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Executive Summary

The Communication and Dissemination plan sets forth the project's outreach strategy, identifying the appropriate target groups and defining means to reach and involve them in 7SHIELD activities throughout the project duration and beyond.

It will be a living, evolving document, which will include updates on how the project communicates with key targets so as to ensure the long-lasting visibility of 7SHIELD after its closure. Specifically, this document includes the information needed to facilitate the communication and dissemination efforts of 7SHIELD partners, defining, among others, the communication objectives, the key messages addressed to each target audience, the development of appropriate online channels (social media pages, website, e-newsletters), the design of printed materials, the content and frequency of communication and dissemination activities, the organization of networking activities and participation in third-party events, as well as synergies with relevant H2020 projects and foreseen scientific publications. Lastly, the document provides basic guidelines to the partners for compliance with the rules for visibility of EU funding, data protection regulations, and security considerations applying to the project's publications.

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Definitions and acronyms

AMGA	Annotated Model Grant Agreement
CA	Consortium Agreement
CI	Critical Infrastructure
CIP	Critical Infrastructure Protection
CM	Communication Manager
C/P	Cyber/Physical
DoA	Description of Action
EC	European Commission
EO	Earth Observation
EU	European Union
GA	Grant Agreement
GDPR	General Data Protection Regulation
GS	Ground Segment
GSSS	Ground Segments of Space Systems
ICT	Information and Communications Technology
IoT	Internet of Things
KPI	Key Performance Indicator
KR	Key Result
PC	Project Coordinator
PCT	Project Communication Team
PMB	Project Management Board
PSO	Project Security Officer
SAB	Security Advisory Board
SC	Scientific Coordinator
SGS	Satellite Ground Station
SGSA	Satellite Ground Station Assets
SMEs	Small and Medium-size Enterprises
TM	Technical Manager
UAV	Unmanned Aerial Vehicle
WP	Work Package

1. Introduction

1.1. The 7SHIELD project

The project aims to address the security and resilience of EU Ground Segments of Space Systems, in response to the European Union's call for prevention, detection, response and mitigation of combined physical and cyber threats to Critical Infrastructure in Europe.

A physical and/or cyber-attack can have far reaching consequences impacting the assets of the ground system itself or the assets that are managed, controlled and exploited by the ground segment system. New markets have been created by the realisation of Copernicus massive amounts of satellite data that the Ground Segments of Space Systems receive are used to serve the industry and governmental bodies. A cyber or physical attack to the ground segment installations or communication networks would cause debilitating impact on public safety and security of EU citizens and public authorities. A physical attack on a space ground segment would make the distribution of satellite data problematic and, on the other hand, a cyber-attack in its data storage, access and exchange would affect the reliability, accessibility, interoperability and reusability of the data. An attack on other ground segment systems that operate assets onboard satellites or platforms such as the International Space Station and in the future in lunar orbit on the moon or further into space can result in the loss or misuse of the asset, compromising its objectives and, potentially, in the case of the International Space Station and similar facilities threaten the safety of astronauts. Although it must be stressed that such systems are subject to extreme evaluation, review and testing, aimed at guaranteeing that the asset safely operates under all circumstances.

The innovation of 7SHIELD lays on the fact that there is evidence that current approaches in cyber-physical security of critical EU Ground Segments of Space Systems do not fully exploit the recent advances in surveillance and detection mechanisms with robotic technologies and Artificial Intelligence. 7SHIELD brings together 22 partners (Table 1-1) from 12 European countries (Figure 1-1) to design and develop an integrated, flexible and adaptable framework enabling the deployment of innovative services for cyber-physical protection of ground segments, such as e-fences, multimedia AI technologies, passive radars and laser technologies to enhance the protection capabilities of the ground segments while integrating or interoperating with existing protection solutions already deployed at their installations.

The envisioned framework will integrate advanced technologies for data integration, processing, and analytics, machine learning and recommendation systems, data visualization and dashboards, data security and cyber threat protection. The 7SHIELD platform is co-designed with first responders' teams and will contribute to policy making, standardisation and new guidelines for contingency planning and service continuity. The platform will be evaluated and demonstrated in five installations of Ground Segments of Space Systems in Italy, Finland, Spain, Greece, and Belgium.



Figure 1-1 Geographical coverage of the 7SHIELD Consortium

No	Partner Name	Short Name	Country
1	Engineering – Ingegneria Informatica SpA	ENG	Italy
2	Centre for Research & Technology Hellas	CERTH	Greece
3	Space Applications Services NV	SPACEAPPS	Belgium
4	Centre of Excellence in Terrorism, Resilience, Intelligence and Organised Crime Research	CENTRIC	United Kingdom
5	Serco Italia SpA	SERCO	Italy
6	Finnish Meteorological Institute	FMI	Finland
7	National Observatory of Athens	NOA	Greece
8	Inov Inesc Inovação – Instituto de Novas Tecnologias	INOV	Portugal
9	Satways Ltd	STWS	Greece
10	CS Systèmes d'Information SA	CS	France
11	Deimos Space Sociedad Limitada Unipersonal	DEIMOS	Spain
12	Deimos Engineering and Systems SLU	DES	Spain
13	Dr Frucht Systems Ltd	DFSL	Israel
14	Resilience Guard GmbH	RG	Switzerland
15	Hellenic Telecommunications and Post Commission	EETT	Greece
16	Centre for Security Studies	KEMEA	Greece
17	Acceligen Ltd	ACCELI	Cyprus
18	Resiltech Srl	RESIL	Italy

19	Hellenic Police	HP	Greece
20	Regional Centre on Information Communication Technology srl	CeRICT	Italy
21	Cyberlens BV	CLS	Netherlands
22	CS Novidy's	CSNov	France

Table 1-1 The 7SHIELD Consortium

1.2. Description of the deliverable

This document presents the Communication and Dissemination strategy of 7SHIELD. It provides the partners with the necessary information and tools to facilitate the effective communication of the project to its target audiences and the proper dissemination of its results.

