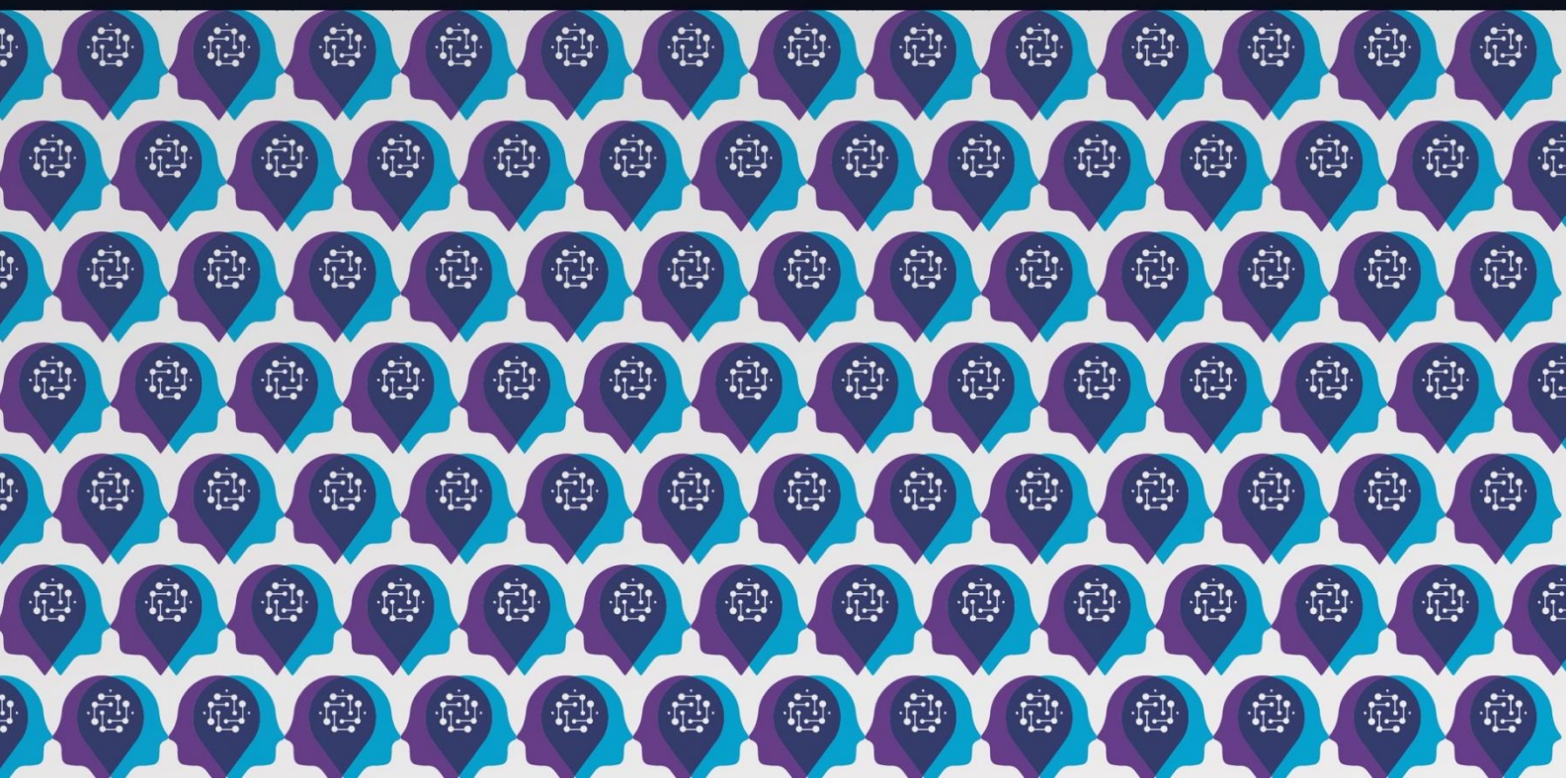




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ABBREVIATIONS

AF	Application form
AI	Artificial Intelligence
CA	Consortium Agreement
CWG	Communication Working Group
EC	Ethics Committee
DMP	Data Management Plan
DoA	Description of Action
DX.X	Deliverable X.X
GA	General Assembly
IT	Information Technology
IMT	Innovation Management Team
IPR	Intellectual Property Rights
MX.X	Milestone X.X
MST	Management Support Team
PC	Project Coordinator
PH	Project Handbook
PM	Project Manager
QAP	Quality Assessment Plan
SC	Steering Committee
TX.X	Task X.X
WG	Working group
WP	Work Package
WPL	Work Package Leader

Additional definitions:

“Project Coordinator” shall mean the person in the Project assigned by the Project Leader, who shall be responsible for the monitoring of the progress in the Project implementation, submission of relevant reports and other documentation to the Funding Authority, as well as execution of decisions taken by the collegial bodies.

“Partner coordinator” shall mean the person in the Project assigned by the Partner, who shall be responsible for ensuring the qualitative and timely implementation of all Project performance activities and the use of the allocated financial contribution in the relevant Partner in accordance with the GA, CA, and other regulatory enactments.

“Project administrative manager” shall mean the person in the Project assigned by the Project Leader, who shall be responsible for performing administrative, organizational, coordination and technical functions supporting qualitative implementation of the Project in a set time.

“Partner administrative coordinator” shall mean the person in the Project assigned by the Partner, who shall be responsible for performing administrative, organizational, coordination and technical functions within the relevant Partner supporting qualitative implementation of the Project in a set time.

“Project financial manager” shall mean the person in the Project assigned by the Project Leader, who shall monitor the fulfilment of the financial settings of the Project in accordance with the GA, CA and other regulatory enactments.

“Partner financial coordinator” shall mean the person in the Project assigned by the Partner, who shall be responsible for the fulfilment of the financial settings of the Project and the use of the allocated financial contribution within the relevant Partner in accordance with the GA, CA, and other regulatory enactments.

“WP leader” shall mean the person assigned by the WP Leading Participant, who shall manage the relevant WP to ensure its qualitative and timely implementation, performance of the tasks, and achievement of the corresponding outputs.

“WP partner coordinator” shall mean the person assigned by the corresponding WP Leading Participant, who shall assist the relevant WPL in relation to the implementation of the relevant WP.

“Leading communication coordinator” shall mean the person in the Project assigned by the Partner, who shall be responsible for ensuring the qualitative and timely implementation of all Project communication and dissemination activities in accordance with the AF, relevant work packages and other documents.

“Partner communication coordinator” shall mean the person in the Project assigned by the Partner, who shall be responsible for performing Project communication and dissemination activities and technical functions within the relevant Partner supporting qualitative implementation of the Project in a set time.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The objective of the present report is to provide all AI4Debunk partners with an updated Handbook providing common understanding, updated working methods and procedures according to the experience gained in the project implementation so far to achieve and fulfil all the contractual obligations that the consortium has acquired with the European Commission. This document aims to guide all beneficiaries in the project management procedures to reduce project overhead and increase efficiency, while providing a common working framework for the daily operation of the project. It is an integral component of the internal project organization and governance structure set up according to the GA and CA and the project AF. This document is a very important document that was born with the purpose of being a tool for frequent consultation.

This document defines and updates internal communication guidelines and introduces collaborative workspaces and tools. It also describes the templates and naming rules for generating documents and the development environment. Then, it describes how the delivery process will work to guarantee the required quality of the deliverables. Afterwards, it provides useful information regarding the project reporting process.

This Project Handbook is approved by the AI4Debunk General Assembly on its meeting on 04. 09. 2025.

1 INTRODUCTION

The main purpose of this document is to complement and update the information already available in other project relevant documents such as the Description of Action - Annex 1 (DoA) of the AF, Grant Agreement, and the Consortium Agreement (CA). Thus, duplication of information already contained in such documents will be avoided as much as possible. The latest versions of these reference documents (DoA, Grant Agreement and CA) will be stored in the Project Document Repository under the folder “Contractual Information”.

Section 2 provides an overview of the organization of the project as well as the structure and resolution of conflict. Section 3 describes and updates the internal communication means, while Section 4 focuses on external communication, dissemination, and exploitation requirements. Section 5 focuses on the templates and main rules to be followed in project reporting with respect to deliverables and milestones, while Section 6 updates details of project reporting. Section 7 presents the QA review procedure which will be followed in the project for official deliverables. Section 8 ends with conclusions. Appendix B includes the [AI4Debunk Work Plan](#) for the project.

2 OVERVIEW OF PROJECT STRUCTURES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The project structure is already described in the DoA, GA and CA. However, a description of the main bodies of the project is described next for the convenience of the consortium. Figure 1 reflects how the project structure is foreseen.

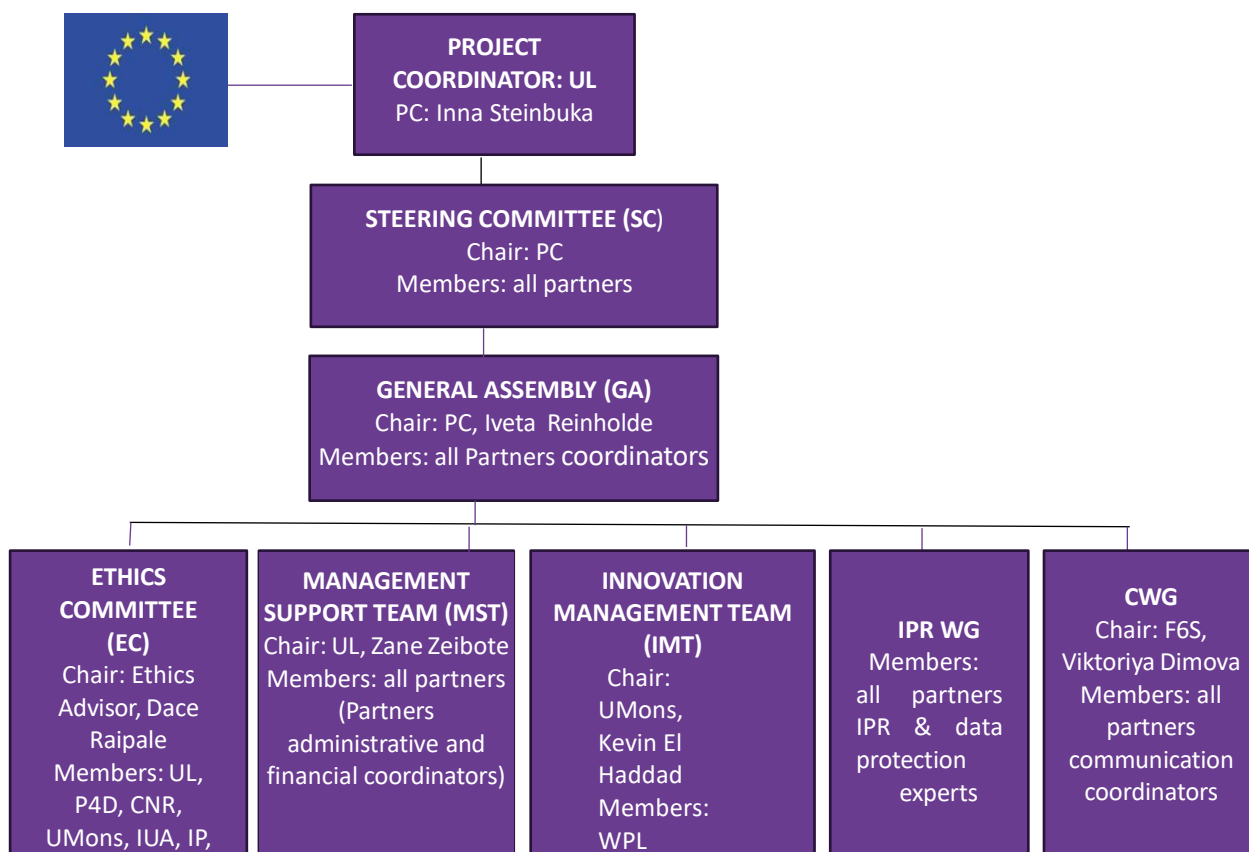


FIGURE 1 : OVERVIEW OF PROJECT STRUCTURE

Table 1 below describes different teams, WP and committees, people participating in each structure, responsibilities of each body and recommended frequency of meetings that can of course be changed when the project requires it.

