



LEGITIMULT

WP 8 – Dissemination and Communication

Lead beneficiary: UNIFR

Participants: Eurac; UiB; ULEI; UAnt; UNED; FUBe; FPZG; IDEA; ForFed; TalTech

Start month: M1; **End month:** M36

Goal: Easy, open and trusted access to the data and outputs of LEGITIMULT for project partners, stakeholders and wider audience.

Dissemination is part of all phases of the project, from the project activities, to the pre-launch to the communication of the final results. WP 8 provides a platform widely available and easily accessible to the public, in which data and research outputs are preserved and presented. WP 8 aims to develop a dissemination strategy that brings together new and existing networks of communication and provides an overview of project partners' published outputs. WP 8 develops a website that showcases the research activities, datasets and outputs of all project partners.

Objectives

Objective 1: Put in place and manage the instruments and processes guaranteeing easy, open and trusted access of data and outputs for all interested parties (project partners, stakeholders and wider audience) while anchoring the project thoroughly in Europe's Open Science Policy

Objective 2: Facilitate strong engagement with the practitioners' community in public authorities as well as in academia and with ordinary citizens

Description of work and methodology

The WP is centred around four major clusters of instruments and measures covering the various phases, methods and products of the project. The respective efforts started pre-launch, are deployed throughout the project's research phases, and lead to a sustainable platform giving access and preserving data and research outputs after completion.

A key objective for the dissemination, maximisation of impact and communication strategy is to bring together existing channels of dissemination and communication, as well as to build on existing networks and impactful activities. Hence, we develop a comprehensive dissemination strategy as part of consortium consultations until M3 at the beginning of the project.

The three clusters of the project's dissemination and impact-maximisation efforts are (1) outreach and network-communication with institutional partners functioning as "multipliers"; (2) print and online



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publishing activities of the consortium partners as well as all scientific and para-scientific communication; and (3) the project's durable web-platform as showcase and database for research activities, results and outputs, in addition to trusted repositories for publications and data.

- (1) The consortium builds on existing contacts and establishes durable communication channels with external partners interested in the research questions and results, specifically targeting partners which link scientific research with practice. The multipliers include subnational, national, and international actors and transnational institutions and organisations with a particular focus on subnational entities, among them the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, the EU's European Committee of the Regions, the Network of Associations of Local Authorities of South-East Europe, the Council of European Municipalities and Regions, Eurocities, the EU Neighbours programme, and the EU's Interreg cooperation-programme, but also of specialised committees of WHO and of the WHO Regional Office for Europe.

WP 8 builds on existing links to these forums in several countries through the networks of the consortium members and invites representatives of these institutions to our mid-term conference (M19) and to the final event in Brussels (M36). Several of these institutions have been working closely with consortium members and confirmed their interest in the research project as well as their willingness to be actively involved in it.

We engage with a variety of academic fora in which consortium members are active. We use our membership in these organisations to influence the agenda-setting and ensure that research findings of LEGITIMULT are discussed at their annual conferences, their *ad hoc* workshops and within the wider research activities of these research associations. These include, for example, the International Association of Centers for Federal Studies (IACFS), the International Political Science Association's Research Committee on Comparative Federalism and Multilevel Governance, the International Association of Constitutional Law, ICONS International Society of Public Law, and the European Consortium on Political Science's Standing Group on Federalism and Regionalism.

- (2) The second pillar of dissemination-efforts are the print and online publishing activities as well as all other forms of scientific and science-based forms of communication and exchange undertaken by the consortium and the consortium partners. They include the publication of findings as well as outputs published as a result of stakeholder engagement, particularly in relation to the different tools of applying the toolkit on legitimate crisis governance (see WP 7), as well as through academic publications after the mid-term practitioner engagement in M19 and after the final conference at the end of the project. We distinguish between three categories of publication activities: First, academic publications – WPs 2-6 publish a literature review on their activities after M3, a methodological working paper after M6 and a peer reviewed journal article in the second half of the project. WPs 1-6 also contribute an edited chapter for the final open access edited volume of the project. Second, a series of working papers, policy recommendations, short fact sheets and input papers is published, as well as the final toolkit on legitimate crisis governance (M36) for a wider practitioner audience, particularly decision-makers from different levels of government, from local to global. Finally, through social and traditional media engagements, as well as through



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an easily accessible and regularly updated website, we also inform the wider public about the project and its findings. We engage with citizens through different citizen juries (see WP 7) and ensure that any findings are also used for a wider societal impact beyond decision-makers and research practitioners.

- (3) The consortium implements an online platform serving a twofold purpose: a) to become the project's showcase, where all aspects of the research are openly presented, freely accessible and consultable in maximum transparency; b) to function as the project's repository of the accumulating data material: research plans, sources, working-papers, intermediate reports, scientific and other output. To comply with the repository requirements of the EU and the FAIR principles, we will also deposit all academic findings (papers, data) in the OLOS repository, of which UNIFR is a founding member.

The project's web-presence is oriented from the start to attain easy and intuitive transmission of research results, with the description of the project and of its WPs constituting the basic scaffold. To foster exchange with the general public, but also with directly concerned partners and with the scientific community, the platform guarantees an intuitive channelling/funnelling function leading systematically to each responsible institution, team or researcher.

Deliverables of WP 8

D8.1 LEGITIMULT Website developed and live, regularly updated until M36 and beyond

D8.2 Comprehensive Dissemination Strategy developed by consortium

D8.3 Academic mid-term report: initial findings

D8.4 Mid-Term conference

D8.5 Submission of updated dissemination strategy

D8.6 Academic final report: results and policy recommendations

D8.7 Final conference

D8.8 Submission of final report on dissemination strategy

D8.9 Review of chapters submitted for edited volume on project summarising main findings of the WPs



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