The deliverable is organised in 7 main chapters:

- Chapter 1 is a brief introduction to the project and the consortium,
- Chapter 2 explains the communication objectives and positioning of 7SHIELD, identifies the primary and secondary target audiences, defines the key communication messages, and clarifies the roles and responsibilities of the Communication Manager and the Project Communication Team,
- Chapter 3 elaborates the communication plan, presenting the online channels that will be developed and used for the promotion of the project and its results, as well as the electronic and printed communication materials. This chapter also provides guidelines for press releases, content and frequency of communication activities,
- Chapter 4 defines the project outputs that will be disseminated and maps the key stakeholders and relevant networking activities, including 7SHIELD and third-party events. The dissemination plan also outlines the synergies with other H2020 projects and relevant initiatives of the space sector, as well as the foreseen scientific publications,
- Chapter 5 provides the tools to measure the project's impact and performance of the communication and dissemination activities,
- Chapter 6 explains the compliance framework of the communication actions, providing the guidelines for the visibility of EU funding, data protection issues and security considerations for the handling of EU Classified Information,
- Chapter 7 provides the overall time plan of activities and partners' involvement in the communication and dissemination tasks,
- Chapter 8 concludes the document.

2. Communication & dissemination strategy

2.1. Communication objectives & positioning of 7SHIELD

7SHIELD aspires to position itself as a technology enabler that will shield Ground Segments of Space systems, their assets and the associated value chains that exploit the assets, through the integrated analysis of multi-sensor data, historical knowledge on adverse situational factors, domain-specific expertise, and novel ICT.

The communication activities aim to maximise the visibility of 7SHIELD to its target communities and the general public, raise awareness of the need to protect Ground Segments of Space Systems against combined threats, engage stakeholders, and ensure the exploitation of project results during and beyond its lifespan.

Throughout the project, all the Consortium members will systematically perform communication and dissemination actions to achieve the commonly agreed objectives set by the communication and dissemination strategy. These objectives are to:

- **Promote the project** early and effectively, bringing the consortium's research to the attention of multiple specialist and non-specialist audiences, as well as the media, in alignment with the EU guidelines on communicating research and innovation funding,
- **Engage stakeholders** to ensure their active participation in the research activities and their contribution to the production and validation of project results,
- **Build networks** and establish close collaborations with other projects in similar research domains, especially Earth Observation, Remote Sensing, and Security of Critical EU Infrastructure,
- **Raise citizens' awareness** of the imperative to protect EU Critical Infrastructure – and specifically satellite Ground Segment assets – against cyber and physical threats,
- **Inform and influence policymakers**, funding sources, and governmental authorities to standardise strategies and policies for the prevention, detection, response, and mitigation of cyber and physical attacks on space systems' Ground Segments,
- **Maximise participation** to the project's networking events and workshops,
- **Ensure the exploitation** of the project's outputs by potential users,
- **Generate market demand** for the project's Key Results, attracting business partners and potential users of the developed technologies.

The achievement of the communication objectives will be monitored and evaluated during and beyond the project lifecycle, using specific and measurable Key Performance Indicators – KPIs (elaborated in Chapter 5). Depending on the actual results, the communication and dissemination strategy will be adjusted, if necessary, in order to achieve the desired visibility and impact.

2.2. Target audiences

The primary target audiences of 7SHIELD are mainly public and private Ground Segments of Space Systems Agencies of different natures but also include other actors of the downstream ecosystem. Other groups (secondary audiences) that will be targeted by the project partners include Remote Sensing companies, researchers in Big Data, Cloud and High Performance Computing, developers and cybersecurity officers, civil protection, governmental and public authorities, and SMEs in the field of public safety and security. The communication activities will also aim to raise European citizens' awareness of the importance of Critical Infrastructure Protection and Security.

Indicative lists of representative organisations and examples per target group, as well as the partners responsible to reach each target group, are provided in the tables in sections 2.2.1 (Table 1-1) and 2.2.2 (Table 2-2).

2.2.1. Primary target audiences

Target Group	Examples/ Representative Organisations	Reached by
Space Agencies, Organisations of space agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee of Earth Observation Satellites (CEOS) Agenzia Spaziale Italiana (ASI), Italy Canadian Space Agency (CSA), Canada Center for the Development of Industrial Technology (CDTI), Spain Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales (CNES), France Comisión Nacional de Actividades Espaciales (CONAE), Argentina Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO), Australia Deutsches Zentrum für Luft-und Raumfahrt (DLR), Germany European Organisation for the Exploitation of Meteorological Satellites (EUMETSAT), Germany European Space Agency (ESA), Europe European GNSS Agency (GSA), Europe Instituto Nacional de Pesquisas Espaciais (INPE), Brazil Aerospace Exploration Agency/Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology (JAXA/MEXT), Japan National Aeronautics & Space Administration (NASA), USA National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), USA 	SPACEAPPS SERCO FMI NOA CS DEIMOS DES RESIL

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Space Agency of Ukraine (NSAU), Ukraine • Netherlands Space Office (NSO), Netherlands • United Arab Emirates Space Agency (UAE SA), United Arab Emirates • United Kingdom Space Agency (UKSA), United Kingdom • Global Climate Observing System (GCOS), Switzerland • Swedish National Space Agency (SNSA), Sweden 	
Commercial operators of Satellite Ground Segments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Airbus DS Geo, France • Telespazio, Italy • Collecte Localisation Satellites (CLS), France • Planet, USA • Digital Globe, (MAXAR) USA • GeoEye, USA • ATOS, Spain 	CERTH SERCO SPACEAPPS
Commercial operators of telecommunication Satellite Ground Segments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SES, Luxembourg • Intelsat, Luxembourg • Eutelsat, France • Avantiplc, UK • Inmarsat, UK • Kongsberg Satellite Services (KSAT), Norway • Hellas Sat, Greece • Swedish Space Corporation (SSC), Sweden, • Hispasat, Spain 	SERCO DEIMOS DES NOA ENG EETT
National and Regional Meteorological Institutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts (ECMWF), Europe • Finnish Meteorological Institute (FMI), Finland • Météo-France, France • Institut Royal Météorologique (IRM), Belgium • The Royal Netherlands Meteorological Institute (KNMI), Netherlands • Instituto Portugues do Mar e da Atmosfera (IPMA), Portugal • Meteorologisk Institutt, Norway • Deutscher Wetterdienst, Germany • Hellenic National Meteorological Service, Greece • Ufficio Generale Spazio Aereo e Meteorologia, Italy • Agencia Estatal de Meteorología (AEMET), Spain • Swedish Meteorological and Hydrological Institute, Sweden 	FMI NOA DEIMOS DES SERCO

