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Table of Abbreviations and Acronyms

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Abbreviation	Meaning	
ACM ICMR	Association for Computing Machinery - International Conference on	
	Multimedia Retrieval	
AQuA	All Questions Answered	
ADR	AI, Data and Robotics	
ADRA	AI, Data and Robotics Association	
ADRA-e	ADRA ecosystem	
AI	Artificial Intelligence	
AIDA	International Artificial Intelligence Doctoral Academy	
AloD	AI-on-Demand platform	
AQuA	All Questions Answered	
COPEAM	Permanent Conference of Mediterranean Audiovisual Operators	
CPU	Central Processing Unit	
CSA	Coordination and Support Action	
DIH	Digital Innovation Hub	
DoA	Description of Action	
EC	European Commission	
EBU	European Broadcasting Union	
EU	European Union	
GPU	Graphics Processing Unit	
НРС	High Performance Computing	
ІСТ	Information Communication Technology	
КРІ	Key Performance Indicator	
LLM	Large Language Models	
NoE	Network of Excellence	
R&D	Research and Development	
SRA	Strategic Research Agenda	
SRIDA	Strategic Research Innovation and Deployment Agenda	
TDW	Theme Development Workshop	
TGB	Technical Governance Board	
VCoE	Virtual Center of Excellence	
URL	Uniform Resource Locator	
WP	Work Package	

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Al4media

The Al4Media project has made significant contributions to the research advancement and integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the media industry over its four-year span, achieving numerous notable achievements. This document details the comprehensive dissemination and communication activities executed during the project, with a special focus on the period from M37 (September 2023) to M48 (August 2024). These activities were aimed at maximising the project's reach and impact, disseminating its outcomes and results for the benefit of society.

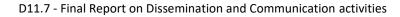
Key initiatives included the launch of a refined communication strategy following the recommendations of the third project review report. This strategy emphasised stakeholder engagement through events, campaigns, and tailored messaging to diverse target groups, such as citizens, policymakers, AI researchers and practitioners, and media professionals.

The project employed a multi-channel communication approach, which encompassed a robust online presence through its website, active social media engagement, mass mailings, newsletters, media coverage, and strong collaborations with other projects and initiatives, particularly VISION and the AI Networks of Excellence (AI NoEs), among other prominent initiatives. Additionally, AI4Media strategically used key European platforms such as the AI-on-Demand platform, the European AI Alliance platform and others, to further increase the reach of and engagement with its results.

Significant developments included the launch of the AI Media Observatory and the Virtual Centre of Excellence (VCoE), which served as pivotal platforms for resource dissemination and stakeholder engagement. Additionally, AI4Media organised and participated in numerous events, enhancing its visibility and fostering collaboration within the AI and media ecosystems.

The project also focused on producing actionable and accessible knowledge for different target groups, particularly citizens and policymakers, but also AI researchers and Media professionals. This effort comprised the creation of concise, reader-friendly factsheets and booklets that distilled key insights from complex reports, deliverables, and event outcomes. A significant amount of multimedia content was also produced, including interviews, demo videos, recorded presentations, and poster sessions.

The report highlights the achievement of key performance indicators (KPIs), such as increased website traffic, social media growth, and high engagement rates. It also outlines strategic efforts to maintain the relevance and accessibility of AI4Media's resources and outcomes post-project conclusion, ensuring sustained impact through continuous updates and integration with broader AI initiatives.



2 Introduction

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This final deliverable updates the dissemination and communication activities of the AI4Media project from M37 (September 2023) to M48 (August 2024). It builds on previous reports (D11.3, D11.5) and provides a detailed account of the channels, materials, and tools used to communicate AI4Media's progress and outcomes. The document also evaluates the impact of these activities through various metrics, including website statistics, social media analytics, and participation in events.

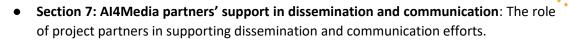
The AI4Media dissemination and communication strategy has been designed to be dynamic and responsive, evolving with the project's progress and stakeholder feedback. Specific goals during this period included maximising the reach and impact of AI4Media's research, enhancing connections and engagement within the AI and media communities, and strengthening the project's recognition across relevant sectors.

Key activities and developments during this period included:

- Website enhancements: Continuous improvements to the AI4Media website, including the launch of the Media AI Observatory and the Virtual Centre of Excellence, which serve as central hubs for resource dissemination and stakeholder engagement.
- Social media campaigns: Active engagement across platforms such as Facebook, LinkedIn, and X (formerly Twitter), with targeted campaigns to increase visibility and interaction with various audience segments.
- Event organisation and participation: Organisation and participation in numerous events to enhance visibility and foster collaboration within the AI and media ecosystems.
- Knowledge dissemination: Production of accessible knowledge materials, including infographics, videos, newsletters, factsheets, booklets and white papers, tailored to different target groups.

The structure of this document is as follows:

- Section 3: Update Al4Media dissemination & communication strategy: This section outlines the evolution and refinement of the strategy, emphasizing stakeholder engagement and project impact.
- Section 4: Channels, tools, and messages: Overview of the communication and promotional materials used, detailing the various channels and tools employed to reach the target audiences. This section comprises the website, social media channels, accessible knowledge and visual developments, mass mailing and media coverage.
- Section 5: Events: Participation of project partners in events and organisation of events by the consortium, showcasing the extent of engagement and collaboration within the AI and media communities.
- Section 6: Scientific outputs: Al4Media's scientific contributions, including publications, datasets, and software, underscoring the project's research impact.



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- Section 8: Liaison with other projects, networks, and initiatives: Collaboration with other AI-focused projects, networks, and initiatives to amplify the project's impact and share knowledge and best practices.
- Section 9: Communication performance against evaluation criteria: Evaluation of the communication activities against set criteria, measuring effectiveness and reach.
- Section 10: Conclusions: Summarises the achievements and provides final reflections on the dissemination and communication efforts.
- Section 11: Annexes: Includes the revised communication plan defined after the third project review, and the list of media coverage and press clipping.



3 Update dissemination & communication strategy

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This section outlines the evolution and refinement of the dissemination and communication strategy and action plan for the AI4Media project, spanning from September 2023 to August 2024. It highlights the adaptability and responsiveness of our approach through various critical phases of the project lifecycle.

The dissemination and communication strategy for Al4Media is designed as a responsive and dynamic framework that evolves according to the changing needs of the project and its stakeholders. By continuously assessing and refining our methods, we aim to ensure that our communication efforts are impactful and relevant, thereby informing and inspiring our diverse audiences.

From the beginning, Al4Media committed to regularly updating its strategy based on project progress, performance assessments, and feedback from periodic reviews. During the initial months of this period, the project followed the updated strategy outlined in deliverable D11.5 (submitted in August 2024 - M36), which focused on enhancing stakeholder engagement and maximising project impact.

However, after the third project review in December 2023, significant refinements were made to the strategy based on the insights gathered and the reviewers' recommendations. These changes led to the development of a more focused communication plan. This revised plan clearly defines Al4Media's goals, profiles key target groups, and details the strategic communication actions to be implemented through the end of the project.

Therefore, the dissemination and communication strategy in D11.5 initially focused on transitioning from raising awareness to fostering strong community engagement, with the following goals:

- Maximising the reach and impact of Al4Media's research and innovations.
- Enhancing connections and engagement within the AI and media communities.
- Strengthening the project's recognition across relevant sectors.

The strategy targeted various key groups, each with tailored communication approaches:

- **Citizens**: Enhancing understanding and engagement through accessible and humanized content, such as infographics, videos, and interactive workshops.
- **Policymakers**: Engaging through stakeholder consultations and participation in policy forums to align project outcomes with regulatory frameworks and sharing research outcomes through factsheets and white papers.
- Al researchers and practitioners: Sharing research outcomes through publications, collaborative workshops, and open-source contributions.
- **Media professionals**: Delivering industry-specific insights and fostering integration of AI innovations through specialized workshops and partnerships.

Following the third project review, we incorporated the constructive feedback from the project officer and reviewers, resulting in a revised communication plan submitted to the EC in April 2024. This updated plan includes:

- Al4Media's Narrative and Value Proposition: Clearly defining what Al4Media is and what it offers.
- **Target Group Profiling**: A detailed analysis of our target audiences and tailored communication objectives for each group.
- **Communication Channels**: An in-depth description of the main channels used in the project, their reach, and specific objectives.
- **Communication Action Plan**: A focused strategy designed to effectively inform and engage various stakeholders about AI4Media's core assets and how they can be used or benefited from even after the project concludes. It outlines tailored communication actions to implement, channels to use, and specific target groups for each action.
- **Event Planning:** A comprehensive list of events Al4Media planned to organize or participate in until the end of the project and beyond.

This revised plan ensured that our communication efforts were strategic, targeted, and effective in conveying Al4Media's mission and achievements. The plan is available in Annex 1 – Revised communication plan.