NAME OF STRUCTURE	MEMBERS	RESPONSIBILITIES	MEETING FREQUENCY
STEERING COMMITTEE	ALL PARTNERS	STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION, MONITORING, ENSURING CROSS ACTIVITY INTEGRATION, CONTROLLING THE PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS CORRESPONDING TO ITS OBJECTIVES.	ONCE IN YEAR (ONLINE AND/OR ONSITE)
GENERAL ASSEMBLY	ALL PARTNERS	MAKING PROPOSALS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE ON THE GLOBAL STEERING, MONITORING AND MANAGING THE EXECUTION OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE DECISIONS, COORDINATION OF ALL PROJECT ASPECTS (LEGAL, ADMINISTRATIVE, TECHNICAL), APPROVING ALL DELIVERABLES AND MILESTONES REPORTS.	ONCE IN THREE MONTHS (ONLINE AND/OR ONSITE)
ETHICS COMMITTEE	UL, P4D, CNR-IRPPS, UMONS, IUA, IP, F6S	FOLLOWING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPROVED ETHICS GUIDELINES; ADVISING PARTNERS ON ETHICAL ISSUES AND ALSO PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA; UNDERTAKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR PREPARING ARELATED DELIVERABLES – ANNUAL REORTS; ENSURING INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT ON ETHICS ISSUES IF NECESSARY.	TWICE IN 2024, ONCE PER YEAR IN 2025, 2026, 2027 (ONLINE AND/OR ONSITE)
MANAGEMENT SUPPORT TEAM	ALL PARTNERS	MAKING PROPOSALS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, PREPARING ALL MATERIALS AND INFORMATION FOR GA AND SC MEETINGS; MONITORING AND MANAGING THE EXECUTION OF THE GA DECISIONS; ENSURING MONITORING AND PLANNING OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL ISSUES OF THE PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION; CONTROLLING TIMELY EXECUTION OF DELIVERABLES, QUALITY ASSESSMENT PROCESS AND REPORTING.	ONCE EVERY MONTH AND ALWAYS BEFORE OR DURING GA MEETINGS (ONLINE AND/OR ONSITE)

NAME OF STRUCTURE	MEMBERS	RESPONSIBILITIES	MEETING FREQUENCY
INNOVATION MANAGEMENT TEAM	WP4-14 – UL, MICC/UNIFI, CNR-IRPPS, UMONS, BSC, HU, IP, DOTSOFT, P4D	REPORTING THE STATUS OF THE WORK IN SOCIAL (TEAM1: WP4, 5, 12, 13, 14) TECHNICAL (TEAM2: WP6,7,8,9,10,11) TEAMS; MONTHLY FOLLOW-UP OF THE PROGRESS; HARMONIZING AND SYNCHRONIZING THE WORK AS WHOLE, SEEKING SYNERGIES BETWEEN TEAM1 AND TEAM2; DETECTING BOTTLENECKS, INCONSISTENCES OR MISUNDERSTANDINGS AMONG THE WPS, REPORTING TO GA, PLANNING IMT WORK.	ONCE IN THREE OR FOUR MONTHS (ONLINE AND/OR ONSITE); SEPARATE TEAM1 AND TEAM2 AD HOC MEETINGS
IPR WG	ALL PARTNERS	ENSURING THE DATA MANAGEMENT ACCORDING TO FAIR PRINCIPLES AND PROJECT DMP IN COMPLIANCE WITH NATIONAL AND EU LEGISLATION; ADVISING AND ASSISTING PARTNERS ON IPR AND DATA MANAGEMENT ISSUES.	AD HOC (ONSITE)
COMMUNICATION WG	ALL PARTNERS	REPORTING THE STATUS OF THE WORK IN THE OUTREACH WP'S; MONTHLY FOLLOW- UP OF THE PROGRESS; COORDINATING THE EFFORT IN COMMUNICATION, DISSEMINATION AND EXPLOITATION ACTIVITIES AMONG ALL PARTNERS; DETECTING BOTTLENECKS, INCONSISTENCES OR MISUNDERSTANDINGS AMONG THE WPS IN ALL ASPECTS RELATED TO COMMUNICATION, DISSEMINATION; REPORTING TO GA; PLANNING CWG WORK.	ONCE A MONTH, ONLINE

TABLE 1: DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT STRUCTURES

In addition to the description in Table 1, implementation activities are also taking place within and between the WPs planned and managed by WPL according to logic shown in the PERT chart in the DoA and reflected in Figure 2.

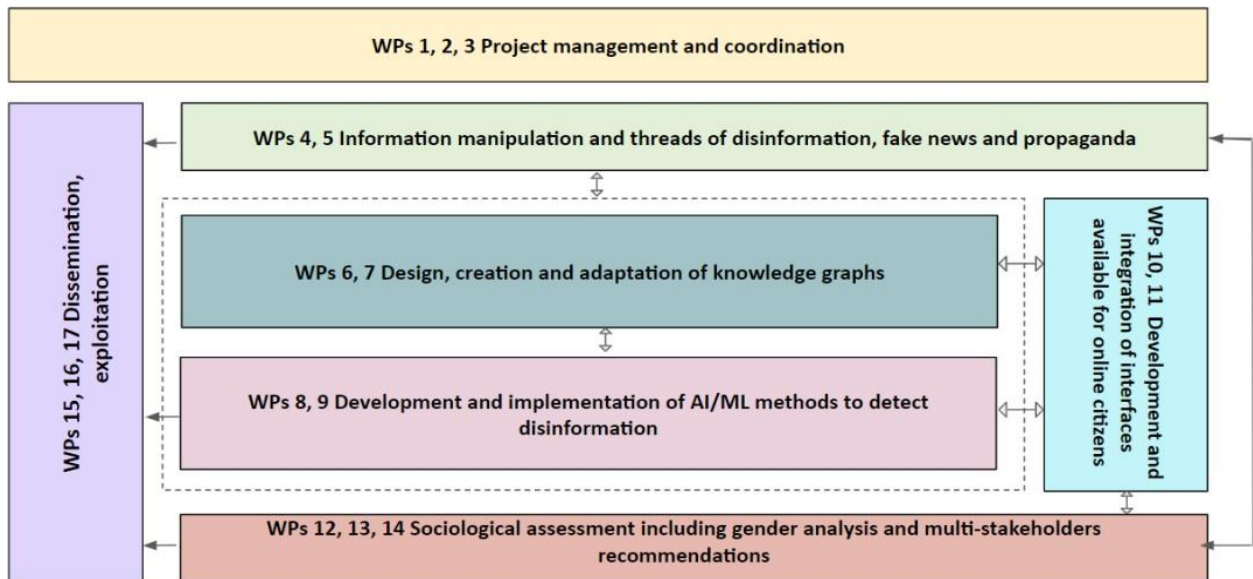


FIGURE 2: PERT CHART OF THE PROJECT

2.1 CONFLICT RESOLUTION

The existence of conflicts is one of the potential risks which requires an appropriate conflict resolution procedure to be defined.

The conflict resolution procedure is foreseen for different levels of severity of a potential conflict where different instances of the project will have to play a role following an incremental path. Initially, when an issue arises at WP level, it is the WPL who is responsible for dealing with it. If the issue is not resolved within the WP, the WPL shall communicate it to the PC who will call for an extraordinary GA meeting if the PC is not involved in the conflict. If the PC is involved in the issue, then an extraordinary Steering Committee will be organized. The project Ethics Advisor shall assist the conflict resolution on GA and/or SC levels.

The Project Coordinator must always be aware of all the issues raised at any level as well as their resolution progress.

3 INTERNAL COMMUNICATION

This section describes internal communication mechanisms and tools for effective and fruitful communication among the project partners.

Names and contact information of all responsible persons of Project participants are reflected in the Partner information placed in the [Project Document Repository](#) on Microsoft Teams SharePoint.

All partners are responsible for providing regular updates in the Partner information table to ensure a smooth and efficient internal communication process.

3.1 E-MAIL

E-mail will be the primary means of communication within the project. Longer discussions or further information are encouraged to be complemented and carried out online (MS Teams, Zoom).

For avoiding an excess of emails and to foster a rational use of the communication means, several rules are encouraged to be followed:

- Send information **only** to the parties involved. Avoid systematically putting everyone in copy if not required otherwise;
- Use the distribution lists to contact people working on a particular topic or that are part of a particular team, working group, or committee. Apart from the AI4Debunk general mailing list, there shall be dedicated mailing lists for each WP to ensure a more efficient communication process within and between WPs;
- Use a relevant and explicit subject. By default, all mailing lists should start with [AI4Debunk ...]. After that, clearly indicate the main topic(s) related to the content of the message, such as “meeting minutes xx.xx.20xx” or “first round of contributions to Dx.x”. Also, change the subject title of the message if the topic of the email is changed;
- Preferably, when attachments concerning several partners are being sent, upload the document or deliverable to MS Teams SharePoint and include in the e-mail message a corresponding link to access this file.

3.2 PROJECT DOCUMENT REPOSITORY

The PC has set up AI4Debunk Project Document Repository on the UL MS Teams SharePoint where all the project- related documents will be collected and stored. All AI4Debunk partners’ representatives are added to this repository. If a new person from partners’ organization wishes to receive an access to the repository or if there are any problems for partners with accessing documents or repository, they should contact Dāvis Vītols (davis.vitols@lu.lv), who will help to find a solution.

The link to the repository is here: [AI4Debunk MS Teams Group](#)

Figure 3 below shows a screenshot of the landing page of the repository with documents library. Please note that while in this screenshot the language shown is Latvian, it adapts automatically to the default language established in the user's computer.

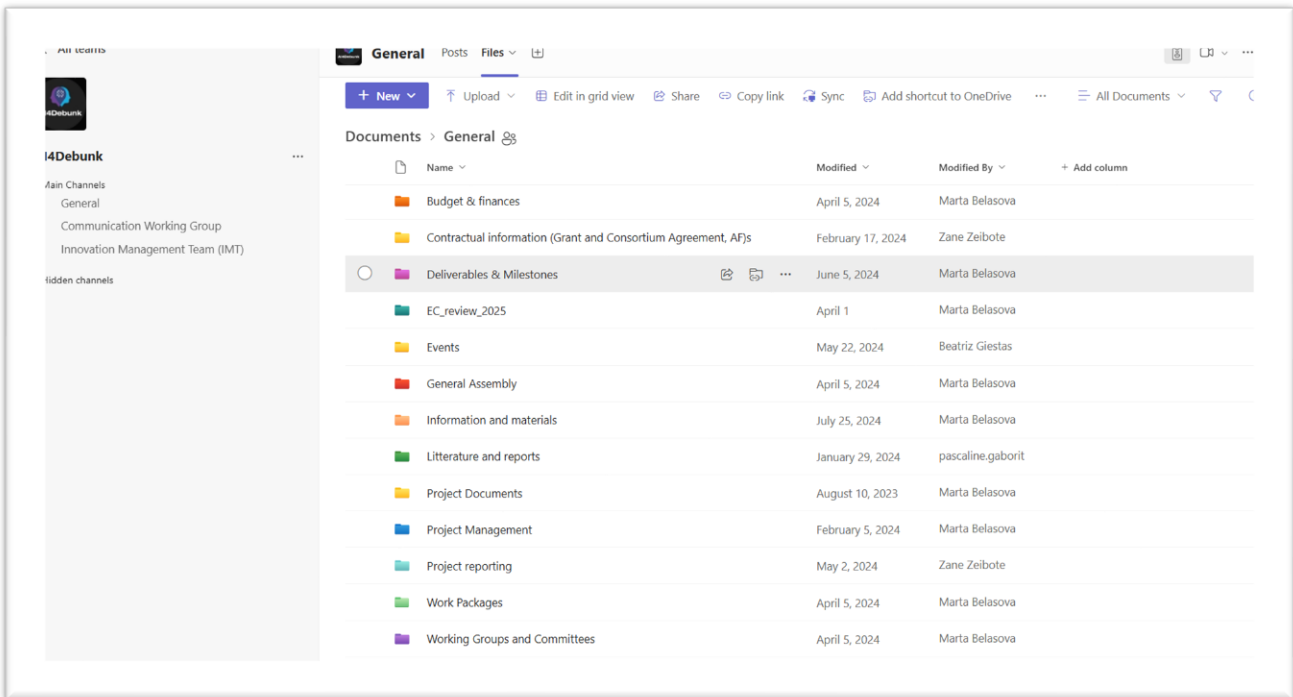


FIGURE 3: PROJECT DOCUMENT REPOSITORY SITE

Document folders in the repository are created according to the needs of the project implementation. The main folders, where working documents must be stored and accessible for all partners are all documents related to contractual information, deliverables prepared and submitted to the EC, documents related to meetings of all project teams, WG and committees, reporting documents and templates required for producing documents and presentations in the project.

All WPs are invited to create their own folders in the Project Document Repository for their daily work and exchange with working documents.

3.3 ONLINE AND ONSITE MEETINGS

During the project implementation, most of the meetings of different project structures are planned online, while at least 2 GA meetings per year should be planned onsite. The frequency and mode of organizing meetings for different project structures is described in Table 1.

3.3.1 ONLINE MEETINGS

All online project meetings should be organized in MS Teams environment if possible. The PC is hosting the MS Teams platform for AI4Debunk project where all project partners are added. However, partners should have their own MS Teams accounts for organizing their AI4Debunk-related meetings. This is recommended to record all meetings and store the recordings in respective folders of the AI4Debunk Project Document Repository, as well as short minutes which should be prepared after each meeting.

3.3.2 ONSITE MEETINGS

The project should organize at least 2 onsite (face to face) GA meetings every year throughout the project. In most cases, dedicated MST, IMT, EthC, SC, CWG meetings will be organized parallel to the GA to make more effective use of travel resources. However, this does not exclude the possibility for leaders of project working groups, teams, committees, and WP to organize their own dedicated meetings to deal with specific project related issues. Particularly encouraged will be joint meetings of the IMT Team 1 (Fake news & disinformation & manipulation): WP4, 5, 12, 13, 14 and Team 2 (AI & debunking): WP6,7,8,9,10,11 to discuss the relationship of social science research results and their relevance for developing AI technologies foreseen in the project.