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met Office, UK • MétéoSuisse, Switzerland 	
EO platform operators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SERCO, Italy • Airbus Defence & Space, France • Creotech Instruments, Poland • Atos, France • E-Geos, Italy 	CERTH NOA SERCO DEIMOS DES SPACEAPPS
Manufacturers of systems for Satellite Ground Segment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GMV • RHEA group • TERMA • A more complete list can be found here: https://spaceindustrydatabase.com/ 	CERTH NOA SERCO DEIMOS DES SPACEAPPS

Table 2-1 7SHIELD primary target audiences

2.2.2. Secondary target audiences

Target Group	Examples/ Representative Organisations	Reached by
European Association of Remote Sensing Companies (EARSC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Airbus, France • ALPHA Consult, Italy • Ariespace, Italy • EOAnalytics, Ireland • European Space Imaging, Germany • Geospatial Enabling Technologies, Greece • HISDESAT, Spain • ICEYE, Finland • Kongsberg Spacetec, Norway • Neuropublic, Greece • Planet Germany, Germany • Planetek Hellas, Greece • SpaceSeed, France • SuperVision Earth, Germany • Thales Alenia Space, France • Draxis SA, Greece 	CERTH NOA SERCO DEIMOS DES SPACEAPPS
Civil Protection Agencies / Governmental Bodies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Secretariat for Civil Protection, Greece • Dipartimento della Protezione Civile, Italy • Directorate General of Civil Protection and Emergencies, Spain • Civil Defence, Ministry of Interior, Cyprus 	KEMEA EETT HP RG ACCELI CENTRIC

CI Operators, Ministries & CI Protection Agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finnish Transport Infrastructure Agency, Finland Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management, Netherlands National Infrastructure Commission, UK Swiss Civil Protection Water Board of Nicosia, CY 	KEMEA ENG HP EETT ACCELI STWS
Cybersecurity Agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> European Union Agency for Cybersecurity (ENISA) European Cyber Security Organisation: ECSO European Organisation for Security (EOS) 	CLS CS CSNov KEMEA HP ACCELI RESIL RG SERCO CeRICT INOV
Defence Agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> European Defence Agency (EDA) 	ENG

Table 2-2 7SHIELD secondary target audiences

2.3. Key communication messages

The key messages (Table 2-3) will be tailored according to the target audiences and will aim to communicate the project's objectives, its key results, and the needs it addresses.

Target Audience	Key Messages
Space Agencies and Organisations of space agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seamless access to satellite data to serve national and global initiatives, e.g., for Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change monitoring.
Commercial operators of Satellite Ground Segments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shield operations through tech-driven support throughout the entire disaster/threat cycle.
Manufacturers of systems for Satellite Ground Segments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technologies that can increase their value proposition in the manufacturing of Satellite Ground Stations.
Group of Earth Observations (GEO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safeguard satellite data and products quality and robustness.
European Association of Remote Sensing Companies (EARSC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secure EO products access to market, and the operations of EO value chains.
Civil Protection Agencies / Governmental Bodies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide prompt response to dangerous events and assistance in developing emergency response plans.
CI Operators, Ministries & CI Protection Agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ease everyday operation with the introduction of more effective protocols and processes regarding physical and cyber-attacks. Secure business continuity.

Cybersecurity Agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of combined and integrated new solutions for cybersecurity and assistance in decision making.
Defence Agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of early detection systems with the addition of face recognition technologies etc to monitor, detect and prevent criminal activity.
General Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Timely detection and response to emergency situations and awareness raising

Table 2-3 Key communication messages

2.4. Roles & responsibilities

2.4.1. Communication Manager

The **Communication Manager (CM)** will be responsible for the coordination of the project's collaboration, clustering and networking activities. These include the infodays, project meetings, technical forums/workshops and conferences that will be organised for the dissemination of project results, as well as the relevant third-party events where the project partners will participate representing 7SHIELD.

The partner appointed by the Coordinator as the 7SHIELD Communication Manager is SERCO.

2.4.2. Project Communication Team

A **Project Communication Team (PCT)** has been formed, involving representatives from all project partners, to ensure the commitment to the plan and the consistency, frequency and strength of the communication actions. Each partner has designated a PCT member as follows (Table 2-4).

Partner	PCT Member	e-mail
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Table 2-4 Project Communication Team

3. Communication Plan

3.1. Online communication channels

The online promotion of the project and dissemination of its results will be done via two main channels: a) the 7SHIELD website, and b) the 7SHIELD LinkedIn page.

To maximise the project's visibility and increase traffic on its channels, all partners will also publish information about 7SHIELD and its outputs on their organisations' websites. The partners should provide a short description of the project, the partnership, objectives and expected results, and highlight the financial support from the European Union. The information about the project has to include the programme logo with the supporting text, and links to the 7SHIELD website and LinkedIn page.

3.1.1. 7SHIELD Website

The 7SHIELD website (<https://www.7shield.eu/>) – developed by CS and released in M3 (October 2020) – will serve as the main source of up-to-date information about the activities and outputs of the project. It will be updated by CS at least twice per month with input by all project partners and its traffic will be monitored using Google Analytics.

The website's structure, content and strategy are described with details in the deliverable *D8.3 Project Website*.

3.1.2. Social Media

Because of the sensitive information related to the project, the specificity of 7SHIELD's stakeholders and its Business-to-Business orientation, LinkedIn will be the only social media platform used to relay information about the project and its results.