Based on this, during the remaining period the strategy was refined to focus on the following objectives:

- Developing a **unified narrative** that highlights Al4Media's key outcomes and impacts, simplifying complex information to enhance stakeholder understanding and engagement.
- Expanding reach across diversified channels tailored to the specific needs of different target groups, from industry professionals to the general public.
- Increasing the **accessibility and engagement of our content** through dynamic social media campaigns, public forums, and direct stakeholder interactions.
- Emphasising **multimedia content creation** to make findings more engaging and comprehensible.

3.1 The Al4Media narrative

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A summary of AI4Media's unified narrative, which has been at the core of our communication strategy to attract interest and enhance potential impact, is presented in the box below.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is revolutionising the media industry, enhancing content creation, analysis, and distribution, and providing deeper insights into complex social dynamics both online and offline through the analysis of citizen activities, interests, and opinions. AI's integration across the media value chain empowers the industry to support a democratic society, enrich our lives, and foster creativity like never before. However, the deployment of AI also introduces significant ethical challenges and risks for individuals and society at large.

In response to these opportunities and challenges, the AI4Media Network of Excellence has established an extensive network of researchers across Europe and beyond, dedicated to exploring AI's applications in media, society, and democracy. Over nearly four years, AI4Media has become a beacon of innovation, collaboration, and progress, linking AI with the media industry.

AI4Media is built on four main pillars:

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- 1. A dynamic network that fosters a collaborative environment.
- 2. The AI Media Observatory, which acts as a resource for navigating the complexities of AI in the media landscape.
- 3. The AI Doctoral Academy (AIDA), providing top-notch AI education and fostering academic excellence.
- 4. An extensive array of scientific and research outputs that contribute to the advancement of AI in media.

Al4Media has built a **dynamic network** focused on AI applications in the media industry, comprising over 200 organisations from academia, industry, and civil society. The network fosters a collaborative space for sharing ideas, resources, and new developments. Associate members benefit from collaborating on joint projects, accessing a vast pool of AI knowledge and expertise, and receiving project updates. They also enjoy visibility enhancement, cross-organisational exchange opportunities, and access to educational materials and other AI insights through the AI Doctoral Academy and the AI Media Observatory.

The **AI Media Observatory** serves as a crucial resource for stakeholders, offering up-to-date information and insights on AI in media. It identifies trends and challenges, supporting informed decision-making and fostering responsible AI development. The Observatory is useful for media professionals, AI researchers, policymakers, educators, and anyone interested in AI's impact on media.

The **International AI Doctoral Academy – AIDA** enhances AI education across Europe, attracting PhD students and promoting excellence. It provides a variety of educational programs and resources, standardising AI education across European universities. This initiative supports universities, lecturers, students, and researchers by enhancing their visibility, educational offerings, collaborative opportunities and access to AI resources.

In the **Scientific and Research Outputs**, Al4Media has made substantial contributions through publications, open datasets, software tools, and strategic documents. These resources help drive innovation in AI, particularly at the intersection with media. They are vital for researchers, AI professionals, media stakeholders, policymakers, and the educational sector, facilitating advancements in AI applications and ethical standards.



The **main beneficiaries** of Al4Media include Al researchers, Al developers, the media industry, policymakers, educators, and the broader society. Each group benefits from the advancements in Al, which improve services, entertainment, public engagement, and solutions to social challenges. Al4Media's efforts enrich the media landscape and foster a knowledgeable, connected, and empowered society.

3.2 Our target groups and objectives

The Al4Media project uses a robust multichannel communication strategy to effectively connect with and engage various target groups. The key target groups for Al4Media, as well as their specific communication and dissemination objectives during this period, are outlined below:

AI Researchers and Practitioners: These groups, comprising individuals and professionals engaged in cutting-edge AI research and applications within the media industry, aim to enhance collaboration and share significant advancements. The communication & dissemination objectives are to raise awareness about AI4Media's scientific contributions, providing access to resources like open software and datasets, and fostering real-case application innovations.

Media Industry Professionals: This group includes Media organisations, news outlets, journalists and fact-checkers, game developers, music industry professionals, as well as technology companies exploring or using AI. Their role is crucial in integrating AI innovations effectively. The communication & dissemination objectives are focused on showcasing the practical benefits of AI, highlighting innovative applications, and fostering collaborations that enhance content creation and distribution.

Educational Institutions, Scholars, AI PhD students: This group is recognized for its role in nurturing future AI talent and equipping the workforce with the cutting-edge skills necessary for innovation in AI and media. The communication & dissemination objectives are to empower these institutions to incorporate AI4Media's research findings into their educational programs through the AI Doctoral Academy (AIDA), promote interdisciplinary knowledge exchange, and support internships and research projects.

Policy Makers and Regulators: These stakeholders are involving shaping AI policies and regulations, emphasising ethical and legal frameworks. Communication goals are to inform policy decisions with AI4Media's findings, provide in-depth analysis of the legal and regulatory landscape as w, and engage in policy dialogues to support ethical AI usage.

General Public: As consumers and contributors to the media landscape, the general public's understanding and acceptance of AI are pivotal. The communication objectives included increasing public awareness and understanding of AI's role in media, demystifying AI technologies, and encouraging discussions on ethical AI use and digital rights.

Each group is engaged through targeted communication strategies designed to maximise the impact of AI4Media's innovations and ensure the responsible advancement of AI applications in the media sector.



4 Channels, tools and messages

Online communication and dissemination channels played a fundamental role in Al4Media's concerted efforts to gain widespread recognition and acceptance within the AI and Media community. From the project's outset, thorough analysis of target groups guided the strategic selection and customisation of channels and tools for optimal outreach.

The multichannel communication strategy deployed by AI4Media effectively engages a broad spectrum of target groups. This strategy integrates growing website traffic, strategic social media usage, an informative YouTube channel, targeted mass mailings and newsletters, and well-crafted press releases. Additionally, it leverages partnerships with the AI Networks of Excellence (ICT48 plus 5 projects) and other EC-funded initiatives, as well as various AI platforms and EC channels.

Collectively, these efforts create a robust communication framework that ensures the project's findings, innovations, and opportunities are accessible and engaging for everyone—from specialised AI researchers and industry professionals to the general public. This approach not only broadens awareness but also enhances engagement and fosters collaboration across the AI and media landscapes, maximizing the impact of the project's contributions.

The primary messages conveyed through this approach are designed to ensure that AI4Media's findings, innovations, and opportunities are accessible, engaging, and beneficial to a diverse range of stakeholders. This strategy aims to maximise awareness, engagement, and collaboration across the AI and media landscapes. The key messages are as follows:

Revolutionising the Media Industry: Al4Media highlights how artificial intelligence is enhancing content creation, analysis, and distribution, providing deeper insights into complex social dynamics and empowering the media industry to support a democratic society, enrich lives, and foster unprecedented creativity.

Addressing Ethical Challenges: The project acknowledges the significant ethical challenges and risks introduced by AI deployment, emphasising responsible development and usage of AI technologies.

Building a Collaborative Network: Al4Media has established a vibrant network of over 200 organisations, including academia, research and industry, to foster collaboration and knowledge sharing. This network is crucial for exploring Al's applications in media, society, and democracy, and for driving innovation.

Educational Impact through AIDA: The AI Doctoral Academy (AIDA) plays a central role in educating the next generation of AI innovators, offering a range of programs and resources to enhance AI education across Europe.

Resource Accessibility: Al4Media promotes the accessibility of cutting-edge AI research and technologies through its AI Media Observatory and other platforms, making these resources available to a wide audience that includes media professionals, researchers, policymakers, and educators.



Informing Policy and Regulation: The project actively contributes to shaping AI policy and regulation by providing detailed insights and data, which help policymakers understand and regulate AI's integration into media.

Public Engagement and Awareness: AI4Media seeks to increase public understanding of AI's role and impact in media through informative and engaging content, aiming to demystify AI technologies and foster public discourse on ethical and responsible AI use.

4.1 From AI4Media website to Virtual Centre of Excellence

The **Al4Media website** accessible at <u>www.ai4media.eu</u> was launched in March 2020 before the project started, and acts as the project's central information hub for the community, presenting comprehensive results and achievements from the four years of implementation. The website prioritises a robust user experience, inclusivity, accessibility, and innovation. It has consistently evolved in tandem with the project's progress, ensuring continuous improvement.

Furthermore, regular maintenance of the website was conducted, leading to constant enhancements and updates throughout the project. These improvements were informed by insights from Google Analytics and Google Webmaster Tools, which include Search Engine Optimisation (SEO), as well as developments within the project.