The GA meetings, as stated in the DoA, will be every three months. The dates and location for the next GA will be agreed, if possible, in the previous GA meeting. Should an agreement not be reached, a Doodle poll or similar survey will be issued to agree on a convenient date for every person required to attend the meeting.

During the project implementation, the project members will be asked to host general meetings. Main tasks involved in hosting a meeting are:

- Provide precise details about how to reach the meeting place and recommended accommodation places;
- Provide meeting rooms for completing working sessions planned on the agenda, including parallel sessions if necessary;
- Provide audio-visual equipment necessary for the presentations (screen, beamer);
- Provide water during the meeting;
- Provide coffee and lunch, and one working dinner during the two-day event;
- Provide an Internet connection.

The meeting agenda will always be provided by the Chair of the respective project structure in advance. In cases of GA and SC meetings the agenda must be provided 14 days in advance.

The overall project meetings of the GA, SC, MST are chaired by the PC. However, other specific meetings of different project structures, as well as specific sessions, will be moderated by respective responsible partners or by other managers in the project (e.g. administrative coordinator, financial manager, etc.).

The respective templates for agendas and minutes can be taken from AI4Debunk Project Document Repository. Project presentations must be designed on the template provided in the repository.

3.3.3 MINUTES OF MEETING

All meetings (both onsite and online) must provide an agenda (in the case of GA and SC the agenda shall be provided at least 14 days ahead), contact or venue details and who is required to attend. The formal minutes of the meeting will be provided also by the Chair of the respective project structure no later than 14 working days after the meeting. In the case of the GA meeting the formal minutes of the meeting are provided by the Chairperson according to the procedure agreed in the CA. Also, in case of all online or onsite meetings of other project structures, short formal minutes are required according to the existing template. All meeting minutes shall be stored in the Project Document Repository.

3.4 CALENDAR

AI4Debunk will use Shared Calendar on Google Groups platform as a project calendar. On this calendar, events (e.g. project presentations), meetings, and deliverables will be recorded by partners. All partners but especially Chairs of teams, working groups, committees and WPL are encouraged to follow the calendar to ensure better planning and avoid overlapping. The project calendar is useful for partners to be able to check the dates already booked and, thus, facilitate the attendance of most partners involved.

The link to the AI4Debunk Calendar is here: [AI4Debunk Calendar](#)

4 EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION, DISSEMINATION AND EXPLOITATION

Communication, dissemination, and exploitation activities are targeted for promoting project results and generating knowledge to general and specific audiences, as well as to engage citizens and potential users of the project’s results. These communication activities are performed during the project lifetime by all partners involved in the project taking into consideration ethics, confidentiality, IPR and data protection aspects.

An external communication and dissemination strategy to spread the results of the project through online (social media, website, newsletter, publications) and offline (brochures, conferences, events, workshops) channels, ensuring a high degree of awareness of the project’s findings, recommendations and best practices within the AI and ML sectors as well as for relevant policymakers at the European and national level, will be set in motion in order to reach the right audience and communicate the proper project’s key messages for each target group. This strategy will be established within the deliverables of WPs 15, 16 and 17, firstly in the D15.1 Communication, Dissemination and Exploitation Activities, and supported by other relevant documents which will be provided from the beginning of the project, regularly updated, and reported in respective deliverables.

The global communication activities and strategy are reflected in the AI4Debunk as shown in Figure 4.

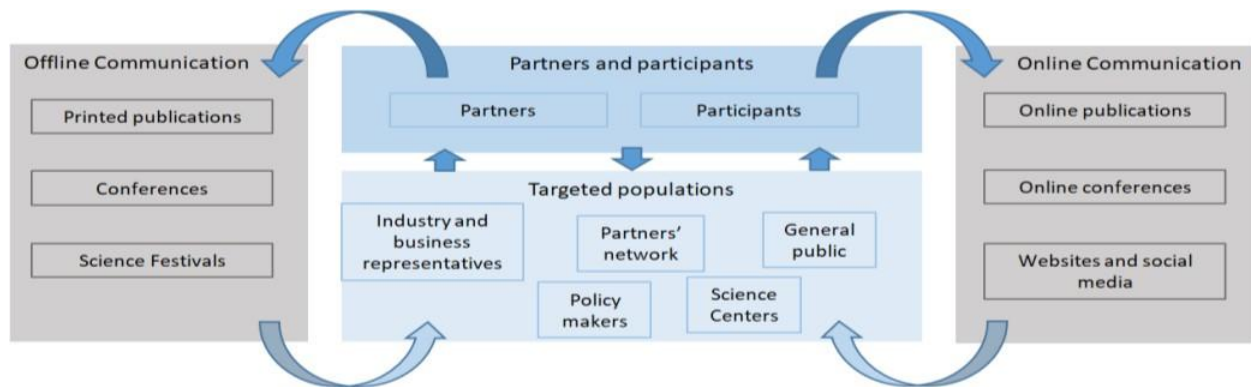


FIGURE 4: GLOBAL COMMUNICATION ACTIVITIES AND STRATEGY

The exploitation strategy will undergo development across three phases, corresponding to Work Packages 15, 16, and 17. An initial Exploitation strategy is outlined in WP15, followed by refinement and updates in WP16, and ultimately finalized in WP17. The Exploitation strategy follows the evolution of the scientific and technological domains providing analysis of collective and individual (partner) exploitation trajectories according to the facts and figures that will become available. The Exploitation strategy comprises different phases including product identification, market analysis, preparation of business planning, and strategic alliances. For all demo and use cases and exploitable results, a dedicated business plan will be developed based on the innovation roadmap of the end users. A feasibility analysis will be conducted to ensure smooth commercialization of the developed processes and new materials. This includes market and competition analysis, SWOT, and PESTLE analysis to define the external environment, financial analysis

(cost breakdown, further investment costs, and break-even point), proposition of marketing activities and seeking additional funding opportunities, in collaboration with the next task. Project partner F6S will undertake a regular review and assessment of the 'Freedom to Operate' (FTO) in the areas of exploitable output. F6S will provide guidance to the partners for their FTO and patentability search, but each partner will be responsible for the right management of its results. Exploitation entails collaboration and necessitates active participation from all partners. The final version of the exploitation plan will produce a reliable strategy for sustaining the partners' results beyond the end of the project.

As indicated in the Grant Agreement Documentation, any communication activity related to the action (including media relations, conferences, seminars, information material, such as brochures, leaflets, posters, presentations, etc., in electronic form, via traditional or social media, etc.), dissemination activities and any infrastructure, equipment, vehicles, supplies or major result funded by the grant must acknowledge the EU support and display the European flag (emblem) and funding statement (translated into local languages, where appropriate): Shorter version: *"This project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon Innovation Actions under the Grant Agreement No. 101135757"*.

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5 PROJECT DELIVERABLES

Main results of the project (deliverables and milestones) will be in the format of a document or software. In the case of software, it will be accompanied by a technical specification document. In addition to the official deliverables, other documents will be delivered internally as internal reporting documents.

Three types of AI4Debunk deliverables are planned:

- Report: all document deliverables reflecting the status of a particular Deliverable or Milestone and presented in the provided AI4Debunk reporting template.
- Software: data sets, interfaces, graphs, prototype, etc. which will be accompanied by a report explaining the main functionalities, technical design, downloading information, installation manual and licensing schema. The technical report will also have to follow the AI4Debunk reporting template provided.
- Other: this type of deliverable will reflect all outputs that are neither a document nor software, i.e. data management plan (DMP), brochure, book, website, flyer, posters, etc.

The AI4Debunk reporting templates for all deliverables and milestones are in the Project Document Repository.

6 PROJECT REPORTING

According to the “Lump Sum – Guidelines for Implementation” (European Commission, 2023) at the end of each reporting period, partners need to submit the Technical and Financial reports in the Periodic Reporting module of the online Grant Management System. The approach is the same as for actual costs grants except that in lump sum grants:

- The coordinator must complete the ‘status of work packages’ table in the Grant Management System and mark work packages as ‘completed’ or ‘not completed’.
- The Technical report should focus on the completion of work packages (in particular, when you declare a work package as completed, the report must explain and justify this)
- The Financial report is much simplified and largely automated.

The reporting process for lump sum grants is described in the “Lump Sum – Guidelines for Implementation” (European Commission, 2022) and in the Funding & Tenders Portal IT How To section on [Lump Sum Reporting](#).

Following the Program requirements stated in the AI4Debunk AF, the progress of the project must be periodically reported in several management reports. In addition to the reports prepared for the European Commission, WPL are responsible for preparing progress reports (Technical report) on activities in respective WPs at least every 6 months and submitting them to the PC on the 10th date of every sixth month if not agreed otherwise. WPL also reports on the implementation progress in the GA meetings.

Each partner of the consortium will report on the overall progress of the project activity and particular tasks and activities they have been working on every 6 months. The reports (Technical reports) due to M6, M18, M30 and M42 will be internal to the project, while the ones due M12, M24, M36 and M48 are contractual deliverables which will be submitted to the European Commission.

Project management and reports will detail the overall six-monthly progress of the project activity. It will include the overall status of the work done in the reported period, as well as the work done at work package level and a partner level, assessing the progress versus the plan. Deviations, risks, problems, and contingency actions will be also reported. Adjustments to the implementation of the project or relevant technical or scientific decisions will be also reflected in the reporting.

Table 2 below summarizes the expected reports on the project.

REPORT	CONTENT	RESPONSIBILITIES	DISTRIBUTION
PERIODIC REPORT (1 PER 12 MONTHS – M12, M24, M36, M48)	OVERVIEW OF PROJECT, ACTIVITY AND WP PROGRESS. INCLUDES ACTUAL COSTS AND EFFORT OF ALL PARTNERS	WPL, PC	EC
INTERNAL TECHNICAL (PROGRESS) REPORT (1 PER 6 MONTHS – M6, M12, M18, M24, M30, M36, M42, M48)	OVERVIEW OF PROJECT, WPS PROGRESS AND WORK PERFORMED BY EACH PARTNER AND WP. ESTIMATED COSTS AND EFFORT OF ALL PARTNERS. THIS REPORT IS INTERNAL TO THE CONSORTIUM AND ONLY FOR MONITORING AND CONTROLLING PURPOSES	WPL, PC	INTERNAL
INTERNAL FINANCIAL REPORT (M6, M12, M18, M24, M30, M36, M42, M48)	FINANCIAL STATEMENTS BY EACH PARTNER ARE DUE EVERY 6 MONTHS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE LEAD PARTNER ON 10 TH JULY AND 10 TH JANUARY	ALL PARTNERS	INTERNAL
ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT	FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT PREPARED AND SUBMITTED TO THE EC ACCORDING TO THE LUMP SUM PROJECT REPORTING PROCEDURE.	PC	EC

TABLE 2: OWERVIEW OF PROJECT REPORTING

Project’s internal Technical and Financial report templates are provided by the PC and stored in the corresponding folder in Project Document Repository.

The Word version of the Technical report will explicitly state the progress achieved by AI4Debunk and will be reviewed by all partners before submission to the EC. It will tackle the following issues: status of technical development, communication, dissemination, and exploitation activities, estimated resources (effort and cost) consumption and deviation, as well as any other information needed for reviewing purposes. The internal reporting results will be analyzed by the PC to assess deviations and take proper corrective measures.

Both Technical and Financial reports are part of the project’s Periodic reporting due to M12, M24, M36 and M48. These reports will be used by the European Commission to assess the progress of the project during a specific period (12 months) that can coincide with the review meetings (e.g. covering M12, M24, M36, and M48).

The Technical Report due in M12, M24, M36 and M48, as a part of the Periodic reporting, will report on the overall progress of yearly project activity. As stated before, this report will describe the overall status

of the work done in the reporting period, as well as at the WP level, assessing progress versus the plan. Deviations, risks, problems, and contingency actions will be also reported, as well as any responses to review recommendations from period reviews. Also, these reports will reflect scientific progress versus project objectives and indicators and the original state of the art. It will describe how the research work is carried out in the project and the methodology followed to synchronize the research and technical activities with other dimensions of the project (exploitation, standardization, collaboration, dissemination, etc.). In addition, adjustments in the project implementation or relevant technical or scientific decisions will also be reflected in these reports.

Furthermore, Periodic (annual) reports will also include administrative and financial reporting of the overall project in the corresponding period. The actual effort and costs of project partners must be declared in the Project Financial report.

At the end of every year of the project, each partner will provide the Financial Statement to the PC where all the costs referring to the period over the past year will be declared to claim the contribution from the European Commission. If necessary, this financial statement will be complemented with an audit certificate (when required) that will ensure that the costs declared by each participant are correct and documented.

The Project Periodic Report, including Technical and Financial reports, is a contractual report that will be submitted to the European Commission. This report will be used by the European Commission to assess the progress of the project during the formal yearly review.