7SHIELD LinkedIn page (<https://www.linkedin.com/company/7shield/>) (Figure 3-1) has been set up and will be maintained by CS with regular input by all partners. It will be used as the project's primary online networking tool, to connect with sector-specific professional audiences, especially in the space industry, earth observation, remote sensing, critical infrastructure, security, crisis management, academia, researchers and policy-makers.

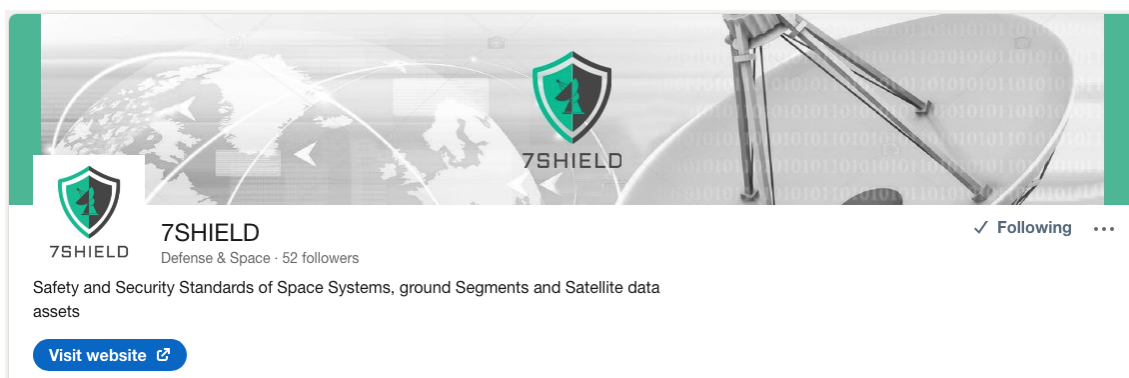


Figure 3-1 7SHIELD LinkedIn page

The members of the Project Communication Team will be responsible for providing content and suggestions for posts at least twice per month and CS will be in charge of managing the page and posting the approved articles on time.

To reach the widest possible audience, the partners are encouraged to like, comment, and share all activity with the appropriate audiences, through their institutional pages as well as through individual profiles.

3.2. Communication materials

3.2.1. Corporate identity

A corporate identity has been created to support dissemination and communication activities (both internal and external) by easing information sharing and increasing 7SHIELD visibility toward its different targeted audiences.

It includes the project's logo, a graphical charter, a text document layout and a presentation layout.

The corporate identity is described with details in the deliverable *D8.2 Corporate identity and logo*.

3.2.2. Brochure

Two versions of the 7SHIELD brochure will be designed by CS; the first version will be delivered in M6 (February 2021) and the final version in M24 (August 2022). The brochures will present the benefits and expected impact of the project to the general public with easy to read content for non-specialist audiences, featuring also brief information about the 7SHIELD Key Results and progress of activities.

3.2.3. Infoboard

Two versions of the 7SHIELD infoboard will be designed by CS; the first version will be delivered in M6 (February 2021) and the final version in M24 (August 2022), together with the project brochures. Similarly, with the brochure, the infoboard will highlight the benefits, impact, and Key Results of the project and will be displayed at events organised by the consortium and at third-party events where 7SHIELD will be presented.

3.2.4. Newsletter

An electronic newsletter will be published annually (M12 and M24), covering the latest updates of the project, addressing the general research community, as well as the primary and secondary target audiences that have been defined in Chapter 2.

The newsletter layout will be designed by CS and the Project Communication Team will provide input for the articles.

3.2.5. Video

In M24 (August 2022), CS will produce a short project video to present 7SHIELD, its objectives and findings to the partners' stakeholders. The project video will be displayed in

events where 7SHIELD will be presented and will also be available online on the project website and LinkedIn page.

3.3. Press releases

The partners will issue press releases once per year in their countries, to communicate the most important project results, especially following the achievement of milestones (e.g. the successful pilot demonstration of 7SHIELD on a Ground Segment).

12 press releases – corresponding to the 12 countries of the consortium – are expected to be issued in the first project year (M12 – August 2021) and 12 press releases in the second project year (M24 – August 2022).

3.4. Content & frequency of communication activities

Communication actions will take place at least once per month and on the following indicative occasions:

- Project kick-off and organisation of kick-off meeting
- Organisation of other consortium meetings
- Organisation of workshops and infodays
- Participation of partners in third-party events
- Delivery of public reports
- Delivery of Key Results
- Pilot demonstrations of 7SHIELD
- Peer-reviewed and published scientific papers.

3.4.1. Social media content

Through the 7SHIELD LinkedIn page, the partners will share information about the project results and developed technologies, peer-reviewed and published scientific publications, announcements of workshops, events, conferences, project meetings, and their respective outcomes, and also the five pilot demonstrations on the Ground Segments.

The posts will include appropriate tags and hashtags to ensure the content will reach the widest possible audiences. All institutional LinkedIn pages of the project partners should also be tagged in the posts.

Relevant hashtags for 7SHIELD include: #H2020, #cybersecurity, #space, #defence, #criticalinfrastructure, #security, #satellitedata, #satellitesystems.

3.4.2. Content validation process

All communication content will be validated with the following process:

1. CS will be responsible to collect input from the Project Communication Team and build the articles and posts.

2. CS will submit the articles and posts for approval to the Project Coordinator, the Scientific and Technical Manager, the Project Security Officer, Work Package Leaders and Work Package 8 Task Leaders.
3. The content will be validated and approved within 48 hours and CS will upload it on the 7SHIELD website and LinkedIn page.

4. Dissemination Plan

In alignment with the Horizon 2020 guidelines, dissemination will focus on project results and will be happening only once results are available, as distinct from communication, which starts at the outset of the project to promote it as a whole.