The communication objectives of the AI4Media website are summarised below:

- To increase awareness of the Al4Media project, its goals, activities, and achievements among a broad audience, including Al researchers, media professionals, policy-makers, and the general public.
- To engage visitors with interactive and compelling content that encourages participation in events, discussions, and collaboration opportunities through the AI4Media network.
- To effectively curate and continually update the AI Media Observatory with relevant and insightful content that empowers stakeholders to navigate the complexities of AI in the media industry.
- To serve as a primary platform for sharing Al4Media's research findings, technological innovations, open datasets, and software tools.
- To highlight and provide access for the AI Doctoral Academy (AIDA), including course materials, upcoming events, and opportunities for PhD students and researchers.
- To provide a repository of policy recommendations, ethical insights, and best practices derived from AI4Media's work.

The AI4Media project has consistently evolved its digital presence to effectively communicate and disseminate the breadth of its research and innovations in AI within the media sector. From the initial launch of a preliminary splash page to the sophisticated deployment of comprehensive digital tools and interfaces, the website has developed in phases that mirror the progress and expanding scope of the project.

This chronological account outlines the phased development of the AI4Media website, detailing significant milestones from even before the project's start in September 2020 through to its



conclusion in August 2024. Each phase is characterised by strategic enhancements aimed at improving user engagement, providing valuable resources, and facilitating a deeper understanding of AI's transformative impact on media.

Initial & early development phase (March 2020 - December 2020):

The journey began in March 2020 with the launch of a splash page, setting the stage for the project's official start in September 2020. This initial page served to introduce AI4Media's mission and upcoming plans. The motivation behind this early effort was to create awareness and build anticipation for the project, establishing an initial online footprint that stakeholders could reference. By January 2021, the project's official website went live, establishing a foundational online presence that outlined the project's goals, framework, and project's main activities, and anticipated key results, as well as its impact on AI and media research applications. This comprehensive launch was crucial for clearly communicating the project's scope and potential impact on AI and media research and applications, ensuring that the foundation was laid for future engagement and collaboration.

Intermediate & expansion phase (January 2021 - December 2022):

By June 2021, the website began to incorporate more dynamic elements. The promotional video was placed on the homepage to capture the essence of Al4Media and engage visitors. This change was motivated by the need to create a more interactive and engaging user experience that could attract a broader audience.

That same month, the "Junior Fellows Exchange Program" page was added under the "Mobility" menu, featuring a <u>matchmaking</u> interface that facilitated connections between potential exchange participants. This addition reflected the project's commitment to fostering collaboration and knowledge exchange among the next generation of AI researchers.

Furthermore, the website introduced a new interface for the project's <u>Use Cases</u>, aiming to showcase real AI applications and providing detailed information on the scope and objectives of each Use Case. This allowed to demonstrate the practical impact of AI4Media's research, making it more tangible and relevant to industry stakeholders.

In September 2021, key information on how to apply to Al4Media Open Call #1 was made available through a dedicated interface. By March 2022, information on the <u>10 projects</u> supported under Open Call #1 was also available in a dedicated section of the website. These updates were essential for ensuring transparency and accessibility regarding the project's funding opportunities, thereby encouraging wider participation and engagement from the Al research community.

Further expanding its resource offerings, by April 2022, the website had added new interfaces for <u>Open Datasets</u>, and provided access to online surveys relevant to project activities. These surveys on i) <u>AI technologies and applications for the media sector</u> and ii) <u>on AI technologies for image and video organisation</u>, were designed to gather valuable input from the community, shaping the project's direction. During this period, a new events page for <u>AI-Cafés</u> was also designed, alongside an interactive <u>Roadmap on AI technologies and applications for Media</u>. These additions were driven by the need to create interactive and collaborative spaces that would deepen stakeholder involvement and ensure that AI4Media's work remained aligned with the needs of its community.



Significant enhancements in September 2022 included the launch of interfaces for "<u>Open</u>*<u>Software</u>" and "<u>Results in Brief</u>", which aimed to make Al4Media's research outputs accessible to a broader audience. This was motivated by the goal of disseminating the project's findings widely, ensuring that the knowledge generated could be easily accessed and utilized by both the academic community and industry practitioners. Information on how to apply to the Open Calls #2 was also made available in a dedicated interface. During this period, wireframes for the Media Al Observatory and the Al4Media Virtual Center of Excellence were developed, laying the groundwork for more comprehensive future expansions. These efforts were aimed at establishing long-term platforms that could continue to serve the Al and media research communities even beyond the project's lifespan.

Advanced and consolidation phase (January 2023 - December 2023):

In April 2023, the ten projects from <u>Open Call #2</u> were showcased through a new interface, demonstrating the project's ongoing commitment to transparency and engagement with its stakeholders. By May 2023, the Beta-Version of the <u>Media AI Observatory</u> was launched, marking a significant step towards centralising AI research and insights. This launch was motivated by the need to create a central hub where stakeholders could easily access the latest developments and challenges in AI as they pertain to the media sector. Additionally, an interface on the <u>policy regulatory landscape</u> was designed, featuring an interactive timeline, documents and analytical information. This was added to help stakeholders navigate the complex regulatory environment, providing them with the tools to better understand and influence policy developments in AI.

Another new interface was developed to feature <u>White Papers</u> aimed at aligning AI research with media industry needs, ensuring that AI4Media's research outputs were not only innovative but also highly relevant to the needs of industry stakeholders. By October 2023, the fully launched <u>Media AI Observatory</u> had become a cornerstone of the project's digital strategy serving as a hub for stakeholders to explore the latest trends and challenges in AI within the media sector. This milestone underscored the project's success in creating a sustainable and impactful resource that could continue to drive innovation and collaboration in the field.

During this period, the interface showcasing Al4Media's <u>scientific papers</u> was enhanced to include optimised search and filtering capabilities. This improvement was motivated by the need to make the vast amount of research produced by the project more accessible and user-friendly, ensuring that stakeholders could easily find and use relevant information. Additionally, a new interface was created for the <u>Strategic Research Agenda (SRA</u>) and a dedicated multimedia section was integrated to feature <u>Al4Media videos</u> These additions were aimed at providing a more comprehensive and engaging user experience, catering to the diverse needs of the Al4Media community.

The culmination of these efforts was evident in December 2023, with the launch of the <u>AI4Media</u> <u>Virtual Centre of Excellence</u>. This major upgrade significantly improved the clarity, user experience, and accessibility of the website, showcasing AI4Media's main achievements and establishing a comprehensive digital resource for media AI research. This final development was driven by the goal of creating a lasting legacy for the project, ensuring that its outputs would continue to benefit the AI and media research communities long after the project concluded.



Continuous updating and enhancement phase (January 2024 - August 2024):

As the Al4Media project progresses into 2024, the emphasis shifts to regular updates and enhancements of the website's content and interfaces to keep pace with the evolving needs of the Al and media research community. This phase is dedicated to maintaining the relevance and accuracy of the content across all sections of the site. Regular updates include the latest research findings, upcoming events, and new multimedia content to ensure that stakeholders have access to the most current and comprehensive resources. This commitment to keeping the website dynamic and up-to-date is crucial for maintaining Al4Media's role as a leading resource in the field.

Additionally, the website's backend and user interface will undergo periodic enhancements to improve navigation and user experience. This ongoing refinement is driven by the goal of making the website as user-friendly and efficient as possible, ensuring that the AI Media Observatory and other critical sections continue to serve as effective platforms for knowledge dissemination and stakeholder engagement. This phase not only supports the project's ongoing efforts but also reinforces Al4Media's commitment to providing a dynamic and responsive digital hub for its community, ensuring that it remains a valuable resource for AI and media professionals even after the project's official end.

4.1.1 Main developments & enhancements during the current period M37-M48

Full launch and maintenance of AI Media Observatory

In October 2023, the <u>AI Media Observatory</u> was launched with the purpose of serving as both a compass and a map, guiding stakeholders through the complexities of AI in media. This important resource is designed to identify trends, opportunities, and challenges, providing crucial insights for informed decision-making. Through the Observatory's comprehensive analysis, stakeholders can anticipate shifts, shape media practices, and influence policies in an AI-dominated era.

The AI Media Observatory aims to be a central hub for up-to-date information, research findings, and expert insights on the opportunities and challenges presented by AI technologies and applications in the media sector. By offering access to a wide range of perspectives and facilitating connections between stakeholders, the Observatory supports informed decision-making and fosters responsible AI development and usage in media. Its ultimate goal is to advance a media landscape that leverages AI in innovative, ethical, and socially beneficial ways.

The Observatory is designed for different audiences, including media professionals, Al researchers, policymakers, educators, and anyone interested in the intersection of AI and media. It is particularly useful for those in the media industry looking to understand and apply AI technologies, AI experts exploring the impacts and applications of their work in the media sector, and policymakers and regulators seeking data and insights to shape ethical AI guidelines and standards. Educators and students can also benefit from the wealth of information available for teaching and research purposes. Essentially, the Observatory serves anyone interested in how AI is transforming the media landscape and its societal implications.