In addition to the Technical and Financial reports, partners assess each of the WP once it is completed. This assessment is based on the Self-Assessment Plan corresponding to the division of WPs and tasks among project partners. Therefore, the Self-Assessment reporting is performed by the WPL and partners involved in respective WPs. It reflects the division of tasks between partners, achieved deliverables and milestones, and the level of their completion. In addition, the implementation of WPs, tasks and deliverables is assessed against the general project objective, Special Objectives and related KPIs, where relevant. In addition, for WPs 6 to 11 the achievement of the TRL level must be assessed. The Self-Assessment Plan is one of the WP1 deliverables and can be accessed here: [Self-Assessment Plan](#)

7 QUALITY ASSURANCE PLAN

The main task of quality assurance is to ensure smooth implementation and delivery process, including the timely elaboration, review, and submission for project Deliverables and Milestones reporting. General quality assurance guidelines are detailed in this section. The quality of the delivery is based on several internal reviews before the deliverable is submitted.

There are three types of measuring the quality of the Deliverable or Milestone report:

- **Readability:**
 - Abbreviations and acronyms are explained in a separate list.
 - Spelling and language checked.
 - Layout / template checked.
 - Length checked.
- **Completeness:**
 - Is it according to the original proposal objectives and meets the success indicator?
 - Does it contain all the required chapters?
 - Does the executive summary give a short, non-confidential description of the deliverable? Is self-contained?
- **Consistency:**
 - Are the chapters consistent with each other?
 - Is it consistent with other deliverables?
 - Is it in accordance with the requirements of other WPs?

These aspects shall be checked by the Project Coordinator and the **internal reviewer** of the document.

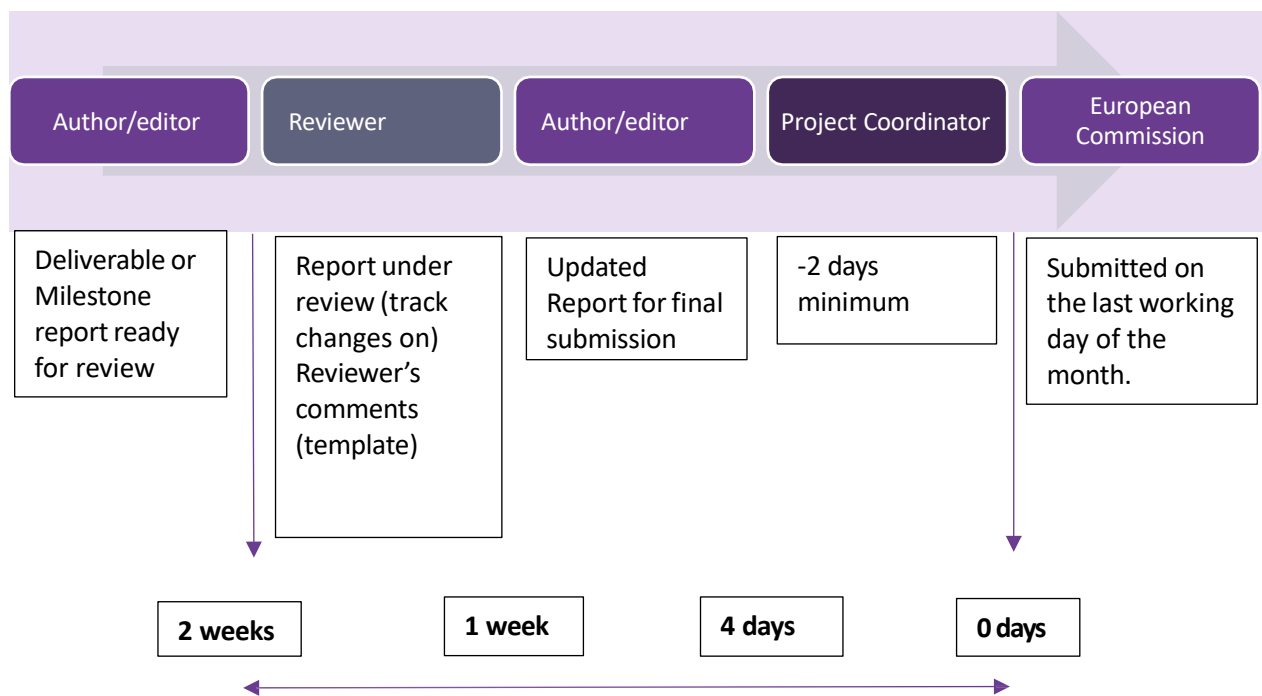
These general considerations must be followed for producing any kind of project Deliverable or Milestone report:

- **Timing:** Allow enough time:
 - to define the Table of Contents,
 - for intermediate versions and updates (especially in the case of large deliverables),
 - for internal review,
 - for updating with review comments,
 - for the final review and conversion to PDF for delivery to the European Commission.
- For all Deliverables, the **final** deadline for the **Project Coordinator** to submit is the last **working day** of the due month.
- It is highly advisable that the Work Package Leader plans intermediate versions for **large deliverables**, and that these are reviewed following the same process, as for the final version.
- Deliverables or Milestones reports should include a clear Executive Summary, following the deliverable's template. It is recommended that there is a maximum length of no more than 50 pages plus annexes.
- The internal reviewers belong to organizations which are not the authors of Deliverable, nor people who contributed to it. They are requested to use the review template (Quality Review

Sheet) stored in the project repository. The internal review reports will be placed following the Quality Review Template under the Deliverables folder in the project repository.

- Authors, contributors, and reviewers will be identified and listed on the Deliverable template placed in the project repository allocated in the Deliverables folder of the AI4Debunk repository. The Project Coordinator will update this list every six months with the due deliverables for the next six months in advance.

The delivery process is extended for a quality assessment review: Two weeks before the due date, the deliverable needs to be sent to an appointed quality reviewer, who performs her/his review within one week, providing comments inside the document and completing the Quality Assessment Review sheet prepared to guide the review process (Appendix A). Within the next 4-5 days, the responsible authors revise the deliverable by accepting (and changing) or declining (with justification) the recommendations. At least four days before the delivery date the revised deliverable must be sent to the Project Coordinator who will check if all organizational requirements are met and submit the deliverable to the European Commission by upload it to the Participants’ portal when necessary for reporting. This quality review process is reflected in Figure 5.



AGREEMENT BETWEEN EDITOR AND QUALITY REVIEWERS’ AGENDAS

FIGURE 5: DELIVERABLE QUALITY ASSESSMENT REVIEW PROCESS

The quality assessment work leads to achieving the following aspects:

- The QA review is performed towards the following criteria and areas:
 - Objectives: assess the satisfaction of the objectives of the document.
 - Technical completeness: rate the technical completeness of the document.
 - Innovation: assess the innovativeness of the document.

- Presentation: rate the clarity and consistency of the presentation of contents.
- Final recommendations: assess suitability of final recommendations.
- Final assessment: is the document acceptable for submission or not?
- Deliverables or Milestones reports must be kept short and focused on the goals. Long descriptions of irrelevant issues should be avoided. The maximum recommended length is no more than 50 pages. Additional information, if there is any, shall be placed on Annexes.
- The deliverables measure the progress against the objectives: Therefore, all Deliverables or Milestones reports need to include statements regarding their purpose and their contribution with regards to the overall AI4Debunk objectives.
- In compliance with quality assurance methods, goals and requirements are described in the SMART methodology as:
 - Specific: Goals must be defined precisely.
 - Measurable: Goals must be measurable.
 - Accepted: Goals must be adequate and accepted by partners/users.
 - Relevant: Goals must be relevant and reachable.
 - Timed: Goals must have a clear deadline.
- All deliverables shall be submitted to the Project Coordinator according to the Deliverable's template placed on the project repository. The Project Coordinator, once all the issues are checked, will create the pdf format that will be uploaded to the portal and sent to the European Commission's Project Officer. The following requirements shall be considered:
 - Pictures, graphics, video, and audio must be submitted in formats which can be opened via standard software.
 - For the source code, the deliverable responsible will send the project manager the source code files and the technical specifications in a .zip file. Compliance with IPR will be ensured corresponding to obligations according to the GA.
- Two types of incidents may happen in the preparation and delivery process:
 - The author expects a delay with the delivery. In this case, the author must report it to the Project Coordinator. The sooner this issue is noted, the faster the contingency plan can be applied.
 - This is possible that after internal revision, the Project Coordinator or the WP Leader does not accept the final delivery due to insufficient quality.

In both situations, some contingency actions must be defined to reduce the impact and minimize the delay caused.

The Project Coordinator must inform the European Commission's Project Officer about significant delays.

Tables 3 and 4 below present deliverables of respective WPs, their delivery time, participants, or authors responsible for reporting and assigned quality reviewers of these deliverables.

N°	Deliverable name	WP number	Lead participant/author	Quality reviewer	Delivery date (in months)
D1.1, D2.1, D3.1	Project Handbook, Quality Assurance Plan and Data Management Plan	1	UL	CNR-IRPPS	M3
D1.2, D2.1, D3.1	Self-Assessment Plan	1	UL	MICC/UNIFI	M6
D4.1	Working paper 1. Title “Theoretical (in months) framework for the analysis of disinformation campaigns and foreign interference in the EU policy making”	4	UL	BSC	M12
D4.2	Working paper 2. “Information manipulation in the EU media ecosystem and response effectiveness”	4	UL	DotSoft	M12
D5.1	Working paper 3 and policy brief. “Disinformation target groups in the EU member states sources and hosts of propaganda”	5	UL	UoG	M18
D5.2	Working paper 4 and policy brief. “Narratives and foreign interference throughout Europe illustrated by case studies”	5	UL	F6S	M18
D5.3	Report on requirements	5	MICC/UNIFI	UoG	M12, M21
D6.1	Starting dataset of fake statements and related multimedia contents	6	CNR-IRPPS	P4D	M6, M9, M13
D6.2	Updated release of the dataset containing extracted features	6	CNR-IRPPS	UL	M21
D6.3	First report on the building process of the knowledge graphs	6	CNR-IRPPS	P4D	M21
D6.4	First report on the process of continuous graph adaptation	6	UMONS	UL	M21
D7.1	Updated release of the dataset containing features extracted applying ML and multimodal AI modules	7	CNR-IRPPS	F6S	M28
D7.2	Final report on the building process of the knowledge graphs	7	CNR-IRPPS	P4D	M32
D7.3	Final report on the process of continuous graph adaptation	7	UMONS	F6S	M42
D8.1	Initial reports on the modules Developed	8	MICC/UNIFI	HU	M22

N°	Deliverable name	WP number	Lead participant/ author	Quality reviewer	Delivery date (in months)
D8.2	Initial reports on the multimodal fake news detection modules and multimodal fake news dataset	8	UMONS	HU	M22
D8.3	Initial reports on the trustworthiness of the different modules developed	8	BSC	IP	M22
D8.4	Initial calculation of a score representing the amount of disinformation in the data	8	UMONS	HU	M22
D8.5	Initial explainability module tracing back between the data and the score	8	UMONS	IP	M22
D9.1	Final reports on the modules developed	9	MICC/UNIFI	HU	M42
D9.2	Final reports on the multimodal fake news detection modules and multimodal fake news dataset	9	UMONS	IP	M42
D9.3	Final reports on trustworthiness of the different modules developed	9	BSC	HU	M34
D9.4	Final score representing the amount of disinformation in the data	9	UMONS	IP	M34
D9.5	Final explainability module tracing back between the data and the score	9	UMONS	F6S	M34
D9.6	Benchmark on several metrics comparing all models and proving the efficiency of using context	9	UMONS	IP	M42
D10.1	Report on the definition of the debunking API	10	HU	F6S	M26
D10.2	Report on the definition of the plug- in	10	HU	EUALIVE	M26
D10.3	Report on the definition of the app	10	DotSoft	EUALIVE	M26
D10.4	Report on the definition of the collaborative platform	10	IP	EUALIVE	M26
D10.5	Report on the definition of the AR/VR environments applications	10	DotSoft	EUALIVE	M26
D11.1	Final version of the debunking API	11	HU	P4D	M40
D11.2	Final version of the plug in	11	HU	F6S	M40
D11.3	Final version of the app	11	DotSoft	P4D	M40
D11.4	Final version of the collaborative platform	11	IP	P4D	M40

N°	Deliverable name	WP number	Lead participant/ author	Quality reviewer	Delivery date (in months)
D11.5	Final version of the AR/VR environments applications	11	DotSoft	UL	M40
D11.6	Report on the benchmarking between the different interfaces	11	HU	UL	M42
D12.1	Report on the possible impact of the tool on the perceptions of the citizens and the social media users	12	P4D	BSC	M15
D12.2	Initial report on resilience mechanisms triggered by the tools	12	P4D	UMONS	M15
D12.3	Gender Equality Plan	12	P4D	CNR	M15
D12.4	Report on desk review analysis	12	UL	DotSoft	M15
D12.5	Initial report on the multi-stakeholder's perspectives	12	P4D	CNR	M15
D13.1	Intermediate report on resilience mechanisms triggered by the tools	13	P4D	MICC/UNIFI	M31
D13.2	Report on the Gender Equality analysis of the tools developed	13	P4D	DotSoft	M31
D13.3	Report on the comparison	13	UL	BSC	M31
D13.4	Intermediate report on the multi-stakeholders' perspectives	13	P4D	CNR-IRPPS	M31
D13.5	Intermediate recommendations from the task force	13	P4D	UMONS	M31
D14.1	Final report on resilience mechanisms triggered by the tools	14	P4D	BSC	M48
D14.2	Gender Equality roadmap	14	P4D	UMONS	M48
D14.3	Book publication on the case study 1: Russian propaganda	14	UL	UoG	M48
D14.4	Final report on the multi-stakeholders' perspectives	14	P4D	MICC/UNIFI	M48
D14.5	Final recommendations from the task force	14	P4D	CNR-IRPPS	M48
D15.1	1st version of PDCER - Communication, Dissemination and Exploitation Activities	15	F6S	UMONS	M6
D16.1	Revised PDCER - Communication, Dissemination and Exploitation Activities	16	F6S	DotSoft	M31
D16.2	Dissemination plan for the plugin and the collaborative platform	16	IP	UoG	M31