Through the dissemination activities – which include networking events and workshops, synergies with similar H2020 projects and other initiatives, and publications – the partners will target specialist audiences identified as key stakeholders of 7SHIELD, with the aim to enable the take-up and use of results. The consortium's communication channels will also be used for dissemination.

4.1. Project outputs to be disseminated

Title	Type of output	Dissemination channels
D2.3 Preliminary ethics and legal framework	Report	7SHIELD Website
D2.6 Final ethics and legal framework	Report	7SHIELD Website
D4.1 Video surveillance techniques: Initial release	Report	7SHIELD Website, 7SHIELD LinkedIn, Workshops, Infoday, Conferences
D4.3 Data collection from UAVs and processing at the edge techniques	Report	7SHIELD Website, 7SHIELD LinkedIn, Workshops, Infoday, Conferences
D4.5 Video surveillance techniques: Final release	Demonstrator	7SHIELD Website, 7SHIELD LinkedIn, Workshops, Infoday, Conferences
D5.1 The 7SHIELD ontology and data representation model	Report	7SHIELD Website, 7SHIELD LinkedIn, Workshops, Infoday, Conferences
D5.3 Security Risk Assessment Algorithms	Report	7SHIELD Website, 7SHIELD LinkedIn, Workshops, Infoday, Conferences
D5.4 Social Awareness and message generation	Report	7SHIELD Website, 7SHIELD LinkedIn, Workshops, Infoday, Conferences
D7.2 User training	Report	7SHIELD Website, 7SHIELD LinkedIn, Workshops, Infoday, Conferences
D7.3 Field demonstrations and final system evaluation	Demonstrator	7SHIELD Website, 7SHIELD LinkedIn, Workshops, Infoday, Conferences
D8.1 Communication and dissemination plan	Report	7SHIELD Website
D8.2 Corporate identity and logo	Report	7SHIELD Website

D8.3 Project Website	Website	7SHIELD LinkedIn, Partners' institutional websites, partners' institutional LinkedIn accounts
D8.4 Market Analysis Report v1	Report	7SHIELD Website
D8.5 Brochure and Infoboard	Report	7SHIELD Website, 7SHIELD LinkedIn, Workshops, Infoday, Conferences
D8.7 Market Analysis Report v2	Report	7SHIELD Website
D8.10 7SHIELD Video	Demonstrator	7SHIELD Website, 7SHIELD LinkedIn, Workshops, Infoday, Conferences
D8.12 7SHIELD Security Standardisation Strategy and policy-planning	Report	7SHIELD Website, 7SHIELD LinkedIn, Workshops, Infoday, Conferences
D8.13 Final brochure and InfoBoard	Report	7SHIELD Website, 7SHIELD LinkedIn, Workshops, Infoday, Conferences

Table 4-1 Project outputs to be disseminated

4.2. Key stakeholders

Category	Stakeholder	Country	Interest in 7SHIELD/ contribution to tasks	Partner(s)
First Responders	Centre for Security Studies (KEMEA)	Greece	Project Partner & first responder in case of cyber-physical attack to NOA Ground Segment. Co-design of pilot use case scenarios.	NOA
First Responders	Hellenic Police (HP)	Greece	Project Partner & first responder in case of cyber-physical attack to NOA Ground Segment. Co-design of pilot use case scenarios.	NOA
First Responders	Hellenic Telecommunications and Post Commission (EETT)	Greece	Project Partner & first responder in case of cyber-physical attack to NOA Ground Segment. Co-design of pilot use case scenarios.	NOA
First Responders	Hellenic Fire Service	Greece	National agency of Greece for fire and rescue service. First	NOA

			responder in case of physical attack to NOA Ground Segment.	
Critical Infrastructure Owners	Greek Research & Technology Network (GRNET)	Greece	Coordinates all e-infrastructures in Education and Research in Greece. Owns the data center of NOA's Ground Segment.	NOA
CI Operators, Ministries & CI Protection Agencies	Centre for the Protection of National Critical Infrastructure (CPNI)	United Kingdom	Potential dissemination target group	CENTRIC
Civil Protection Agencies / Governmental Bodies	JESIP (Joint Emergency Services Interoperability Principles)	United Kingdom	Potential dissemination target group	CENTRIC
Critical Infrastructure Owners	Finnish Meteorological Institute (FMI)	Finland	Project partner and owner of the Sodankylä ground station. Pilot owner	FMI
Technology Developer	Dr. Frucht Systems Ltd	Israel	Develop Perimeter Laser Sensor (PLS), Laser Fence Sensor (LFS), 3D Mini Drone Detector (3D MND) and Flying Hunter (FH)	DFSL
First Responders	Dr. Frucht Systems Ltd	Israel	Neutralisation of intruder drones	DFSL
First Responders	Air Zermatt	Switzerland	Search and Rescue first responders mainly for mountain operations	RG
Critical Infrastructure Owners	Federal Office for Civil Protection (FOCP)	Switzerland	National Risk Analysis and Research Coordination Body	RG
Critical Infrastructure Owners	OTE	Greece	Potential participation in project's dissemination activities Potential contribution in Task 2.2. Stakeholder engagement user requirements	EETT

Critical Infrastructure Owners	HELLAS sat	Greece	Potential participation in project's dissemination activities Potential contribution in Task 2.2. Stakeholder engagement user requirements	EETT
Critical Infrastructure Owners	Forthnet	Greece	Potential participation in project's dissemination activities Potential contribution in Task 2.2. Stakeholder engagement user requirements	EETT
Critical Infrastructure Owner	Ice Cubes ground Segment	Belgium	Ice Cubes facility operation onboard the International Space Station. User access to experiments in the facility	SPACEAPPS

Table 4-2 7SHIELD Key Stakeholders

4.3. Networking activities

The networking activities aim to create and maintain links, both between the project partners but also with the external communities involved in the context of 7SHIELD. Participation to events and communication with other initiatives are used to develop and strengthen the relations. Publications are used for raising awareness and to ensure a regular communication. Network activities organized proactively including:

- Internal Workshops and progress meetings to keep all partners connected and informed on feedback received from external events (Third Party). Internal events give partners the necessary material to communicate externally project progress and pilot results as well as share the 7SHIELD vision on how the community is evolving and which are the technologies commonly used or innovations requested.
- Third party events like International conferences and participation to synergize with other H2020 projects promoting 7SHIELD towards relevant communities. Third Party events allow to promote the internal works and make contacts to experts and recognized professionals who will be involved in the project InfoDays ("European Project Workshop" foreseen in April 2022).