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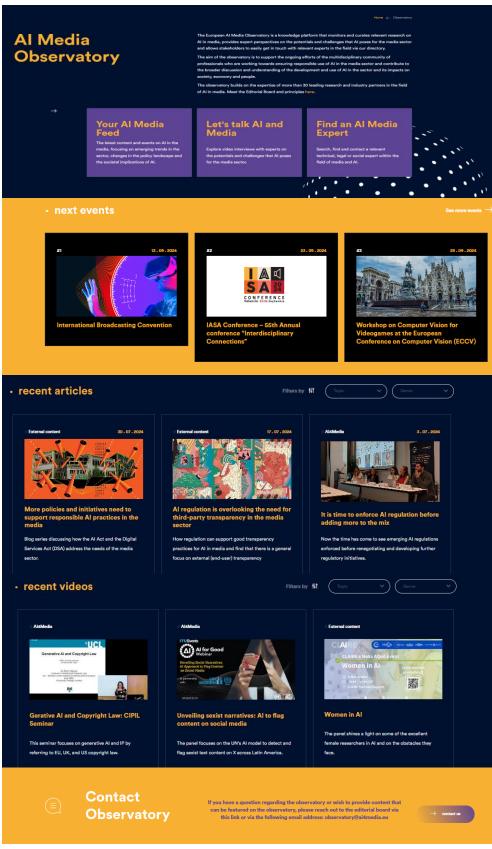


Figure 1: Media Al Observatory - screenshot

The homepage of the Observatory provides direct access to key information about what the Al Media Observatory offers and who it is designed for, as well as access to recent content (Figure 1).

It features three distinct sections, each designed to cater to the diverse needs of its users:

- Your AI Media Feed: This section serves as a repository for the latest updates and events related to AI in the media sector. It highlights new trends, policy shifts, and the social implications of AI, drawing from both AI4Media consortium research and external sources. It is a comprehensive source for staying up-to-date on how AI is reshaping the media industry.
- Let's talk AI and Media: Designed as an engaging space for learning, this section uses video formats to present expert insights on the opportunities and challenges AI brings to the media world. Featuring talks, interviews, and roundtable discussions, it offers accessible views into current trends and advancements in AI, shared by leading figures in the field.
- Find an Al Media Expert: Recognising the need for specific expertise, this directory allows users to easily locate and contact experts in various aspects of media and Al, be it technical, legal, or social. Aimed at assisting civil society and media professionals in their quest for knowledge, this tool facilitates direct connections with specialists in the field.

Together, these components create a rich ecosystem of knowledge and expertise, enabling stakeholders to navigate the complexities of AI in media with confidence. The AI Media Observatory not only supports the responsible advancement of AI in the sector but also contributes significantly to the wider understanding of AI's role and its effects on our world. More information about the development of the AI Media Observatory and the day-to-day maintenance can be found in Deliverable D2.5: Final white paper on the social economic and political impact of media AI technologies¹.

Upgrade towards a Virtual Center of Excellence

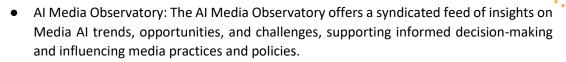
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Al4Media has successfully launched its <u>Virtual Centre of Excellence (VCoE)</u> on Media Al through a significant upgrade to its project website. This enhancement aims to ease access to Al4Media's key offerings, including opportunities to join its dynamic network, the Al Media Observatory, the Al Doctoral Academy, and a vast array of scientific and research outputs and resources that contribute to the advancement of Al in media.

Among the main enhancements, we highlight the following:

• Engagement Opportunities: The upgraded website provides clear and comprehensive guidance on how external stakeholders can engage with AI4Media's activities. It outlines the benefits of joining its dynamic network, which now connects over 200 organisations, facilitating collaborations and partnerships.

¹ <u>https://www.ai4media.eu/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/AI4Media</u> Final-white-paper-on-the-socialeconomic-and-political-impact-of-media-AI-technologies D2.5.pdf



- Al Doctoral Academy: The Al4Media website now prominently features the Al Doctoral Academy, providing access to top-tier academic courses, educational materials, and lectures on hot Al topics. This resource supports the training and development of the next generation of Al experts.
- Extensive Resources Library: The VCoE offers a wealth of know-how and resources, including publications, datasets, and software. It serves not only the initial members from within the AI4Media consortium and its associate members but has also expanded to include a broader community. Informational materials such as factsheets, white papers, and detailed reports are available, catering to a wide audience including policymakers and citizens.

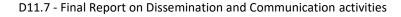
The functional improvements implemented focused on:

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- User-Friendly Navigation: The website has been redesigned for better user experience, making it easier for visitors to find and utilise the resources they need. This includes straightforward access to joining the network, participating in collaborative projects, and exploring educational opportunities (Figure 2).
- Regular Updates: The platform ensures that the community stays engaged with regular updates on news and events. This includes information on workshops, seminars, and other relevant activities, fostering enhanced connectivity and knowledge sharing across the broader Al landscape.

The Virtual Centre of Excellence (VCoE) serves as a hub for Al4Media's network, fostering collaboration among its members and extending its reach to new stakeholders. By offering detailed guidance on engagement, comprehensive resources, and up-to-date information on trends and events, the VCoE strengthens the impact of Al4Media's initiatives and supports the responsible advancement of Al in the media sector.

Al4Media's upgraded website not only enhances accessibility and engagement for current and potential collaborators but also contributes significantly to the wider understanding and development of AI technologies in media.





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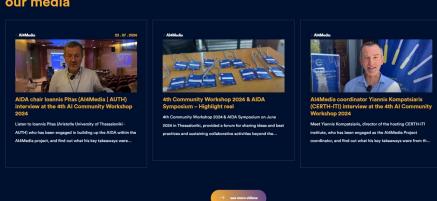


Figure 2: AI4Media Virtual Centre of Excellence - Screenshot





4.1.2 Al4Media website Sitemap

The Al4Media website has been delivered in its final stage as the Virtual Center of Excellence. It has been structured to provide comprehensive information about the project objectives, resources, and ongoing activities. This is an overview of its sitemap structure (Figure 3):

Homepage: The homepage of AI4Media serves as the central hub for visitors, offering a snapshot of the project's mission to establish a Centre of Excellence in AI and media. Key sections are accessible through quick links, making navigation straightforward and intuitive, particularly directing to AI4Media's main achievements: the AI Media Observatory, the AI Doctoral Academy (AIDA), the dynamic network, and the Resources Library. It also features the latest news, updates, and highlights from various activities, including recent videos and key outcomes such as the Strategic Research Agenda (SRA). Additionally, the homepage encourages visitors to explore the AI-on-Demand platform, ensuring they can access a wealth of information and resources easily.

About: The About Section provides detailed insights into the AI4Media project:

- <u>Project Overview</u>: This section elaborates on the Al4Media project's scope, its objectives, and its commitment to integrating ethical and trustworthy Al in media. It highlights the importance of media in society and how Al can revolutionise content creation, distribution, and consumption. It also lists the consortium of 30 partners, which includes universities, research centers, and industrial organizations, emphasising the collaborative nature of the project.
- <u>Action Plan</u>: This outlines the strategic goals and research agendas that Al4Media aims to achieve throughout its duration. It provides a roadmap for the project's implementation and expected outcomes.
- <u>Consortium</u>: Here, users can find detailed information about the consortium members, their roles, and contributions to the project. This section showcases the diverse expertise and collaborative efforts of the participating institutions.
- <u>Associate Members</u>: This section provides detailed information on how to become an associate member of Al4Media and highlights the benefits. It also lists the110 organisations that are currently associated with Al4Media (i.e. the Al4Media associate members).

Media: The Media section keeps visitors updated with the latest events, news, achievements and developments related to AI4Media:

- <u>Events</u>: This subsection provides information on upcoming and past events related to Al4Media, including conferences, workshops, and seminars.
- <u>AI-Cafés</u>: Information about the AI-Café, an online forum to gain insights into the European AI scene. The AI-Café organises online sessions focused on informal discussions about AI and its applications in media. These sessions provide a platform for knowledge exchange and networking. More information about the AI-Café, a WP7 activity, can be found in D7.4.



- <u>News & Articles:</u> Regular updates and articles about Al4Media's activities and developments in the Al and media landscape. This section offers insights and analysis from various experts.
- <u>Newsletters:</u> Archives of Al4Media's newsletters, allowing users to stay informed about the project's progress and upcoming events.
- <u>Videos</u>: A collection of videos showcasing Al4Media's projects, research findings, and interviews with key stakeholders. These videos provide a visual and engaging way to understand the project's impact.

Observatory: The AI Media Observatory is an interactive section that provides an overview of AI policies and regulations, with a focus on the media industry. It includes resources to help navigate the complex landscape of AI legislation and its implications for media professionals.

The Observatory webpage has already been presented in section 4.1.1 above.