N°	Deliverable name	WP number	Lead participant/author	Quality reviewer	Delivery date (in months)
D16.3	Report on the specifications for the learning program	16	IP	UL	M31
D17.1	Final Report on Communication, Dissemination and Exploitation Activities	17	F6S	DotSoft	M48
D17.2	Report on the dissemination of the plugin and the platform	17	IP	BSC	M48
D17.3	Report on the dissemination of the learning books	17	IP	UMONS	M48
D17.4	Report on the dissemination of the learning games	17	IP	MICC/UNIFI	M48
D18.1	Ethics guideline	18	UL	MICC/UNIFI	M6
D18.2	Ethics Advisors Report	18	UL	UoG	M12/24/36/48

TABLE 3: QUALITY REVIEWERS AND ASSIGNED DELIVERABLES

Milestone number	Milestone name	Related WP/Author	Due Date (in Month)	Reviewer
1	Holistic understanding of the 2 case studies	5 / UL	18	UoG
2	Technological specifications for the AI experts defined	5 / UL	21	F6S
3	Development of the unimodal knowledge graph	7 / CNR	21	BSC
4	Development of the multimodal knowledge graph	7 / CNR	21	BSC
5	Enough disinformation detection modules are developed	9 / UMons	30	EUALIVE
6	First version of the debunking API developed and operational	10 / HU	34	IUA
7	Four human interfaces developed and operational	11 / HU	40	P4D
8	Gender equality plan	13 / P4D	6	IP

TABLE 4: QUALITY REVIEWERS AND ASSIGNED MILESTONES

8 CONCLUSIONS

This document presents basic guidelines of the Project Handbook that have been established and updated for the efficient management of the AI4Debunk project. The report briefly describes how the project is organized according to the DoA, GA, and CA. It also includes an overview of internal communication, as well as external communication, dissemination, and exploitation.

This report also briefly presents reporting templates that need to be followed in the project implementation. The Project Handbook also includes a Quality Assurance Plan and describes a quality review process to ensure high quality of the content of the deliverables and produced results.

Finally, the document describes and updates how the reporting procedure will be implemented to ensure that the project delivers results with no small deviations and to make sure that corrective measures can be put in place as soon as possible.

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APPENDIX A

REVIEW SHEET OF DELIVERABLE/ MILESTONE REPORT

**Review Sheet of Deliverable/ Milestone Report
D2.1 PROJECT HANDBOOK, QUALITY ASSURANCE PLAN**

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ELEMENT TO REVIEW	Y	N	NA	COMMENTS
Is the overall style of the deliverable correctly organized and presented in a logical order?	X			
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Is the deliverable sufficiently innovative?				

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Does the document present technical soundness and its methods are correctly explained?				
What do you think is the strongest aspect of the deliverable?				
What do you think is the weakest aspect of the deliverable?				
Please perform a brief evaluation and/or validation of the results, if applicable.				
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CONCLUSION

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APPENDIX B

AI4DEBUNK WORK PLAN



AI4Debunk

Participative Assistive AI-powered Tools for Supporting Trustworthy Online Activity of Citizens and Debunking Disinformation

AI4Debunk

**WORK PLAN
2024-2027**

Topic: HORIZON-CL4-2023-HUMAN-01-05
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DELIVERABLES

DEL CODE	TITLE	DESCRIPTION	DEADLINE	RESPONSIBLE PARTNER / WP LEAD PARTNER	WP LEAD PARTNER MAIN TASKS	CONTRIBUTORS
D1.1	Project Handbook, Quality Assurance Plan and Data Management Plan	The Quality assurance plan (incorporated with the Project Handbook) will include instructions, procedures, checklists (e.g., audit checklists, inspection checklists, deliverable report formats) and processes for reviewing deliverables and milestones (appointment of reviewers, checks for consistency, clarity, technical content, adherence to documentation standards, etc).	M3 30 March 2024	UL / WP1: Project management WP leader: UL / Zane Zeibote	- Development of a project Handbook including the Quality assurance plan. - Development of instructions, procedures, checklists (e.g., audit checklists, inspection checklists, deliverable report formats) - Description of processes for reviewing deliverables and milestones (appointment of reviewers, checks for consistency, clarity, technical content, adherence to documentation standards, etc).	ALL project partners responsible for preparing and submitting deliverables and milestones reports, especially those leading WPs
		A Data management plan (DMP) will be drafted in the beginning of the project (M6) as part of the Project Handbook and will be continuously updated throughout its implementation, detailing precisely the procedure for data collection, consent procedure, storage, protection, retention and destruction of data, and confirmation that they comply with national and EU legislation. The DMP of the project will serve as a living document that will address all aspects of the data life cycle as described in part 1.2.7 “Research data management and management of other research outputs” of the proposal. To create this DMP, we will establish at the beginning of the project a Working group consisting of IPR experts from each partner.	M6 30 June 2024	UL / WP1: Project management WP leader: UL / Zane Zeibote	ating Data management plan (DMP) -Establishment of a Working group consisting of IPR experts from each partner.	ALL
D1.2	Self-Assessment Plan	Preparation of a self-assessment plan, setting out the measures against which the project’s operational performance will be assessed (including the measurement of progress toward achieving the objectives).	M6 30 June 2024	UL / WP1: Project management WP leader: UL / Zane Zeibote	eparation of a self-assessment plan	None

DEL CODE	TITLE	DESCRIPTION	DEADLINE	RESPONSIBLE PARTNER / WP LEAD PARTNER	WP LEAD PARTNER MAIN TASKS	CONTRIBUTORS
D2.1	Project Handbook, Quality Assurance Plan and Data Management – Update 1	Update of the project Handbook including the Quality assurance plan and the Data management plan will be prepared – which will be continuously updated throughout its implementation, detailing precisely the procedure for data collection, consent procedure, storage, protection, retention and destruction of data, and confirmation that they comply with national and EU legislation, to ensure the smooth implementation of the project.	M22 31 October 2025	UL / WP2: Project management WP leader: UL / Zane Zeibote	- Update of the project Handbook including the Quality assurance plan and the Data management plan.	ALL project partners responsible for preparing and submitting deliverables and milestones reports, especially those leading WPs
D2.2	Self-Assessment Plan – Update1	Update of the self-assessment plan will be prepared	M24 31 December 2025	UL / WP2: Project management WP leader: UL / Zane Zeibote	- Update of the self-assessment plan	None
D3.1	Project Handbook, Quality Assurance Plan and Data Management – Update 2	Update of the project Handbook including the Quality assurance plan and the Data management plan will be prepared – which will be continuously updated throughout its implementation, detailing precisely the procedure for data collection, consent procedure, storage, protection, retention and destruction of data, and confirmation that they comply with national and EU legislation, to ensure the smooth implementation of the project.	M40 30 April 2027	UL / WP3: Project management WP leader: UL / Zane Zeibote	- Update of th project Handbook including the Quality assurance plan and the Data management plan.	ALL project partners responsible for preparing and submitting deliverables and milestones reports, especially those leading WPs
D3.2	Self-Assessment Plan – Update2	Update of the self-assessment plan will be prepared	M43 31 July 2027	UL / WP3: Project management WP leader: UL / Zane Zeibote	- Update of the self-assessment plan	None

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D4.1 Task 4.1	Working paper 1. Title “Theoretical (in months) framework for the analysis of disinformation campaigns and foreign interference in the EU policy making”	Baseline analysis of disinformation, propaganda and fake news: 1) Identifying variety of content to influence, disrupt or distort the information ecosystem no matter where it comes from and who they target; 2) Building a theoretical framework and methodology for categorizing the types of content involved in information manipulation; 3) Collecting evidence of information manipulation and interference incidents in the EU; 4) Analysing appropriate policies, strategies and instruments to respond to the disinformation threat including national and international (EEAS, Nato StratCom etc.) experience.	M12 31 December 2024	UL / WP4 WP leader: UL / Žaneta Ozoliņa	- to create a theoretical framework for the analysis of disinformation campaigns and foreign interference in the EU policy making	Other partners involved: EUalive, P4D, IUA, CNR - Identifying a variety of content to influence, disrupt or distort the information ecosystem. - Collecting evidence of information manipulation and interference incidents in the EU.
D4.2 Task 4.2	Working paper 2. Title “Information manipulation in the EU media ecosystem and response effectiveness”	Social media engagement in dissemination of disinformation: 1) Mapping the information environment is to understand the current social media landscape in the EU; 2) Analysing commonalities and differences in information manipulation campaigns which occur offline as well as through online platforms and mainstream media; 3) Analysing whether social media companies become better at detecting and removing information manipulation from their platforms; 4) Understanding how threat actors have learned to modify their strategies, tools and tactics in social media; 5) Identifying effective instruments in detecting and building resilience against information manipulation in social media.	M12 31 December 2024	UL / WP4 WP leader: UL / Žaneta Ozoliņa	- to identify information manipulation is adapting to changes in the EU media ecosystem and to elaborate on an effective response.	Other partners involved: EUalive, P4D, IUA, CNR
D5.1 Task 5.1	Working paper 3 and policy brief. Title “Disinformation target groups in the EU member states, sources and hosts of propaganda”	Identification of disinformation target groups, sources and hosts of fake news/propaganda: 1) Evidence-based analysis of the EU population groups most vulnerable to disinformation; 2) Opportunities and limits to develop critical thinking as a powerful response to information manipulation; 3) Identification of threat actors involved in information manipulation campaigns (Hate and other extremist groups, foreign governments, commercial actors, non- independent media, etc.).	M18 30 June 2025	UL / WP5 WP leader: UL / Žaneta Ozoliņa	- to understand the audience and the groups of people who might be marginalised, suppressed or deeply affected by ongoing information manipulation efforts and determining who is behind information manipulation.	Other partners involved: EUalive, P4D, IUA, CNR

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D5.2 Task 5.2	Working paper 4 and policy brief. Title “Narratives and foreign interference throughout Europe illustrated by case studies”	Identification of narratives and fake news throughout Europe through various case studies: 1) Identifying different narratives used to polarise and mislead the European people in information manipulation campaigns to inflame political, racial, religious, cultural, gender and other divides. 2) Analysing information manipulation narratives in the context of Russia’s war against Ukraine and climate change; 3) Providing comprehensive analysis of case studies to illustrate disinformation and attempts of foreign interference in EU policy making.	M18 30 June 2025	UL / WP5 WP leader: UL / Žaneta Ozoliņa	- to determine typical narratives used in the foreign interference campaigns through information manipulation and propaganda in the EU, in particular in the contexts of Russia’s war against Ukraine and climate change.	Other partners involved: EUalive, P4D, IUA, CNR
D5.3 Task 5.3	Report on requirements	Identification of requirements and technological solutions/specifications: 1) Identifying appropriate tools for building resilience against information manipulation; 2) The specific format in which the content for WPs 6 and 7 should be represented in the graph will be defined in this task. This will account for the two possible solutions that will be investigated in the knowledge graph. The first solution will directly embed the multimedia contents within the knowledge graph as they are: this will require the definition of the admitted formats, etc. The second one consists in extracting the textual description from multimodal contents and adding these textual annotations in the knowledge graph; 3) Identifying requirements for the WPs 8 and 9. For example, requirements for the disinfoscore will be defined here (range of values, the way it is shown, e.g., percentage, letters, stars, etc.).	M12 31 December 2024 M21 30 September 2025	MICC / UL / WP5 Task leader: MICC WP leader: UL / Žaneta Ozoliņa	- to identify the requirements and the specifications that are required by the technological solutions that will be developed in WPs 6, 7, 8 and 9. In particular, a human-centred design approach will be applied to involve stakeholders and end users to define the requirement.	Other partners involved: All except F6S