Any communication made within the context of these events respects the security constraints of the project.

4.3.1. Project events & workshops

A particular attention is brought on the communication around the events listed below. Each event will be clearly reported, and relevant information will be shared internally to the project partners, using the communication channels described in Chapter 3 and material described in Chapter 4.

The European Project Workshop will be prepared, starting today with a clear plan, emphasizing the critical items and the Key characteristics for each of the following categories:

- Construction of Participants' list
- Setup of the Agenda
- Selection of event location (physical or virtual)
- Marketing and communication material
- Shipment of Invitation
- Set up of the event.

Table 4-3 lists the internal events identified to develop the networking activities.

Name of event/ workshop	Location	Scope	Organiser	Participants
European Project workshop	To bet setup according to COVID-19 situation	Share results and lessons learnt to stakeholders. Disseminate project results and success stories to all categories of the target audiences.	WP8 T8.2	All relevant partners
Pilot Infoday	Meeting at Pilot leaders' premises	Raise awareness on Pilot status. Present results.	Pilot leaders	All relevant partners
Project Progress Meetings	Virtual Meeting	Communicate on project progress. Share messages from Third Party event. Identify issues and decide on actions.	WP leaders	Relevant WP
GEO side event	To bet setup according to COVID-19 situation	Advocate the importance of 7SHIELD for enhancing the resilience of Space Ground Segments.	WP8 T8.2	Relevant WP leaders

Table 4-3 7SHIELD events & workshops

4.3.2. Participation in third-party events

To boost the networking activities with third parties, each partner will contribute by:

- Communicating and participating to at least two international events where the promotion of 7SHIELD is extremely valuable. We will list international conferences, starting with EC and ESA organized events, where a generic presentation of the project will be held. We are also looking for specialised workshops to emphasise a specific asset of 7SHIELD and develop the network with targeted stakeholders (for example the security authorities). The recognised experience and the network established by each partner is exploited here. It aims to bring the right message to the right audience.
- Providing feedback on the outcomes of the conferences following an established procedure. This "Conference Report" process is under finalisation, but headlines emphasise the following points:
 - Conference details (title, date)
 - Audience (remote sensing, detection, IoT, semantics, security...)
 - Contribution details (abstract and presentation)
 - Article to be published through 7SHIELD communication channels (web portal, news, social networks)
 - Network established (PoC of key persons, recognize stakeholders).

The third-party event list is already shared among the partners and first contributions have been received demonstrating that partners embrace the effort. The table is an internal dynamic tool and will be maintained up to date when events pop up. The final decision to participate is to be taken at WP / Project Management level but it structures the communication and networking strategy of the project.

In addition, the project maintains its proactive approach via synergies with other projects dealing with securing critical infrastructure. One example is the European Cluster for Securing Critical infrastructures (ECSCI) that 7SHIELD will join to share its outcomes and benefits from the experience from projects that present synergies.

Table 4-4 provides an indicative subset of the information collected so far for Third Party Events. The internal events monitoring table, together with the Conference Report will help generating reports focusing on KPIs listed in the Grant Agreement.

Name of event	Number of Attendees	Location	URL
Phi Week (side event)	20+	Virtual	https://phiweek.esa.int/
Nicosia Risk Forum 2020	50+	Virtual	https://cerides.euc.ac.cy/nicosia-risk-forum/nicosia-risk-forum-2020/
International conference on natural hazard and	50+	Athens, Greece	https://iconhic.com/2021/

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International Conference on Sustainable Industrial Development	50+	Istanbul, Turkey	https://waset.org/sustainable-industrial-development-conference-in-february-2021-in-istanbul
International Conference on Space Technologies	50+	Toronto, Canada	https://waset.org/space-technologies-conference-in-july-2021-in-toronto
CIPRE-EXPO	20+	Bucharest, Romania	https://www.cipre-expo.com/
ESREL	20+	Angers, France	http://esrel2021.org/en/index.html
ESORICS	20+	Darmstadt, Germany	https://esorics2021.athene-center.de/
International Conference on Critical Infrastructure Security (CRITIS2021)	50+	Lausanne, Switzerland	https://critis2021.org/
International Conference on Information Systems for Crisis Response and Management (ISCRAM2021)	50+	Blacksburg, Virginia, USA	https://www.drrm.fralinlifesci.vt.edu/isgram2021
8th European Ground System Architecture Workshop	20+	Virtual (TBD)	
Ground System Architecture Workshop	20+	Virtual	https://gsaw.org/

Table 4-4 Third-party events

4.3.3. COVID-19 and health considerations

The COVID-19 pandemic has a strong impact on the dissemination activities of EU-funded projects, including those of 7SHIELD. The Project Coordinator and the Project Management Board will closely monitor the precautionary and mitigation measures enforced by the governmental authorities of the partnership countries and decide about the format of the foreseen workshops and networking events accordingly.

During lockdown periods, the partners will opt for virtual events instead of physical ones, on condition that the scope and content of the events is not substantially affected. In case the scope is severely affected by the restrictive measures and the event or workshop cannot take place virtually, the Project Coordinator will promptly contact the Project Officer, to explore alternative options and implementation of the force majeure clause of Article 51 of the H2020 Annotated Model Grant Agreement.