Resources Library: The Resources Library is a comprehensive repository of all the knowledge and tools developed by Al4Media:

- <u>Scientific Outputs</u>: This includes scientific publications, open datasets, and open-source software developed as part of the AI4Media project. Users can access a wealth of research and data to support their own projects and studies.
- <u>Reports and other Resources</u>: This section provides access to concise knowledge in the form of factsheets and booklets, public reports, and the better images for AI initiative.
- <u>Insights and Analyses about AI for Media</u>: Features detailed insights into AI technologies and their applications within the media industry. It includes strategic research agenda, roadmaps to guide future developments, whitepapers and more.
- <u>Funding AI Research & Application Open Calls:</u> Information about the projects that received funds and coaching support through Open Call #1 and Open Call#2 and their contributions to advancing AI in media.

Open Calls: Direct access from the top menu to the information related to the projects funded under Open Call #1 and #2.

AI Education: The AI Education section supports learning and development in AI:

- <u>AIDA (AI Doctoral Academy)</u>: Offers educational resources and courses for AI PhD education, aiming to train the next generation of AI experts.
- <u>Junior Fellows Exchange Program</u>: Facilitates exchanges of young researchers between institutions to promote AI upskilling, research and education.
- <u>Mobility Matchmaking</u>: Supports collaboration and mobility among researchers and institutions, fostering knowledge exchange and innovation.

Contact Us: The Contact Us section offers details on how to get in touch with the Al4Media team for more information or to discuss potential collaborations. This ensures that stakeholders can easily reach out for support and engagement.



Additional Sections:

• Privacy Policy and Cookies Policy: This section outlines how Al4Media handles user data and cookie preferences, ensuring transparency and compliance with data protection regulations.

Overall, the AI4Media website is designed to be user-friendly and informative, providing a rich array of resources and updates for anyone interested in the intersection of AI and media.

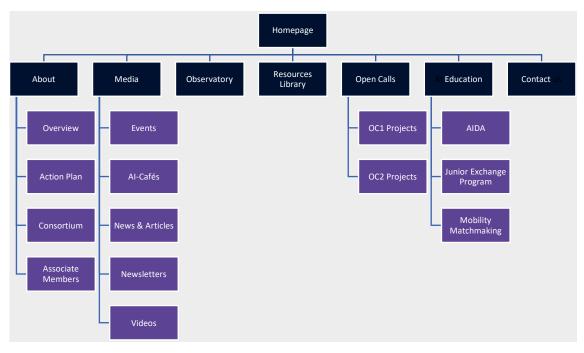


Figure 3: AI4Media Site Map

4.1.3 Content management

The Al4Media website has been regularly maintained and updated, providing a variety of informational materials that reflect relevant research findings, achievements, and content extracted from deliverables and reports. These materials are targeted at a wide audience, including AI researchers and practitioners, end-users from the media industry, policymakers, and citizens. In addition, continuous updates on news and events keep the community engaged through workshops, seminars, and other relevant activities, fostering enhanced connectivity and knowledge sharing across the broader AI landscape.

Since the beginning of the project, the content uploaded reflects the following metrics:

- 52 events published (link) 9 published in the period M37-M48
- 62 news & articles published (link) 21 published in the period M37-M48
- 43 AI-Cafés published (link) 12 published in the period M37-M48
- 84 Videos (link) 27 published in the period M37-M48
- >312 Scientific papers (link)
- 91 Software (link)
- 41 Open Datasets (link)



- 30 Public reports/deliverables (link)
- 23 Results in Brief (<u>link</u>) comprising factsheets, booklets and infographics produced by the project
- 110 associate members uploaded (link)
- 20 host profile and 18 sender profiles in the mobility matchmaking (link)
- 113 articles published in the Media AI Observatory in the "Your AI Media Feed" section (link)
- 26 events published in the Media AI Observatory (link)
- 43 videos published in the Media AI Observatory, in the "Let's talk AI and Media" section (link)
- 26 experts' profiles published in the Media AI Observatory, in the "Find an AI Media Expert" section (<u>link</u>)

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Figure 4: News & Articles interface (left) & Example of News article (right)

4.1.4 Analysis of website performance

The website's performance has been consistently monitored using Google Analytics in accordance with strict privacy and cookies policies designed to safeguard user data. Over the course of four years, the metrics were regularly consulted to inform decisions related to content uploads, graphic updates, and strategies to enhance user engagement—such as promoting the production of news and articles.

Website statistics are provided below including website analytics, top countries of visitors, top acquisition channels, most visited web pages. The statistics show a good reach of and engagement with Al4Media content, with the main performance statistics having doubled in comparison to the previous period. These results were to be expected since with the progress of the project comes more content to share, which has been communicated and disseminated in a multichannel approach aimed at directing traffic to the website.

The following analysis reviews the performance of the Al4Media website over different periods (month 5 to month 18, month 19 to month 36 and current period, month 37 to month 48). The metrics examined include user numbers, sessions, page views, session durations, file downloads, and total interactions, providing insights into user engagement and the website's effectiveness (Table 1).



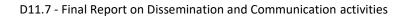
Table 1: Website's metrics analytics

		Statistics	
KPIs	M5-M18	M19-M36	M37-M48
Number of users	14.186	20.173	22.559
Sessions	24.836	34.984	33.751
Page views	44.146	67.587	52.618
Average session duration	1m13s	1m07s	1m02s
File download	2.253	4.575	1.331
Total interactions with the website	132.974	200.137	155.297

During an initial phase (M5 - M18), the Al4Media website attracted a moderate number of users, with a significant amount of engagement and interactions. The average session duration indicates that users were spending a reasonable amount of time on the site, engaging with the content. File downloads were also substantial, reflecting user interest in the materials provided.

During the period from Month 37 to Month 48, there was a slight decrease in the number of sessions (33.751 compared to 34.984 in the previous period), indicating a minor decline in website activity. However, overall engagement remained strong, as evidenced by the substantial number of page views (52.618), though slightly lower than the previous period (67.587). Despite the reduced page views, the website continued to attract significant attention. It's worth noting that while the number of file downloads decreased (1.331 compared to 4.575 in the previous period), user interactions and engagement with downloadable resources remained noteworthy.

The following graph (Figure 5) illustrates the total page views during the Al4Media project, surpassing 163.000 views from over 56.000 unique users. The peaks in page views highlight the success of various communication campaigns and the engagement levels during specific periods. These spikes correspond to the release of targeted content, including major project updates, events, publications, and social media initiatives.



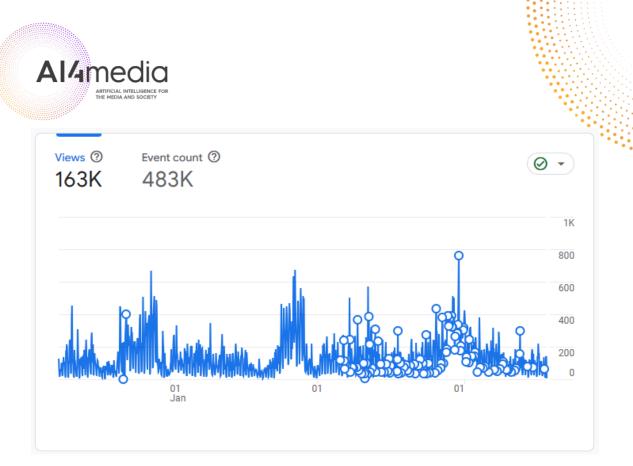


Figure 5: Google Analytics graph of views over time for the period M4-M48

Top 10 countries where visitors come from

Table 2 shows the comparison of visitors from the previous periods to this one, where we see the top countries are the same but the order has slightly changed based on the number of users.

	Periods				
	M4-M18	M19-M36	M37-M48		
1	United States – 1.660 users	United States – 2.684 users	United States – 3.831 users		
2	Italy – 1.625 users	Greece – 1.866 users	United Kingdom – 2.440 users		
3	Greece – 1.138 users	Italy – 1.452 users	Germany – 1.782 users		
4	Spain – 924 users	Germany – 1.320 users	Romania – 1.586 users		
5	France – 879 users	Spain – 1.104 users	France – 1.532 users		
6	Germany – 864 users	Romania – 1.066 users	Netherlands – 1.464 users		
7	Portugal – 706 users	Portugal – 974 users	Portugal – 1.365 users		
8	Netherlands – 631 users	France – 958 users	Italy – 1.293 users		
9	United Kingdom – 608 users	United Kingdom – 913 users	Greece – 1.033 users		
10	Romania – 536 users	Netherlands – 836 users	Spain – 983 users		

Table 2: Top ten countries of AI4Media website visitors

The consistent growth in user numbers from diverse countries indicates effective international outreach. The prominence of users from the United States suggests a strong engagement from the North American audience, while the rising numbers from the UK and good European representation in the top 10 reflect successful engagement in European regions.