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D6.1 Task 6.1	Starting dataset of fake statements and related multimedia contents	Preparation of the starting dataset of fake statements and related multimedia contents: 1) Data gathering: Collection of the starting set of fake statements that can be gathered from a number of fact-checking websites and also made available from EUalive Bulgaria and Free Media Bulgaria, and Internews Ukraine.2) Information extraction: From these data we must extract the following features:1) the textual statement of the claim; 2) the audios, videos, images related to the claim; 3) the author of the claim; 4) the date of publication of the claim; 5) the entities extracted from the claim body together with their Wikipedia categories	M6 30 June 2024 M9 30 September 2024 M13 31 January 2025	CNR / WP6 WP leader: CNR / Arianna D'Ulizia	- collecting a starting set of fake statements and multimedia contents (videos, images, audios, etc.), extracted from a number of highly reputable fact-checking websites and also made available from EUALIVE and IUA (https://ukraineworld.org/). From these gathered data, relevant information from fake statements will be extracted, such as the textual statement, the author (current and initial source of the claim), the date of publication of the claim, the audios, videos, images related to the claim, the entities extracted from the claim body together with their Wikipedia categories, etc.	Other partners involved: EUALIVE, IUA, MICC, CNIT, BSC, NUIG
D6.2 Task 6.2	Updated release of the dataset containing extracted features	Initial feature extraction using ML and multimodal AI modules: 1) The truth value or rating (true/half-true, primarily false, and false) of the claim; 2) A set of keywords representing the topics of the claim; 3) The sentiment of the claim; 4) Multimodal features from the videos, images, and audio related to the claim.	M21 30 September 2025	CNR / WP6 WP leader: CNR / Arianna D'Ulizia	- extracting relevant features from fake statements (e.g. score and topic) and features from multimedia contents (e.g. keywords, categories, sentiment, and subject), including multimodal features (embedding feature vectors and higher-level features from eye-tracking, face recognition, voice analysis, ...), from the set of fake statements and related multimedia contents collected in Task 6.1 by using the ML and multimodal AI modules developed in Tasks 8.1, 8.2, 9.1 and 9.2. The extracted features are embedding vectors of the different media. Based on object detectors, audio transliteration or action recognition models, textual information describing the different media is extracted.	Other partners involved: UMONS, NUIG

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D6.3 Task 6.3	First report on the building process of the knowledge graphs	<p>Creation of the knowledge graphs: 1) Creation of the taxonomy subgraph: the building of the knowledge graph starts from the construction of the Wikidata/DBPedia taxonomy subgraph that contains the relevant concepts related to the fields of the two case studies; 2) Import of the false statements and the related multimedia contents: the set of fake statements and the related multimedia contents (videos, images, audios, etc.), extracted in Task 6.1, are imported as a series of nodes into the Wikidata/DBPedia taxonomy subgraph. To import the multimedia contents, two possible solutions will be investigated. The first solution consists in embedding the multimedia contents within the knowledge graph as they are, while the second one consists in extracting the textual description from multimedia contents and adding this textual knowledge in the knowledge graph; 3) Connection of the false statements and the related contents to the taxonomy subgraph: individual nodes of false statements and the related contents are connected to the taxonomy using the features extracted using NLP and ML techniques (e.g. score, topic, keywords, sentiment, multimodal information).</p>	M21 30 September 2025	<p>CNR / WP6</p> <p>WP leader: CNR / Arianna D'Ulizia</p>	- to construct the knowledge graphs that illustrate the structure of the deceptive data. The building of the knowledge graphs starts from the construction of the Wikidata/DBPedia taxonomy subgraph that contains the relevant concepts related to the fields of the two case studies.	Other partners involved: DotSoft
D6.4 Task 6.4	First report on the process of continuous graph adaptation	<p>Continuous graph adaptation: 1) Adaptation based on AI/ML modules feedback: ML/AI modules from WPs 8 and 9 will provide newly analysed data with the related disinfoscore (score of disinformation within the data). This information is then validated before updating the database (T6.1) and further updating the graph (T6.3). 2) Adaptation based on user feedback: End-users will be given new statements (newer than the data in T6.1) in a different modality and asked to annotate how fake the information is on a continuous scale. The annotated data will be used to update the information in the graphs created in T6.3.</p>	M21 30 September 2025	<p>UMONS / CNR / WP6</p> <p>Task leader: UMONS</p> <p>WP leader: CNR / Arianna D'Ulizia</p>	- adapting the information presented in the graphs. Indeed, new fake news on one side and new verified data on the other side continuously arrive. This new data needs to be checked and validated by debunking committee chaired by a senior analyst from IUA or EUalive and Free Media Bulgaria and, if validated, it updates T6.1 dataset. This dataset is regularly added to the graph as done in T6.3. The new fake news or validated data can come from two different sources: 1) feedback from the citizens through a simplified interface and 2) detected by ML/AI modules for any new analysed data. The validation of the data needs to be done by a human administrator as it is not possible to rely on voting techniques for citizen data as trolls can be paid to send a lot of convergent fake news.	Other partners involved: EUALIVE, IUA, CNR, MICC, CNIT, NUIG, HU, IP

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D7.1 Task 7.1	Updated release of the dataset containing features extracted applying ML and multimodal AI modules	Final feature extraction using ML and multimodal AI modules: 1) The truth value or rating (true/half-true, primarily false, and false) of the claim; 2) A set of keywords representing the topics of the claim; 3) The sentiment of the claim; 4) Multimodal features from the videos, images, and audio related to the claim.	M28 30 April 2026	CNR / WP7 WP leader: CNR / Arianna D'Ulizia	- to continue the work performed in Task 6.2, building upon the initial version of knowledge graphs.	Other partners involved: UMONS, NUIG
D7.2 Task 7.2	Final report on the building process of the knowledge graphs	Upscaling of the knowledge graphs: 1) Creation of the taxonomy subgraph: the building of the knowledge graph starts from the construction of the Wikidata/DBPedia taxonomy subgraph that contains the relevant concepts related to the fields of the two case studies; 2) Import of the false statements and the related multimedia contents: the set of fake statements and the related multimedia contents (videos, images, audios, etc.), extracted in Task 6.1, are imported as a series of nodes into the Wikidata/DBPedia taxonomy subgraph. To import multimedia contents, two possible solutions will be investigated. The first solution consists in embedding the multimedia contents within the knowledge graph as they are, while the second one consists in extracting the textual description from multimedia contents and adding this textual knowledge in the knowledge graph; 3) Connection of the false statements and the related contents to the taxonomy subgraph: individual nodes of false statements and the related contents are connected to the taxonomy using the features extracted using NLP and ML techniques (e.g. score, topic, keywords, sentiment, multimodal information).	M32 31 August 2026	CNR / WP7 WP leader: CNR / Arianna D'Ulizia	- to continue the work performed in Task 6.3, building upon the initial version of knowledge graphs.	Other partners involved: DotSoft
D7.3 Task 7.3	Final report on the process of continuous graph adaptation	Continuous graph adaptation: 1) Adaptation based on AI/ML modules feedback: ML/AI modules from WPs 8 and 9 will provide newly analysed data with the related disinfoscore (score of disinformation within the data). This information is then validated before updating the database (T6.1) and further updating the graph (T6.3). 2) Adaptation based on user feedback: End-users will be given new statements (newer than the data in T6.1) in a different modality and asked to annotate how fake the information is on a continuous scale. The annotated data will be used to update the information in the graphs created in T6.3.	M42 30 June 2027	UMONS / CNR / WP7 Task leader: UMONS WP leader: CNR / Arianna D'Ulizia	- to continue the work performed in Task 6.4, building upon the initial version of the knowledge graphs.	Other partners involved: EUALIVE, IUA, CNR, MICC, CNIT, NUIG, HU, IP

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D8.1 Task 8.1	Initial reports on the modules developed	Development of ML modules for Decision Support: 1) Written fake news detection module development: such a module will take as input a piece of text (a post, a part of a web page, a message, etc.) and will perform an authenticity verification. It is expected that the output response of such a module will contain not only binary or statistical assessment but other supporting information on specific phrases and/or words to allow further investigations and references. 2) Image/video deepfake analysis module development: such a module will basically take as input an image or a video and will carry out a check for its authenticity. The output of such a module could contain different information presented in multiple ways like localization heat maps, binary assessment (e.g. fake or not), probabilistic evaluation, and so on. In the case of video, the response could be frame-based and/or as a whole. Audio signals from videos or from standalone audio files will also be taken into account; 3) Datasets: different kinds of datasets, available on-line, will be gathered to train and test the models; data containing disparate characteristics will be selected in order to improve the generalisation capability of the implemented systems.	M22 31 October 2025	MICC / UMONS / WP8 Task leader: MICC WP leader: UMONS	- analysis and definition of the ML modules needed to perform an evaluation on the specific input data.	Other partners involved: CNIT, UMONS, NUIG
D8.2 Task 8.2	Initial reports on the multimodal fake news detection modules and multimodal fake news dataset	Development of multimodal adaptable AI modules: 1) Dataset: a dataset of multimodal content will be used (or collected if needed) in order to train and evaluate the models. The data will represent a statement in different modalities, for example a video of a person speaking, their audio speech and textual transcription of what was said, another example could be the textual, visual and audio content of a news webpage. This dataset will be related to the graph and grow during the project. 2) Models' development: different configurations of model architecture, graph information selection and fusion strategies will be implemented and evaluated. At current time of writing the most likely ones to be considered are the transformer-based contrastive learning ones using visual and textual data, as these are the ones showing the highest efficiency in different "fake news" and "deepfake" related work in the literature. Two versions of the models will be developed for comparison purposes: using contextual information from the graphs and not using them in order to evaluate the models themselves and the graphs.	M22 31 October 2025	UMONS / WP8 WP leader: UMONS	- extracting and leveraging complementary information presented in multimodal data in order to improve detection of fake statements.	None

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D8.3 Task 8.3	Initial reports on the trustworthiness of the different modules developed	Creating Trustworthy AI models for fake news detection: 1) Identifying the probabilistic sources of uncertainty for the different critical AI-based systems- Incorporate the uncertainty modelling of these probabilistic sources into the AI-based models, 2) Ensuring the uncertainty measures are communicated to enhance reliability and trustworthy.	M22 31 October 2025	BSC / UMONS / WP8 Task leader: BSC WP leader: UMONS	- enhancing all the critical AI-based models of the project (from task T8.1 and T8.2) to be Trustworthy AI models.	Other partners involved: MICC, CNIT, UMONS, NUIG
D8.4 Task 8.4	Initial calculation of a score representing the amount of disinformation in the data	Disinformation probability score- disinfoscore: 1) Voting/integration module: several approaches based on voting on different input modules or any fusion system possibly based on a neural network will be tested and the best approach will be chosen; 2) Choice of the input models: the disinfoscore modules can have a plurality of fake news detectors as input. A choice will be done on the best fake news detectors combinations. 3) Disinfoscore stability: the score needs to provide all the values (0% and 100% should not be too exceptional), to show only some big levels and not change to few. Those requirements as well as the way it is shown (percentage, stars, ...) come from Task 5.3	M22 31 October 2025	UMONS / WP8 WP leader: UMONS	- to build a score called “disinfoscore” from 0% which means verified information to 100% which means full fake news.	Other partners involved: MICC, CNIT, BSC, NUIG
D8.5 Task 8.5	Initial explainability module tracing back between the data and the score	Disinfoscore explanation: 1) Module showing potentially fake regions in the signal (multimodal): A module will be implemented for the different modalities which is able to locate areas in the signal which are potentially attacked to create a fake news. This will be based on the work in T8.3. 2) Context data from graph justifying the disinfoscore: A list of links to media from the graph (WPs 6 and 7) will be extracted and the top N links (based on the requirements) will be shown to a person along with regions from this data which are close or the same with the potentially fake information. These links can then be used by citizens to fact check the news and debunk rapidly fake news.	M22 31 October 2025	UMONS / WP8 WP leader: UMONS	- to provide regions in the signal explaining the score (like a region where the signal was probably altered) or links to contextual information (other related information which are debunked, or which show that they are either fake news or verified news).	Other partners involved: BSC

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D9.1 Task 9.1	Final reports on the modules developed	Implementation of ML modules for Decision Support: 1) Written fake news detection module development: such a module will take as input a piece of text (a post, a part of a web page, message, etc.) and will perform authenticity verification. It is expected that the output response of such a module will contain not only a binary or statistical assessment but other supporting information on specific phrases and/or words to allow further investigations and references. 2) Image/video deepfake analysis module development: such a module will basically take as input an image or a video and will carry out a check for its authenticity. The output of such a module could contain different information presented in multiple ways like localization heat maps, binary assessment (e.g. fake or not), probabilistic evaluation, and so on. In the case of video, the response could be frame-based and/or as a whole. Audio signals from videos or from standalone audio files will also be taken into account; 3) Datasets: different kinds of datasets, available on-line, will be gathered to train and test the models; data containing disparate characteristics will be selected in order to improve the generalisation capability of the implemented systems.	M42 30 June 2027	MICC / UMONS / WP9 Task leader: MICC WP leader: UMONS	- to continue the work performed in Task 8.1, building upon the initial version of the ML modules, enabling them to implement them.	Other partners involved: CNIT, UMONS, NUIG
D9.2 Task 9.2	Final reports on the multimodal fake news detection modules and multimodal fake news dataset	Implementation of multimodal adaptable AI modules: 1) Dataset: a dataset of multimodal content will be used (or collected if needed) in order to train and evaluate the models. The data will represent a statement in different modalities, for example a video of a person speaking, their audio speech and textual transcription of what was said, another example could be the textual, visual and audio content of a news webpage. This dataset will be related to the graph and grow during the project. 2) Models' development: different configurations of model architecture, graph information selection and fusion strategies will be implemented and evaluated. At current time of writing the most likely ones to be considered are the transformer-based contrastive learning ones using visual and textual data, as these are the ones showing the highest efficiency in different "fake news" and "deepfake" related work in the literature. Two versions of the models will be developed for comparison purposes: using contextual information from the graphs and not using them in order to evaluate the models themselves and the graphs.	M42 30 June 2027	UMONS / WP9 WP leader: UMONS	- to continue the work performed in Task 8.2, building upon the initial version of the multimodal modules, enabling the implementation	None

