPIs. Particular attention will be given to strengthening stakeholder engagement, media outreach, synergies with other EU-funded projects, and the use of European Commission communication channels. The workflow described above will be further refined to better align with KPI achievement, increase the efficiency of dissemination activities, and improve responsiveness to emerging opportunities.

PRE-APPROVAL



Conclusions

This Interim Report on Communication, Dissemination and Exploitation (D6.3) documents the communication, dissemination and exploitation activities carried out by the RIECS-Concept consortium during the first 18 months of the project (M1-M18), from January 2025 to June 2026. Implemented under WP6 and coordinated by Vilnius Gediminas Technical University, these activities followed the strategic framework set out in D6.1 and consistently applied the project visual identity, inclusive communication principles, Open Science commitments and FAIR data practices.

Over the reporting period, RIECS-Concept established a solid foundation across all communication and dissemination channels. The project deployed a complete visual identity and dissemination toolkit, launched and maintained an actively updated website that recorded 8,564 visits and 65 blog and news posts, and built a presence across seven social media platforms, with LinkedIn emerging as the strongest channel (371 followers and over 35,000 views). Two newsletters were published at key project milestones, and the 13 partners amplified reach through their own institutional websites, mailings and social media networks.

Dissemination activities were equally substantial. The consortium took part in or organised a wide range of in-person and online events — including workshops, co-creation activities, scientific conferences, large-scale third-party events and policy-making fora — engaging well over 6,000 participants across Europe and beyond. Particularly notable achievements include four peer-reviewed open-access scientific publications, participation in seven international scientific conferences, the publication of a position paper, contributions to high-level policy events such as the Brussels Cluster Event and UNEA-7, and the deposit of project outputs in Zenodo. Synergies were initiated with sister and other EU-funded projects, laying the groundwork for deeper collaboration.

Assessed against the Key Performance Indicators defined in the Grant Agreement, the project is on track or already exceeding targets in several areas — notably the number of in-person events, workshops with communities, scientific publications and event attendees. At the same time, the analysis identifies several indicators that require intensified effort during M19-M36, including overall website visits, social media followers on specific platforms, newsletter subscribers, contributions to external newsletters, media quotes, collaborations with sister projects, stakeholder-focused events, and open consultations with policymakers. These gaps have been translated into a preliminary, KPI-driven timeline for the RP2 (Table 23).

Exploitation has progressed from initial groundwork towards a structured strategy. While the detailed exploitation and sustainability planning will be developed with all partners during RP2, the activities already undertaken – open licensing of outputs, engagement with EOSC, ESFRI and relevant research infrastructures – directly support the long-term uptake and durability of project results beyond the funding period.

Looking ahead, the second phase of the project will adopt a more targeted and adaptive approach, informed by the results achieved and the gaps identified. Priority will be given to strengthening stakeholder engagement, expanding media outreach, deepening synergies with EU-funded initiatives, leveraging European Commission dissemination channels, and organising policy-



oriented consultations. Supported by a decentralised governance model that combines standardised procedures with partner-led implementation, four-to-six-month planning, and continuous KPI monitoring, RIECS-Concept is well positioned to meet its remaining communication, dissemination and exploitation objectives and to maximise the project's scientific, societal and policy impact by its conclusion in December 2027.

PRE-APPROVAL