Top acquisition channels

Acquisition analytics show data about how users arrive on a website. The traffic sources can be i) Direct: any traffic where the referrer or source is unknown, ii) Organic search: traffic from



search engine results that is not the result of paid advertising, iii) Organic social: traffic from a social network, such as Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, iv) Referral: traffic that occurs when a user finds the website through a site other than a major search engine, v) Email: Traffic from email marketing that has been properly tagged with an email parameter, vi) Other: If traffic does not fit into another source or has been tagged as "Other" via a URL parameter, it will be bucketed into "Other" traffic. The Table 3 shows the top acquisition channels in Al4Media.

	M37-M48		Total (M4-M48)	
Channel	Triggered sessions	Engagement rate	Triggered sessions	Engagement rate
Direct	18.877	35,83%	43.253	33,03%
Organic search	7.304	60,69%	23.184	54,69%
Organic Social	1.317	37,05%	8.271	30,93%
Referral	2.453	60,50%	8.574	52,15%
Email	-	-	127	16,54%
Paid Social	2.576	8,07%	2.969	7,78%
Other	316	62,96%	451	62,86%

Table 3: Top acquisition channels in Al4Media

Organic search and referral channels had the highest engagement rates, indicating that users who find the website through search engines and referrals are highly engaged. Direct traffic also contributed significantly but had a lower engagement rate.

Most visited pages

The Table 4 shows the most visited webpages of the Al4Media website.

Table 4: Website top most visited pages

M37-M48		Total (M4-M48)		
Website Page	Page views/users	Website Page	Page views/users	
Project Overview	14.318/6.554	Project Overview	23.980/14.466	
AI Media Observatory	12.477/8.244	AI Media Observatory	13.019/8.565	
Strategic Research Agenda	4.542/3.041	Open Call 2	8.489/4.660	
Resources Library	1.519/643	Strategic Research Agenda	4.843/3.233	
AI Doctoral Academy	1.460/1.014	AI Doctoral Academy	2.399/1.706	
Newsletters	1.180/813	Consortium	2.154/1.507	
Associate Members	994/583	Associate Members	2.052/1.507	
Consortium	854/614	Newsletters	1.596/1.085	
Contact us	587/395	Resources Library	1.519/643	

The "Project Overview" and "AI Media Observatory" pages consistently attracted the most views, indicating high interest in these areas. The "Strategic Research Agenda" also maintained strong engagement. The data suggests these pages were crucial for user engagement, therefore they have been prioritised for updates and enhancements.

File downloads



In the period M37-M48 a total of 1.331 files were downloaded, while for the entire project more than 8.000 files were downloaded. Table 5 below specifies the top documents that have been downloaded.

Table 5: Top file downloads

File type	Downloads
Open call 2 documentation (link)	2.150
Roadmap AI for media (<u>link</u>)	616
7 White papers "Aligning AI research with Media needs" (link)	494
Results in Brief (in total) (<u>link</u>)	524
Public deliverables (in total) (<u>link</u>)	224
Project brochure (<u>link</u>)	205
Newsletters (in total) (<u>link</u>)	196
Strategic Research Agenda (<u>link</u>)	153
Associate members application form (link)	85

The most downloaded documents were related to open calls and strategic planning, highlighting the community's interest in funding opportunities and strategic directions. The overall drop in downloads in the last period suggests a need to investigate potential issues with file accessibility or relevance.

Overall Conclusions:

The AI4Media website has shown consistent growth in user numbers and engagement over the duration of the project. This growth highlights the website's effectiveness in reaching and engaging its audience. High engagement rates from organic search and referral channels indicate that the website's content is well-optimized for search engines and appealing to visitors referred from other sites.

The geographical diversity of users, particularly the significant numbers from the United States and various European countries, demonstrates successful international outreach. This broad reach underscores the importance of maintaining a global perspective in content and engagement strategies.

Key pages, such as the "Project Overview" and "AI Media Observatory," are crucial for user engagement, consistently attracting the most views. Prioritizing updates and enhancements to these pages will be vital in maintaining user interest. However, there is a noted drop in file downloads in the latest period, which suggests that the relevance and accessibility of downloadable content need to be reviewed and potentially improved.

The varying effectiveness of acquisition channels highlights areas for targeted improvement. While organic search and referral traffic are highly effective, paid social campaigns currently show lower engagement rates. This indicates a need for better targeting and optimization in these campaigns to improve their performance.

4.1.5 The future of the AI4Media Virtual Centre of Excellence (VCoE)

The Al4Media Virtual Centre of Excellence (VCoE) is planned to remain online for five years following the project's conclusion, ensuring continuous access to its resources, fostering



collaboration, and leveraging business opportunities within the network. To keep the VCoE⁺⁺ relevant and valuable to its users, a strategic approach is outlined as follows.

Sustained Accessibility and Integration:

The VCoE will be maintained and supported to ensure that all its contents remain accessible without limitations for the next five years.

Integrations with the AI-on-Demand (AIoD) platform are being explored to ensure the longevity and accessibility of AI4Media's outputs beyond the project's lifetime. Current synchronization efforts with Zenodo and the AIoD platform ensure that all outputs uploaded to Zenodo are also available on the AIoD platform, providing an additional channel for open access and sustainability of project results.

Content Updates and Additions:

Regular updates to the platform's technology stack and content offerings will be essential. This involves not only maintaining the existing resources but also continuously adding new, high-quality materials that reflect the latest trends and developments in AI and media.

Specific content areas to focus on would include: the AI Media Observatory, the AI Doctoral Academy, and other core AI4Media assets. Ensuring these sections are kept up-to-date with current research, case studies, and tools will be crucial for sustaining user engagement and value.

Collaboration and Community Engagement:

The VCoE will actively explore and implement opportunities for the Al4Media network and its members to continue enriching, sharing, and collaborating on the platform. This collaborative environment will foster innovation and advance the field of Media Al.

Community engagement will be further encouraged through organized events, workshops, and seminars, which will be documented and accessible via the platform to benefit current and future members.

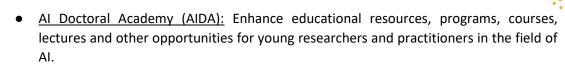
Sustainability and Exploitation Plans:

Detailed exploitation plans, both individual and joint, are defined to leverage the business opportunities within the Al4Media network in the frame of Task 11.5 (see D11.6). These plans will focus on maximising the impact, sustainability and exploitation potential of the project's outputs.

Sustainability strategies for key assets such as the AI Media Observatory and the AI Doctoral Academy are defined in the final exploitation plan presented in D11.6 and comprise seeking funding opportunities, partnerships, and other forms of support to ensure their long-term viability.

Key Areas of Focus:

• <u>AI Media Observatory</u>: Continuously update and expand the Observatory with the latest research, case studies, and tools.



- <u>Resources Library</u>: Ensure that all scientific outputs, datasets, and software remain upto-date and accessible.
- <u>Community Portal</u>: Maintain and enrich the portal with records of events, workshops, and collaborative activities, ensuring ongoing engagement and knowledge sharing.

More information is available in D11.6 "Final Exploitation and Sustainability Plan".

By following this strategic approach, the AI4Media VCoE aims to remain a pivotal resource in the Media AI landscape, fostering continued innovation, collaboration, and knowledge dissemination for years to come.

4.1.6 Upgrade of the International AI Doctoral Academy (AIDA) website

Al4Media has been responsible for maintaining and updating the <u>AIDA</u> website. In response to the comments received during the 3rd review meeting, the AIDA website was improved to make clearer what AIDA is, what it offers and for whom, and how one can benefit from it, and to ease navigation and user experience. Therefore, the following adjustments and alterations were implemented:

- Improved homepage with clear information about what is AIDA and who can benefit from it;
- Revised layouts and content in all pages;
- Enhanced user journey (for lecturers and students), identifying and fixing any bottlenecks;
- Improved resources area with search and filters with defined taxonomy;
- Change of AI curriculum based on new structure and content defined by the respective AIDA committee.

More information about the AIDA website is reported in deliverable D9.4 "Final report on AIDA courses, academic/industrial exchanges and synergies".

4.2 Social Media Channels

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Al4Media leverages major social media platforms - <u>Facebook</u>, <u>LinkedIn</u>, <u>X</u> (former Twitter), and <u>YouTube</u>, serving as integral platforms for disseminating information, engaging with a diverse audience, and promoting community involvement. The project has built a growing community across platforms comprising: **1.403** followers in X; **947** followers in Facebook; **1.030** followers in LinkedIn; and 10.240 views in YouTube.

The following sections present more details on the overall strategy, the type of contents published, the paid campaigns implemented, and the performance results of the project's social media, offering valuable insights into their impact and the effectiveness of outreach efforts.