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D9.3 Task 9.3	Final reports on the trustworthiness of the different modules developed	Developing Trustworthy AI models for fake news detection: 1) Identifying the probabilistic sources of uncertainty for the different critical AI-based systems- Incorporate the uncertainty modelling of these probabilistic sources into the AI-based models, 2) Ensuring the uncertainty measures are communicated to enhance reliability and trustworthy.	M34 31 October 2026	BSC / UMONS / WP9 Task leader: BSC WP leader: UMONS	- to continue the work performed in Task 8.3, building upon the initial version of trustworthy AI models.	Other partners involved: MICC, CNIT, UMONS, NUIG
D9.4 Task 9.4	Final score representing the amount of disinformation in the data	Disinformation probability score – disinfoscore: 1) Voting/integration module: several approaches based on voting on different input modules or any fusion system possibly based on a neural network will be tested and the best approach will be chosen; 2) Choice of the input models: the disinfoscore modules can have a plurality of fake news detectors as input. A choice will be done on the best fake news detectors combinations. 3) Disinfoscore stability: the score needs to provide all the values (0% and 100% should not be too exceptional), to show only some big levels and not change to few. Those requirements as well as the way it is shown (percentage, stars, ...) come from Task 5.3.	M34 31 October 2026	UMONS / WP9 WP leader: UMONS	- to continue the work performed in Task 8.4, building upon the initial version of the disinfoscore.	Other partners involved: MICC, CNIT, BSC, NUIG
D9.5 Task 9.5	Final explainability module tracing back between the data and the score	Disinfoscore explanation: 1) Module showing potentially fake regions in the signal (multimodal): A module will be implemented for the different modalities which is able to locate areas in the signal which are potentially attacked to create a fake news. This will be based on the work in T8.3. 2) Context data from graph justifying the disinfoscore : A list of links to media from the graph (WPs 6 and 7) will be extracted and the top N links (based on the requirements) will be shown to a person along with regions from this data which are close or the same with the potentially fake information. These links can then be used by citizens to fact check the news and debunk rapidly fake news	M34 31 October 2026	UMONS / WP9 WP leader: UMONS	- to continue the work performed in Task 8.5	None

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D9.6 Task 9.6	Benchmark on several metrics comparing all models and proving the efficiency of using context	Benchmarking evaluation and comparison of developed models for different applications and TRLs: 1) Unimodal modules assessment without contextual information: A dataset of fake news will be used for individual mono-modal or multi-modal fake news detector validation. This step will help in eliminating some modules which are from the start much less good than others; 2) Multi-modal module assessment without contextual information: Different module combination will be tested to have a first version of the fake news detector which does not use contextual data, 3) Multi-modal module assessment using contextual information: Contextual data from the graph will be used along with the received data and performance improvement will be assessed	M42 30 June 2027	UMONS / WP9 WP leader: UMONS	- to validate the technical part of the project in terms of ability to find and present the fake news to citizens	Other partners involved: MICC, CNIT, BSC, NUIG
D10.1 Task 10.1	Report on the definition of the debunking API	Debunking API definition: 1) Analysis of API requirements with partners; 2) Programming; 3) Testing and debugging with other partners; 4) Writing documentation and examples	M26 28 February 2026	HU / WP10 WP leader: HU / Franc van der Bent	- definition of an API (Application Programming Interface) which will be a set of protocols, routines with examples that enable different software applications to communicate with each other. The purpose of this API is to provide a standardised and secure way for developers to access the functionality and data of another application or service	Other partners involved: CNR, MICC, CNIT, BSC, DotSoft, UMONS, NUIG, IP
D10.2 Task 10.2	Report on the definition of the plug-in	Plug in interface definition, with personalised help: 1) Data analysis; 2) User requirements analysis; 3) Define interface for task 10.2; 4) Define input for task 10.1; 5) Programming of the parser-interface while keeping pace with AI development for mainstream browsers; 6) Low level testing and debugging of the browser interface and help functions	M26 28 February 2026	HU / WP10 WP leader: HU / Franc van der Bent	-: Plug in interface definition and development for browsers, with personalised help is the following: developing tailored software to form a bridge (parser) between the various data sources, including Artificial Intelligence engines (AI) and mainstream browsers	Other partners involved: IP
D10.3 Task 10.3	Report on the definition of the app	App interface definition: 1) User requirements analysis, 2) Smartphone app design and mockups, 3) Focus group, 4) Testing and debugging	M26 28 February 2026	DotSoft / HU / WP10 Task leader: DotSoft WP leader: HU / Franc van der Bent	- to create user friendly application interface for a plug-in that will automatically identify and annotate whether information from a web site (digital form) or a physical artefact (paper newspaper, magazine, etc.) is true or fake	Other partners involved: HU, IP

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D10.4 Task 10.4	Report on the definition of the collaborative platform	Collaborative platform interface definition – Disinfopedia: 1) User requirements analysis, 2) Define platform interface for all other task, 3) Define input on the platform 4) Programming of the platform while keeping pace with the apps and AI development, 5) Low level testing and debugging of the platform	M26 28 February 2026	IP / HU / WP10 Task leader: IP WP leader: HU / Franc van der Bent	- to build a platform on a Wikipedia format	Other partners involved: HU
D10.5 Task 10.5	Report on the definition of the AR/VR environments applications	Definition of AR/VR environments applications: 1) Walkthrough logical model of the AR interaction, 2) UNITY based programming for creating the virtual characters and digital elements, 3) Integration of the UNITY script with the smartphone application, 4) User testing, debugging and overall improvement, 5) User manual and technical documentation	M26 28 February 2026	DotSoft / HU / WP10 Task leader: DotSoft WP leader: HU / Franc van der Bent	- to develop augmented reality (AR) features in the context of the mobile app developed (outcome of T10.3)	Other partners involved: HU, IP
D11.1 Task 11.1	Final version of the debunking API	Debunking API development and integration: 1) Analysis of API requirements with partners; 2) Programming; 3) Testing and debugging with other partners; 4) Writing documentation and examples	M40 30 April 2027	HU / WP11 WP leader: HU / Franc van der Bent	- to develop and integrate the debunking API defined in Task 10.1	Other partners involved: CNR, MICC, CNIT, BSC, DotSoft, UMONS, NUIG, IP
D11.2 Task 11.2	Final version of the plug in	Plug in interface development and integration, with personalised help: 1) Data analysis; 2) User requirements analysis; 3) Define interface for task 10.2; 4) Define input for task 10.1; 5) Programming of the parser-interface while keeping pace with AI development for the mainstream browsers; 6) Low level testing and debugging of the browser interface and help functions	M40 30 April 2027	HU / WP11 WP leader: HU / Franc van der Bent	- to develop and integrate the web plugin defined in Task 10.2	Other partners involved: IP
D11.3 Task 11.3	Final version of the app	App interface development and integration: 1) User requirements analysis, 2) Smartphone app design and mockups, 3) Focus group, 4) Testing and debugging	M40 30 April 2027	DotSoft / HU / WP11 Task leader: DotSoft WP leader: HU / Franc van der Bent	- to develop and integrate the app defined in Task 10.3	Other partners involved: HU, IP

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D11.4 Task 11.4	Final version of the collaborative platform	Platform interface development and integration: 1) User requirements analysis, 2) Define platform interface for all other task, 3) Define input on the platform 4) Programming of the platform while keeping pace with the apps and AI development, 5) Low level testing and debugging of the platform	M40 30 April 2027	IP / HU / WP11 Task leader: IP WP leader: HU / Franc van der Bent	- to develop and integrate the collaborative platform defined in Task 10.4	Other partners involved: HU
D11.5 Task 11.5	Final version of the AR/VR environments applications	AR/VR environments applications development and integration: 1) Walkthrough logical model of the AR interaction, 2) UNITY based programming for creating the virtual characters and digital elements, 3) Integration of the UNITY script with the smartphone application, 4) User testing, debugging and overall improvement, 5) User manual and technical documentation	M40 30 April 2027	DotSoft / HU / WP11 Task leader: DotSoft WP leader: HU / Franc van der Bent	- to develop and integrate the AR/VR environments applications defined in T10.5	Other partners involved: HU, IP
D11.6 Task 11.6	Report on the benchmarking between the different interfaces	Testing and validation by beta-testers, benchmarking of the different interfaces: 1) Analyses and benchmark of user-friendly apps, interfaces and platforms, 2) Inventory of cooperative high schools and universities, 3) Building of a small beta testing program, 4) Implementation of the beta testing program in high schools and universities, 5) Feedback of the results to the different parts of the project	M42 30 June 2027	HU / WP11 WP leader: HU / Franc van der Bent	- testing and validation of the plug-ins and apps by beta-testers from different target groups	Other partners involved: EUALIVE, IUA, DotSoft, IP
D12.1 Task 12.1	Report on the possible impacts of the tool on the perceptions of the citizens and the social media users	Forecast on the tool's perceptions by citizens and social media users: 1) Desk review, 2) Benchmark with other tools, 3) Questionnaires, 4) Online poll, 5) Follow up and Monitoring	M15 31 March 2025	P4D / WP12 WP leader: P4D / Pascaline Gaborit	- to understand the possible perception and uses of the tools by citizens and social media users	Other partners involved: UL, EUALIVE, IUA
D12.2 Task 12.2	Initial report on the resilience mechanisms triggered by the tools	Sociological assessment of the resilience mechanisms to disinformation thanks to the tool through beta testers: 1) Creation of an ethical committee of the tool; 2) Selection of beta testers; 3) Experimental tests with beta testers (With a set of questions, images, and multimedia content); 4) Guidelines and recommendations to the tools' designers	M15 31 March 2025	P4D / WP12 WP leader: P4D / Pascaline Gaborit	- to study the resilience mechanisms of the citizens and social media users that the tool will trigger, to make sure that the tool will have long term impacts	Other partners involved: UL, EUALIVE, IUA

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D12.3 Task 12.3	Gender Equality Plan	Gender and Equity analysis of the project and of the tools developed: 1) Gender equality plan for the project, 2) Set of guidelines on gender equality in the tool's developed, 3) Testing of the guidelines with the developers, 4) Testing of the guidelines with the beta testers, 5) Recommendations.	M15 31 March 2025	P4D / WP12 WP leader: P4D / Pascaline Gaborit	- to make sure that the tools developed will follow the gender equality standards	Other partners involved: UL, EUALIVE, IUA
D12.4 Task 12.4	Report on desk review analysis	Desk review analysis of the 2 case studies: 1) Desk review analysis of case study 1 including the first findings of WPs 4, 5, and 6: Russian disinformation including sources and propagation; 2) Desk review analysis of case study 2 including the first findings of WPs 4, 5, and 6: Disinformation on Climate change including sources and propagation.	M15 31 March 2025	UL / P4D / WP12 Task leader: UL / Žaneta Ozoliņa WP leader: P4D / Pascaline Gaborit	- to add a sociological cross cutting analysis of the 2 selected case studies in order to support the development of the tools, and to ensure that the tool does not have any bias (gender/ethnic) and to make sure that the tool is as inclusive as possible	Other partners involved: EUALIVE, P4D, IUA
D12.5 Task 12.5	Initial report on the multi-stakeholders' perspectives	Multi-stakeholders' perspectives on resilience to disinformation: 1) Set up of the guidelines for the focus groups, 2) Organization of the focus groups by the local partners year 2, 3) Analysis, follow up, and scaling up on the multi- stakeholders' involvement; 4) Organisation of 2 transnational online focus groups multi-stakeholders' involvement.	M15 31 March 2025	P4D / WP12 WP leader: P4D / Pascaline Gaborit	- to find out multi-stakeholders' perspectives	Other partners involved: UL, EUALIVE, IUA - to organize the focus groups in their local language and send an English translation to Pilot4Dev for the analysis
D13.1 Task 13.1	Intermediate report on the resilience mechanisms triggered by the tools	Sociological assessment of the resilience mechanisms to disinformation thanks to the tool through beta testers: 1) Creation of an ethical committee of the tool; 2) Selection of beta testers; 3) Experimental tests with beta testers (With a set of questions, images, and multimedia content); 4) Guidelines and recommendations to the tools' designers.	M31 31 July 2026	P4D / WP13 WP leader: P4D / Pascaline Gaborit	- to study the resilience mechanisms of the citizens and social media users that the tool will trigger, to make sure that the tool will have long term impacts (Task 12.2)	Other partners involved: UL, EUALIVE, IUA
D13.2 Task 13.2	Report on the Gender Equality analysis of the tools developed	Gender and Equity analysis of the project and of the tools developed:) Gender equality plan for the project, 2) Set of guidelines on gender equality in the tool's developed, 3) Testing of the guidelines with the developers, 4) Testing of the guidelines with the beta testers, 5) Recommendations.	M31 31 July 2026	P4D / WP13 WP leader: P4D / Pascaline Gaborit	- to make sure that the tools developed will follow the gender equality standards (Task 12.3)	Other partners involved: UL, EUALIVE, IUA