4.4. Synergies with relevant research & innovation activities

Project Title	Relevance to 7SHIELD	Responsible Partner(s)
H2020 SAFECARE	Focusing on health services infrastructure, SAFECARE develops threat prevention, detection, response and mitigation of impacts across CI, populations and environments and delivers an innovative decision support system.	KEMEA
H2020 InfraStress	InfraStress addresses the cyber-physical security of Sensitive Industrial Plants and Sites (SIPS) Critical Infrastructures and improves the resilience and protection capabilities of SIPS exposed to large scale, combined C/P threats and hazards, guaranteeing continuity of operations while minimising cascading effects. 7SHIELD will benefit from the integrated C/P Situational Awareness and C/P Threat Intelligence developed in InfraStress.	ENG INOV STWS CERTH
H2020 SecureGas	SecureGas focuses on the 140.000Km of the European Gas network covering the entire value chain from Production to Distribution to the users, providing methodologies, tools and guidelines to secure existing and incoming installations and make them resilient to cyber-physical threats.	KEMEA
H2020 SATIE	SATIE adopts a holistic approach about threat prevention, detection, response and mitigation in the airports, while guaranteeing the protection of critical systems, sensitive data and passengers.	KEMEA INOV STWS
H2020 DEFENDER	DEFENDER aims to model Critical Energy Infrastructures (CEIs) as distributed Cyber-Physical Systems for managing the potential reciprocal effects of cyber and physical threats deploying intrusion detection and UAV neutralisation solutions.	DFSL ENG
H2020 Net2DG	Leveraging Networked Data for the Digital electricity Grid. Deployment of methodologies for threat assessment and anomaly detections solutions for faults and attacks.	RESIL
ESA – Sentinels Rolling Archive User Access, Operations, Maintenance	Engagement with ESA to define the new requirements of the Sentinel rolling archive access mechanism and incorporate 7SHIELD technologies in the Payload Data Ground Segments (PDGS) to increase resilience and ensure service continuity in case of cyber and physical attacks.	NOA SERCO GAEL
SECEF	The aim of the SECEF (SECurity Exchange Format) project is to promote and improve the use of open standard in cyber-security.	CSNov
H2020 EU-CIRCLE	EU-CIRCLE is a pan-European framework for strengthening Critical Infrastructure resilience to climate change. 7SHIELD will capitalise on the Climate Infrastructure Resilience	STWS

	Platform developments that will be tested for satellite ground stations infrastructure.	
H2020 SafeShore	System for detection of Threat Agents in Maritime Border Environment	DFSL
SCAAN	Security Communications and Analysis Network. SCAAN is a project and service run by CENTRIC and the International Organisation for Migration that supports crisis communications with staff members during major security incidents. 7SHIELD will inform and be informed by SCAAN 's work on best practice crisis communications and social awareness.	CENTRIC
HYPERION	Hyperion aims at providing a system that will facilitate and support Cultural Heritage sites Resilience along with the local community and business ecosystem, against natural hazards and climate change	RG
ECSCI Cluster	European Cluster for Securing Critical Infrastructures - ECSCI is a cluster of H2020 projects for securing critical infrastructures whose main objective is to bring about synergetic, emerging disruptive solutions to security issues via cross-projects collaboration and innovation.	ENG INOV
CIP PROTECTION - Targeted Actions for enhancing the protection of National Characterized European Critical Infrastructure – NCECI	The project "Targeted Actions for enhancing the protection of National Characterized European Critical Infrastructure – NCECI", includes a series of actions and deliverables that are being developed in order to provide the background for a commonly acceptable level of safety and protection for the NCECI. To this end, it is critical to ensure the systematic cooperation of the bodies that are responsible for the safety and protection of citizens with the operators and in particular the Security Managers of the Infrastructures. Its main goal is to define a framework of synergies between those involved in security, protection and the sound operation of infrastructures that will contribute to the strengthening of the resilience of society, for the smooth operation of which, critical infrastructure constitute a key pillar.	KEMEA

Table 4-5 Synergies with other projects

4.5. Publications

The project foresees at least 15 scientific or academic open access publications in technical and scientific conferences and journals, and in industry-led magazines and websites.

Relevant journals include:

- International Journal of Protective Structures
- International Journal of Information Security
- International Journal of Critical Infrastructure Protection

- IEEE Transactions on Dependable and Secure Computing
- Security Journal
- IEEE Transactions on Geoscience and Remote Sensing
- International Archives of the Photogrammetry, Remote Sensing and Spatial Information Sciences (ISPRS Archives).

Relevant general security conferences include:

- Cyber Security for Critical Assets Europe (CS4CA)
- International Conference on Critical Information Infrastructures Security (CRITIS)
- Critical Infrastructure Protection & Resilience Europe
- International Conference on Information Systems for Crisis Response and Management (ISCRAM)
- International Symposium on Research in Attacks, Intrusions and Defences (RAID)
- European Safety and Reliability Conference (ESREL)
- BlackHat Europe
- CRESTCon - The technical cyber security industry conference
- IFIP Information Security Conference & Privacy Conference
- IFIP Technical Committee 11
- IFIP Working Group 11.10 on Critical Infrastructure Protection
- International Defence and Homeland Security Simulation Workshop (DHSS)
- Risk-In 2020, Annual Conference for Risk and Resilience matters.

Relevant space sector conferences include:

- International Conference on Natural Hazards & Infrastructure (ICONHIC)
- International Conference on Sustainable Infrastructural Development (ICSID)
- European Safety and Reliability Conference (ESRC)
- ESA Living Planet Symposium (LPS)
- ESA EO Phi-Week
- Toulouse Space Show (TSS)
- PSSI Space Security Conference
- ISDE International Symposium on Digital Earth
- Big Data from Space
- IEEE Geoscience and Remote Sensing Society
- European Geosciences Union General Assembly
- International Geoscience and Remote Sensing Symposium - IGARSS 2021 (<https://www.igarss2021.com/default.asp>)

Relevant multimedia conferences include:

- International Conference on Multimedia Modeling (MMM)
- ACM International Conference on Multimedia
- Annual ACM International Conference on Multimedia Retrieval (ICMR)
- Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR).

5. Impact and performance

5.1. Key Performance Indicators

The success of the communication and dissemination actions will be evaluated throughout the project duration based on specific metrics, outlined in Table 5-1.