The social media strategy involves:

- Regular posts of an average of 15 posts per month across platforms, to maintain a consistent presence, promoting various project activities, events, and results.
- Effectively tailoring content to address target groups, including AI researchers, media industry professionals, policymakers, and the general public. Additionally, leveraging the unique strengths of each platform, i.e. viral and broad-reach content on X, fostering community engagement on Facebook, and facilitating professional networking on LinkedIn.
- To enhance reach and visibility, specific content is boosted through paid campaigns, followers' campaigns, engagement campaigns, and click campaigns.
- Retweeting/sharing and interacting with accounts from relevant Al/media organisations, experts, relevant projects and initiatives to foster community engagement.
- Regular monitoring of social media analytics to understand audience behaviour and adapt strategies to maximize engagement and reach.

4.2.1 Social media content management

During this period, the focus of Al4Media's social media content has been twofold: raising awareness about the project and providing information on specific activities, events, and results. The campaigns have been tailored to address the interests and needs of different target groups, including AI researchers and practitioners, media professionals, policymakers, and the general public. The topics covered in the campaigns for respective target groups are as follows:

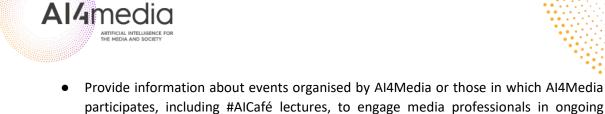
AI Researchers & Practitioners:

- Inform about AI4Media's goals and core activities to engage and involve the AI research community.
- Share research and scientific outcomes through #Paperoftheweek and #Postersessions periodic posts, ensuring that cutting-edge research findings are accessible by the academic community.
- Communicate and promote the participation in prominent conferences and dissemination of scientific achievements and awards.
- Encourage the engagement and collaboration with Al4Media and promote the achievements of Open Calls projects to foster collaboration and innovation within the Al research community.

Media Professionals:

• Increase awareness about how AI technologies can be adopted in the media industry through a series of "AI Applications in Media" videos, white papers on "Aligning AI research with media industry needs", Use Case Demos and more.





discussions and developments in AI.
Disseminate public results in accessible formats such as factsheets, infographics, and booklets to ensure media professionals can easily understand and leverage these

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findings.

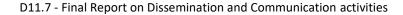
- Inform about AI regulation and policy recommendations to keep policymakers updated on the latest developments and necessary regulatory frameworks.
- Share insights and outcomes from policy-related activities and discussions to involve policymakers in shaping the future of AI in media.
- Share research outcomes and insights in accessible formats such as factsheets, infographics, and booklets.

General Public:

- Raise public awareness about AI4Media's objectives and main activities, ensuring the general public understands the project's goals and the potential impact of AI on media.
- Promote experiences from the AI4Media Junior Fellows Exchange program and encourage public participation and interest in AI educational opportunities.
- Communicate the launch of AI4Media's temporary interactive exhibition titled "Artificial Intelligence: Possibilities and Challenges" at the NOESIS Science Center and Technology Museum in Thessaloniki to engage the public with interactive and educational AI content.
- Distribute newsletters and encourage subscriptions to keep the public informed about the latest developments and opportunities within AI4Media.

This multi-faceted approach to social media content ensures that AI4Media effectively reaches and engages its diverse audience. By tailoring content to the specific interests of AI researchers, media professionals, policymakers, and the general public, AI4Media can foster a well-informed and collaborative community that supports the advancement of AI in media.

Some examples of posts with different purposes can be seen below (from X).





Posts promoting events organised by AI4Media

Al4Media @ai4mediaproject - Jun 4



Posts recognising awards resulting from the project activities



After-event communication of events organised or attended by the AI4Media partners



Post promoting events co-organised by AI4Media and other EU funded projects



Posts covering the Al4Media participation in events co-organised by the Al NoEs



Posts giving visibility to Open Call projects funded by Al4Media





Posts disseminating our scientific and research achievements #paperoftheweek

Al4Media @ai4mediaproject • May 29 Last #paperoftheweek of the monthl Read it, and you will find a proposed service-based approach for training few-shot object detectors and running inference- no #coding needed.

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Posts communicating our public results or deliverables



Posts promoting the AI-Café sessions organised by the project

Al4Media @ai4mediaproject - Jul 15 Al Café presents: Assessing LMMs for Common Sense and Factuality & LLM-Powered Design Assistant for Video Games Adelivered by speakers from @lstiCnr & @lnDigitalGames

Learn how LMMs stack up and explore state-of-the-art AI tools for game design. Join us! •• bit.ly/3xBG14K

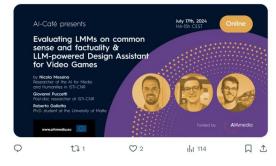
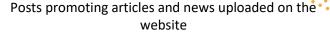


Figure 6: Posts examples from AI4Media's X channel





Posts promoting accessible knowledge produced by the project





Post highlighting AI4Media participation in the #WomeninAI session organised by VISION



Al4Media's YouTube channel serves as a repository for videos that promote the project and its activities. The channel has significantly grown in both content and viewership, featuring 128 videos (summing 10.356 views) that aim to inform the general public about AI's potential in the media through practical examples and to share relevant AI advances among AI experts.

The videos have been thoughtfully organised into 14 playlists to enhance the viewer's experience. Each playlist and video are accompanied by a description and information about AI4Media. In the following Table, we present the playlists containing videos uploaded since the beginning of the project until now, along with their respective view counts.

Playlis	t: Al4Media Use Cases Demos	7 videos	Published on: 4 Sept 2024	LINK
•	AI Tools for Media Verification: Insights &	Demos on U	lse Case 1	26
•	AI for News: The Smart News Assistant – Case 2	Insights & De	mos on Use	13
٠	Transforming Media Workflows with AI: In Case 3	nsights & Dei	mos on Use	19
٠	Audio Analysis in Media Research: Insight	s & Demos o	n Use Case 4	12
٠	Al-Powered Music Search for Video Game Demos on Use Case 5	e Production:	Insights &	13
•	AI-Driven Music Composition: Insights & I	Demos on Us	e Case 6	19
•	Al-Powered Video Content Organization a Demos on Use Case 7			14
	t: Introducing the AI Networks of ence (AI NoEs)	3 videos	Published on: 02 Aug 2024	LINK
•	7 views			
٠	European Networks of Excellence (NoEs)	- ICT48 & AID	A	19 views
٠	European Networks of Excellence (NoEs)	- Teaser Vide	0	12 views
-	t: Insights from our Partners during the y Meeting in Thessaloniki	6 videos	Published on: 25 July 2024	LINK
٠	Mapping the applications, challenges and media sector - Al4Media Whitepaper	potentials o	f AI for the	9 views
•	Updated Al4Media Strategic Research Age Generative Al	enda: Key Ins	ights on	6 views
 Towards final policy recommendations: Takeaways from Al4Media Policy workshops 				4 views
 Measuring the success of recommender systems for media - Takeaways from Al4Media Workshop 				3 views
•	45 views			
•	How is the Media Sector Responding to C	ontent Scrap	ing for Model	7 views

Table 7: List of videos on Al4media's YouTube channel per playlist

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Playlist: 4th AI Community Workshop 2024 & Published on: 20 videos AIDA Symposium - 26-27 June 2024, LINK 16 July 2024 Thessaloniki, Greece Day 1 | 4th Al Community Workshop 2024: Welcome - Yiannis 13 views Kompatsiaris (AI4Media) Day 1 | 4th Al Community Workshop 2024: Cécile Huet, EC DG • 27 views **CONNECT Future of AI R&I** Day 1 | 4th AI Community Workshop 2024: Highlights of the NoEs and • 42 views introduction of the new NoEs Day 1 | 4th Al Community Workshop 2024: PW 1: Eval. & Audit vs. 2 views Safe & Secure by Design AI Systems Day 1 | 4th Al Community Workshop 2024: PW 2: Navigating • 1 views Interdisciplinarity Day 1 | 4th Al Community Workshop 2024: PW3: #EuroGen: Mapping 14 views the Future with Generative AI Day 1 | 4th Al Community Workshop 2024: PW 4: Next-gen • 2 views Infrastructure Federation & VRL for Edge AI Day 1 | 4th AI Community Workshop 2024: PW 5: Assessing and 3 views **Enhancing Fairness in AI Systems** Day 1 | 4th AI Community Workshop 2024: PW 6: Joint SRA & 20 views **Ecosystem Mapping** Day 2 | AIDA Symposium 2024: Welcome - Prof. C. Feidas, Rector, 2 views Aristotle University of Thessaloniki 37 views Day 2 | AIDA Symposium 2024: AI University Education • Day 2 | AIDA Symposium 2024: Track 1: Training AI Expertise for 27 views Europe: EU AI PhD Curriculum Day 2 | AIDA Symposium 2024: Track 2: First responders education on • 3 views AI for natural DM Day 2 | AIDA Symposium 2024: Track 3: Harnessing Generative AI for 3 views **Inclusive Global Education** 1 views Day 2 | AIDA Symposium 2024: Track 4: EBU Academy School of AI Day 2 | AIDA Symposium 2024: Track 5: Innovation for Education: 9 views How AI can revamp long-life learning Day 2 | AIDA Symposium 2024: AIDA and AloD platform and • 14 views experience Day 2 | AIDA Symposium 2024: Track 6: AI in journalism and • 1 views misinformation Day 2 | AIDA Symposium 2024: Track 7: AI tools in education (impact 7 views