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D13.3 Task 13.3	Report on the comparison	Sociological assessment of the results of the tools on the various case studies and comparison with the WPs 4 and 5 analysis: 1) Sociological analysis of the tool's first prototype for case study 1 (Russian propaganda) and feedback to WPs 8, 9, 10 and 11; 2) Sociological analysis of the tool's first prototype for case study 2 (climate change) and feedback to WPs 8, 9, 10 and 11; 3) Comparison with WPs 4 and 5 analyses.	M31 31 July 2026	UL / P4D / WP13 Task leader: UL / Žaneta Ozoliņa WP leader: P4D / Pascaline Gaborit	- to add a sociological cross cutting analysis of the 2 selected case studies in order to support the development of the tools, and to ensure that the tool does not have any bias (gender/ethnic) and to make sure that the tool is as inclusive as possible (Task 12.4)	Other partners involved: EUALIVE, P4D, IUA
D13.4 Task 13.4	Intermediate report on the multi- stakeholders' perspectives	Multi-stakeholders' perspectives on resilience to disinformation (focus groups): 1) Set of the guidelines for the focus groups, 2) Organization of the focus groups by the local partners year 2, 3) Analysis, follow up, and scaling up on the multi- stakeholders' involvement; 4) Organisation of 2 transnational online focus groups multi-stakeholders' involvement.	M31 31 July 2026	P4D / WP13 WP leader: P4D / Pascaline Gaborit	- task is the same as Task 12.5	Other partners involved: UL, EUALIVE, IUA
D13.5 Task 13.5	Intermediate recommendations from the task force	Multi-stakeholders' recommendations and feedback on the tools: 1) Guidelines for the multi-stakeholder's involvement and ethical principles, 2) Creation of a multi-stakeholders' task force, 3) Meetings of the task force (online and in English), 4) Guidelines and recommendations.	M31 31 July 2026	P4D / WP13 WP leader: P4D / Pascaline Gaborit	- to collect the multi-stakeholders recommendations and feedback to be shared with the tool's developers	Other partners involved: UL, EUALIVE, IUA
D14.1 Task 14.1	Final report on the resilience mechanisms triggered by the tools	Sociological assessment of the resilience mechanisms to disinformation thanks to the tool through beta testers: 1) Creation of an ethical committee of the tool; 2) Selection of beta testers; 3) Experimental tests with beta testers (With a set of questions, images, and multimedia content); 4) Guidelines and recommendations to the tools' designers	M48 31 December 2027	P4D / WP14 WP leader: P4D / Pascaline Gaborit	- task is the same as Task 12.2	Other partners involved: UL, EUALIVE, IUA
D14.2 Task 14.2	Gender Equality roadmap	Gender and Equity analysis of the project and of the tools developed: 1) Gender equality plan for the project, 2) Set of guidelines on gender equality in the tool's developed, 3) Testing of the guidelines with the developers, 4) Testing of the guidelines with the beta testers, 5) Recommendations	M48 31 December 2027	P4D / WP14 WP leader: P4D / Pascaline Gaborit	- task is the same as Task 12.3	Other partners involved: UL, EUALIVE, IUA
D14.3 Task 14.3	Book publication on the case study 1: Russian propaganda	Sociological assessment of the results of the tools on the various case studies and comparison with the WPs 4 and 5 analysis; 1) Sociological assessment of the results of the tools on the case study 1: Russian propaganda; 2) Sociological assessment of the results of the tools on the case study 2: Climate change	M48 31 December 2027	UL / P4D / WP14 WP leader: P4D / Pascaline Gaborit	- task is the same as Task 12.4	Other partners involved: EUALIVE, P4D, IUA

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D14.4 Task 14.4	Final report on the multi-stakeholders perspectives	Multi-stakeholders’ perspectives on resilience to disinformation (focus groups): 1) Set up of the guidelines for the focus groups, 2) Organization of the focus groups by the local partners year 2, 3) Analysis, follow up, and scaling up on the multi- stakeholders’ involvement; 4) Organisation of 2 transnational online focus groups multi-stakeholders’ involvement	M48 31 December 2027	P4D / WP14 WP leader: P4D / Pascaline Gaborit	- task is the same as Task 12.5	Other partners involved: UL, EUALIVE, IUA
D14.5 Task 14.5	Final recommendations from the task force	Multi-stakeholders’ recommendations and feedback on the tools: 1) Guidelines for the multi-stakeholder’s involvement and ethical principles, 2) Creation of a multi-stakeholder’ task force, 3) Meetings of the task force (online and in English), 4) Guidelines and recommendations	M48 31 December 2027	P4D / WP14 WP leader: P4D / Pascaline Gaborit	- task is the same as Task 13.5	Other partners involved: UL, EUALIVE, IUA

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D15.1 Task 15.1 Task 15.2	1st version of PDCER-Communication, Dissemination and Exploitation Activities	To elaborate a communication, dissemination and exploitation strategy.	M6 30 June 2024	F6S / WP15 WP leader: F6S / Viktoriya Dimova	- to design and implement a powerful dissemination campaign for engagement with key stakeholders - to ensure the knowledge is effectively disseminated and exploited within the participant organisations articulating a route to commercial access, tailored to their requirements and partners requirements. - to scope the landscape of the existing market for dissemination purposes and strategy building - to identify meetings, workshops, conferences and fairs to promote project results - to develop an initial plan to effectively support joint exploitation of results by the partners. -to develop the first version of the Communication, Dissemination, Exploitation Strategy -to elaborate the first version of the exploitation pathways	Other partners involved: UL, EUALIVE, IUA
D16.1 Task 16.1 Task 16.2	Revised PDCER-Communication, Dissemination and Exploitation Activities	To revise and update communication, dissemination and exploitation strategy.	M31 31 July 2026	F6S / WP16 WP leader: F6S / Viktoriya Dimova	- to revise and update the Dissemination, Communication and Exploitation Activities Plan. -those tasks are the same as T15.1 and T15.2	Other partners involved: UL, EUALIVE, IUA
D16.2 Task 16.3	Dissemination plan for the plugin and the collaborative platform	Definition of the dissemination strategy for the plugin and the platform: 1) Analyses and benchmark of plug-in stores of the most used browsers, 2) Inventory of high schools and universities.	M31 31 July 2026	IP / F6S / WP16 WP leader: F6S / Viktoriya Dimova	- to elaborate the dissemination strategy for the plugin and the platform	Other partners involved: EUALIVE, HU, F6S

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D16.3 Task 16.4	Report on the specifications for the learning program	Definition of learning program by games and by books: 1) Analyses of the results of the studies of WPs 4 and 5; 2) Analyses of the technical solutions.	M31 31 July 2026	IP / F6S / WP16 Task leader: IP WP leader: F6S / Viktoriya Dimova	- to define specifications for learning programs by games and by books	Other partners involved: EUALIVE, HU, F6S
D17.1 Task 17.1	Final Report on Communication, Dissemination and Exploitation Activities	Exploitation Pathways: The exploitation strategy will comprise different phases including product identification, market analysis, preparation of business planning and strategic alliances. For all demo & use cases and exploitable results, a dedicated business plan will be developed based on the innovation roadmap of the end users. A feasibility analysis will be performed to ensure a smooth commercialization of the developed processes and new materials. This includes market and competition analysis, SWOT and PESTLE analysis in order to define the external environment, financial analysis (cost breakdown, further investment costs, and break-even point), proposition of marketing activities and seeking of additional funding opportunities, in collaboration with the next task).	M48 31 December 2027	F6S / WP17 WP leader: F6S / Viktoriya Dimova	- to elaborate efficient exploitation pathways for AI4Debunk end products	Other partners involved: UL, EUALIVE, IUA
D17.2 Task 17.3	Report on the dissemination of the plugin and the platform	Dissemination of the plug in and the platform: 1) Building digital advertising strategy by use of a serious game, 2) Implementation of the digital advertising strategy, 3) Mailing the educational comic book and the serious game to high schools and universities, 4) Feedback of the results of the digital advertisement strategy and mailing to the schools	M48 31 December 2027	IP / F6S / WP17 Task leader: IP WP leader: F6S / Viktoriya Dimova	- distribution of the plug-ins to the general public.	Other partners involved: EUALIVE, HU, F6S
D17.3 Task 17.4	Report on the dissemination of the learning books	Learning program by books: 1) Process the results into a scenario, 2) Process the scenario into a comic book, 3) Process the comic book into a serious game, 4) Dissemination of the serious game on the platform and app/game stores, 5) Dissemination of the educational comic books and serious game to the schools by a mailing.	M48 31 December 2027	IP / F6S / WP17 Task leader: IP WP leader: F6S / Viktoriya Dimova	- to create an educational comic book, accompanied by a teaching method	Other partners involved: EUALIVE, HU, F6S

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D17.4 Task 17.4	Report on the dissemination of the learning games	Learning program by games: 1) Process the results into a scenario, 2) Process the scenario into a comic book, 3) Process the comic book into a serious game, 4) Dissemination of game on the platform and app/game stores, 5) Dissemination of educational comic books and game to the schools by mailing.	M48 31 December 2027	IP / F6S / WP17 Task leader: IP WP leader: F6S / Viktoriya Dimova	- to create a serious game based on the comic book to be used on the disinfowiki platform to attract the main public people to learn about how to deal with fake news	Other partners involved: EUALIVE, HU, F6S
D18.1	Ethics guidelines	The Ethics Advisor together with the Ethics Committee with the assistance and validation of partners will create an Ethics Guideline for partners, to assist them in the management of human and personal data, flag potential ethics issues and potential outputs misuses and provide mitigation measures. Addressing the potential harms of eye tracking, face recognition, and voice analysis technologies is crucial to ensure their responsible and ethical use throughout the implementation of the AI4Debunk project. These technologies can raise concerns related to privacy, surveillance, bias, and consent when they are tested through a specific proposal.	M6 30 June 2024	UL / WP18 WP leader: F6S / Dace Raipale	- to provide the necessary information to partners to ensure compliance with ethics requirements - to monitor the ethics during the project	Other partners involved: All - AI4debunk partners under the supervision of the Ethics Committee will minimize potential negative consequences of the methodologies and techniques and ensure that their use aligns with ethical and societal values
D18.2	Ethics periodic report	The Ethics Advisor will conduct, and the Ethics Committee will publish reports summarizing findings and making recommendations for necessary adjustments	M12 31 December 2024 M24 31 December 2025 M48 31 December 2027	UL / WP18 WP leader: F6S / Dace Raipale	- to provide the necessary information to partners to ensure compliance with ethics requirements - to monitor the ethics during the project	Other partners involved: All - AI4debunk partners under the supervision of the Ethics Committee will minimize potential negative consequences of the methodologies and ensure that their use aligns with ethical and societal values

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M1	Holistic understanding of the 2 case studies	Complete identification of the target groups, their sources and their way of Propagation	M18 30 June 2025	UL / WP5	- to identify adequate and effective technical means to prevent, deter and respond to these threats that could be supported by AI-powered tools	Partner contributors: All except F6S
M2	Technological specifications for the AI experts defined	Interfaces developers know what they should develop and what are the needs of the users	M21 30 September 2025	UL / WP5	- to identify the requirements and the specifications that are required by the technological solutions that will be developed in WPs 6, 7, 8 and 9. In particular, a human-centred design approach will be applied to involve stakeholders and end users to define the requirement.	Partner contributors: All except F6S
M3	Development of the unimodal knowledge graph	During disinfoscore evaluation, the use of contextual data from graphs increases the disinfoscore accuracy. The graph has a pipeline for updating its data.	M21 30 September 2025	CNR / WP7	- to construct a knowledge graph that illustrates the structure of the deceptive data.	Partner contributors: EUALIVE, IUA, MICC, CNIT, BSC, DotSoft, UMONS, NUIG, HU, IP
M4	Development of the multimodal knowledge graph	During disinfoscore evaluation, the use of contextual data from graphs increases the disinfoscore accuracy. The graph has a pipeline for updating its data.	M21 30 September 2025	CNR / WP7	- to construct a knowledge graph that illustrates the structure of the deceptive data.	Partner contributors: EUALIVE, IUA, MICC, CNIT, BSC, DotSoft, UMONS, NUIG, HU, IP
M5	A sufficient number of disinformation detection modules is developed	A toolbox containing AI modules providing a coherent disinfoscore given a quantitative evaluation.	M30 30 June 2026	UMONS / WP9	- to build monomodal and multimodal machine learning models taking data and contextual information about them coming from the graphs and estimating a score of "fakeness" or disinfoscore.	Partner contributors: MICC, CNIT, BSC, NUIG
M6	First version of the debunking API developed and operational	Performance analyses of the API done and verified	M34 31 October 2026	HU / WP10	- extract the data from the AI fake news engines and parse and change it into data and metadata that can be read by the applications.	Partner contributors: EUALIVE, IUA, CNR, MICC, CNIT, BSC, DotSoft, UMONS, NUIG, IP
M7	Four human interfaces developed and operational	The beta testers easily use the interfaces	M40 30 April 2027	HU / WP11	- develop and integrate the interfaces (defined in WP10), and to make a benchmarking of them, regarding their different applications and target groups	Partner contributors: EUALIVE, IUA, DotSoft, IP
M8	Gender equality plan	Project website, and project reports	M6 30 June 2024	P4D / WP13	-to provide a sociological assessment of the tool that will be created through the project; - to accompany the whole project's process with a follow up on social sciences and humanities, so as to make sure, that it is not only a 'smart tool' and a 'user friendly tool', but also a social, inclusive and citizens' friendly and gender equal tool	Partner contributors: UL, EUALIVE, IUA