Tool	KPIs	Target value(s)
7SHIELD Website	Number of visits	10000
	Number of downloads of public outputs	300
7SHIELD LinkedIn	Number of page followers	300
	Number of monthly posts	2-3
	Number of views per post	100
	Number of reactions per post	50
	Number of shares per post	10
Brochure	Number of brochures printed and distributed to the target audiences	500
Infoboard	Number of infoboards displayed at events	10
7SHIELD Video	Number of views	100
Newsletter	Number of newsletters issued	2
	Number of subscribers	300
Publications	Number of publications in technical and scientific conferences and journals, and industry-led magazines and websites	15
Workshops	Number of organised workshops	4
	Number of participants per workshop	50
7SHIELD Infoday	Number of participants	200
Press releases	Number of press releases distributed to local, national and European media	24

Table 5-1 Key Performance Indicators

5.2. Monitoring and reporting

The implementation of communication and dissemination actions will be systematically monitored throughout the project duration. An internal monitoring tool (i.e. an online form) will be created by NOA to assist the reporting process. All partners will report every communication activity they perform on the tool, providing specific information that will be requested (e.g. description of action, communication channel, target audiences, number of individuals reached). Information on the success of the 7SHIELD website and LinkedIn page will be provided by CS – the partner responsible for the management of the project’s online communication channels.

The performance of the communication and dissemination actions will be officially reported in the deliverables *D8.8 – Final report on communication and dissemination activities* (to be delivered by CS in M23) and *D8.9 – Final networking report* (to be delivered by SERCO in M23).

6. Compliance considerations

6.1. Visibility of EU funding

In compliance with Article 38 of the H2020 AMGA “Promoting the action – visibility of EU funding”, all communication related to the project – including electronic communication via email, newsletters, project website and institutional websites, use of social media – and all infrastructure, equipment or results funded under the specific grant must:

- display the EU emblem



- display the supporting text next to the emblem: “This project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreement No 883284”.

The minimum height of the EU emblem shall be 1 cm and the name of the European Union shall be spelled out in full. The font can be Arial, Calibri, Garamond, Trebuchet, Tahoma or Verdana with no font effects, and the font size should be proportionate to the size of the emblem.

6.2. GDPR

All partners are obliged to comply with the GDPR legislation for all communications with other businesses and organisations and for use of third-party data, including those initiated in the context of enacting the 7SHIELD communication strategy. The 7SHIELD partnership will treat all data collected as confidential and strictly use it under the framework of the 7SHIELD project activities in compliance with the EU legal regulations. The scope of the data collected will be the minimum necessary for each purpose, avoiding as much possible personal information. No personal information will be collected without the knowledge and consent of the target audience, using the dedicated Participant Information Sheet and Participant Consent Form that have been provided by the Project Coordinator.

In D9.4 – POPD - Requirement No. 4 (due at M2), all partners are advised to contact their internal Data Protection Officer before contacting third-party organisations and individuals outside the project partnership.

6.3. Security considerations

The Security Advisory Board (SAB) will be an integral part of the formulation of the dissemination and communication strategy in order to act pro-actively. In this direction the following procedures will be applied:

- The whole dissemination and communication strategy of the project results to wider audiences and shall be supported by the Security Advisory Board (SAB), which shall report to the Commission (through the Coordinator) when needed;
- Before commencement of any dissemination activity (e.g., publication in scientific journal or presentation in workshop) the SAB should review the material (e.g.,

academic article or presentation) in order to avoid publication of material containing sensitive information.

7. Timeplan of activities & partners' involvement

Activity	Responsible partner(s)	Deadline
Creation of 7SHIELD LinkedIn page	CS	31/10/2020
Announce 7SHIELD kick-off on LinkedIn page	CS	31/10/2020
Follow and share 7SHIELD LinkedIn page with own network	ALL	15/11/2020
Submission of Communication and dissemination plan	NOA	30/11/2020
Submission of Corporate identity and logo	CS	30/11/2020
Development of Project Website	CS	30/11/2020
Update project website content	CS	30/11/2020
Post introductory article about 7SHIELD on institutional websites	ALL	30/11/2020
Update project website content	CS	31/12/2020
Update project website content	CS	31/01/2021
Design of Brochure and Infoboard	CS	28/02/2021
Update project website content	CS	28/02/2021
Update project website content	CS	31/03/2021
Update project website content	CS	30/04/2021
Update project website content	CS	31/05/2021
Update project website content	CS	30/06/2021
Provide input for 1 st issue of 7SHIELD newsletter	ALL	31/07/2021
Update project website content	CS	31/07/2021
Update project website content	CS	31/08/2021
Publish 1 st issue of 7SHIELD newsletter	CS	31/08/2021
Update project website content	CS	30/09/2021
Update project website content	CS	31/10/2021
Update project website content	CS	30/11/2021
Update project website content	CS	31/12/2021
Update project website content	CS	31/01/2022
Update project website content	CS	28/02/2022
Update project website content	CS	31/03/2022
Update project website content	CS	30/04/2022

Update project website content	CS	31/05/2022
Update project website content	CS	30/06/2022
Final report on communication and dissemination activities	CS	31/07/2022
Final networking report	SERCO	31/07/2022
Update project website content	CS	31/07/2022
Provide input for 2 nd issue of 7SHIELD newsletter	ALL	31/07/2022
Update project website content	CS	31/08/2022
7SHIELD Video	CS	31/08/2022
Design of Final brochure and infoboard	CS	31/08/2022
Publish 2 nd issue of 7SHIELD newsletter	CS	31/08/2022

Table 7-1 Timeplan of activities

8. Conclusions

The Communication and Dissemination strategy elaborated in this document aims to set the basis for maximising the visibility of the project and the uptake of its results. The plan will be considered a living and evolving document, which will be updated and enhanced as the activities of 7SHIELD progress and as more opportunities for networking, H2020 synergies and promotion of the project appear. All communication and dissemination activities will be continuously monitored by the Project Communication Team and the strategy will be fine-tuned according to the overall performance and estimated impact.



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