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Day 2 | AIDA Symposium 2024: Track 8: AI PhD and Postdoc education 4 views **ELLIS** experience Playlist: Aftermovie & Takeaways: 4th AI Published on: 16 videos Community Workshop 2024 & AIDA LINK 23 July 2024 Symposium, 26-27 June 2024 Yiannis Kompatsiaris (AI4Media | CERTH-ITI) about the 4th AI 57 views Community Workshop 2024 Lorraine Wolter (ELSA | CISPA Helmholtz Center) about the 4th AI 148 views Community Workshop 2024 Paul Lukowicz (HumanE-AI-NET, DFKI) about the 4th AI Community • 7 views Workshop 2024 Yannis Ioannidis (HumanE-AI-Net, University of Athens, ACM) about 23 views the 4th AI Community Workshop 2024 Rebecca Schedl-Warpup (euROBIN, DLR) about the 4th AI Community 59 views Workshop 2024 • Georgios Spathoulas (ENFIELD, NTNU) about the 4th AI Community 15 views Workshop 2024 Philip Piatkiewicz (ADRA) about the 4th AI Community Workshop • 18 views 2024 Long Pham (VISION, AI4Europe | University College Cork) about the 17 views 4th AI Community Workshop 2024 • Tobias Lorenz, PhD Student - ELSA | CISPA Helmholtz Center, about 26 views the 4th AI Community Workshop 2024 Alain Pagani (dAIEDGE | DFKI, Germany) about the 4th AI Community • 16 views Workshop 2024 Holger Hoos (VISION | Leiden University, RWTH Aachen University) 24 views about the 4th AI Community Workshop Christophe Leroux (euROBIN, ADRA | CEA) about the 4th AI 48 views **Community Workshop** Ioannis Pitas (AI4Media, AIDA | AUTH) about the 4th AI Community 28 views Workshop 2024 Trine Platou (TAILOR | Linköping University, Sweden) about the 4th AI • 19 views Community Workshop 2024 Nicu Sebe (ELIAS | University of Trento) about the 4th AI Community • 39 views Workshop 2024 Aftermovie: 4th Community Workshop 2024 & AIDA Symposium, 38 views



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Diversity Scoring of Flemish	Political News	s Evan Dufr	aisse (CEA)	54 views	
 Semantic Multi-modal Trans Francesco Marchetti (UNIF 		edestrian Acti	on Forecasting	26 views	
 Photoconsistent and Trajectory Marco Montes (CATEC) 	ory Guided N	ovel-View Sy	nthesis Tool	22 views	
 Uncovering the Applicability Felipe de Lima Santos (UvA) 	of Al in Medi	a: The case c	of RAI Mathias	19 views	
Object Detection with Ensen	nble of Classi	fiers Mihai	Dogariu (UPB)	49 views	
Flow Factorized Representat	ion Learning	Yue Song (l	JNITN)	42 views	
Playlist: Al4Media Open Call project Days	ts - Demo	2 videos	Published on: 27 Aug 2024	LINK	
 Al4Media - Open Call #1 Der developed by 10 funded pro 	•	challenges an	d solutions	238 views	
Al4Media - Open Call #2 Der research and applications fo	no Day - Shov	wcasing adva	nces in Al	3 views	
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 Meet the JECT-CLONE project Al4Media 2nd Open Call 	 Meet the JECT-CLONE project by JECT.AI Limited supported under AI4Media 2nd Open Call 				
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 Meet the ELMER project by University of Surrey supported under AI4Media 2nd Open Call 				10 views	
 Meet the HoloNeXT project by i2CAT supported under AI4Media 2nd Open Call 				13 views	
 Meet the CLIP LENS project I Open Call 	10 views				
 Meet the VolEvol project by under Al4Media 2nd Open C 		iversity of las	si supported	24 views	
Playlist: Al4Media Poster Session at University of Florence	the	24 videos	Published on: 02 June 2023	LINK	

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 XAI-SUM: Explaining Video Summarization Based on the Focus of Attention by Vasileios Maezaris, CERTH 	54 views
 Unsupervised Domain Adaptation for Video Violence Detection in the Wild by Luca Ciampi, CNR 	37 views
Truly Media Presentation by Danae Tsabouraki, ATC/DW	251 views
 Tracing reuse in a large-scale AV archive using Partial Audio Matching by Philo van Kemenade, NISV 	38 views
• Super-resolution benchmarking and detection by Adrián Tormos, BSC	31 views
• Statistical characterization of local news by Victor Bros, Idiap Research Institute	27 views
 SRAUnet for super resolution and restoration of analog videos by Lorenzo Berlincioni, UNIFI 	422 views
 SMACE: A New Method for the Interpretability of Composite Decision Systems by Gianluigi Lopardo, UCA 	33 views
 Public opinion monitoring through collective semantic analysis of tweets by Ioannis Pitas, AUTH 	361 views
 Open-ended Evolution for Minecraft Building Generation by Matthew Barthet, UM 	29 views
 modl.ai Platform and Exploratory Bot Presentation by Christoffer Holmgård, MODL 	81 views
 Model Compression through Knowledge Distillation by Akis Papadopoulos, CERTH 	31 views
 Joint-Based Action Progress Prediction by Davide Pucci, UNIFI 	21 views
 ImageCLEF2023 Benchmarking Campaign by Ana-Maria Drăgulinescu, UPB 	33 views
 Frame analysis of No-vax news in Europe with GPT-3 by Davide Alonso, Idiap Research Institute 	19 views
 Ephemerality metrics for estimating healthiness of online discussions by Dmitry Gnatyshak, BSC 	17 views
 Deepfake Detector Attack and Defense Analysis by Kieran Fraser, IBM/ CERTH 	42 views
 Deep Piano Synthesizer by Rémi Mignot, IRCAM 	11 views
 Concept Discovery in Activation Spaces with Singular Value Description by Mara Graziani, HES-SO 	52 views
 CL2R: Compatible Lifelong Learning Representations by Niccolò Biondi, UNIFI 	21 views

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 Audio Analysis for Speech Synthesis and N Luca Cuccovillo, FhG-IDMT 	72 views			
 ALADIN: Image-Text Matching and Retriev Vadicamo & Paolo Bolettieri, CNR 	val in VISION	E by Lucia	43 views	
AdvisIL - A Class-Incremental Learning Adv	visor by Adri	an Popescu, CEA	25 views	
Music co-creation between AI and human	is by Artur G	arcia, BSC	39 views	
Playlist: AI Applications for the Media Industry	7 videos	Published on: 25 May 2023	<u>LINK</u>	
 AI Applications for the Media Industry pre Production" by AI4Media 	esents: "Al fo	r News	1.258 views	
 AI Applications for the Media Industry pre- by AI4Media 	esents: "Robo	ot Journalism"	567 views	
 AI Applications for the Media Industry pre of social media" by AI4Media 	esents: "Al fo	r the Next-Gen	362 views	
 AI Applications for the Media Industry pre entertainment/movie production" by AI4 		r	328 views	
 AI Applications for the Media Industry presents: "AI for games" by AI4Media 			211 views	
 AI Applications for the Media Industry presents: "AI for music" by AI4Media 			559 views	
 AI Applications for the Media Industry pre AI4Media 	esents: "Al fo	r publishing" by	894 views	
Playlist: Al4Media 1st Open Call - Projects	7 videos	Published on: 26 May 2023	LINK	
 Meet the CIMA project by AdVerief.ai sup Open Call 	ported unde	r Al4Media 1st	174 views	
 Meet the project edgeAI4UAV by IHU sup Open Call 	ported unde	r Al4Media 1st	46 views	
 Meet the InPreVIV project by JOT Internet Media supported under AI4Media 1st Open Call 			36 views	
 Meet the RobaCOFI project by Instituit Josef Stefan supported under AI4Media 1st Open Call 			23 views	
 Meet the SMAITE project by University of Manchester supported under AI4Media 1st Open Call 			94 views	
 Meet the TRACES project by GATE Institut supported under Al4Media 1st Open Call 	te, Sofia Univ	versity	20 views	
 Meet the VRES project by Varia UG suppo Open Call 	orted under A	I4Media 1st	13 views	

Playlist: Al4Media 1st Junior Fellow Day 2022	9 videos	Published on: 02 June 2023	LINK		
 ML-assisted OR algorithms for multimedi Drăgulinescu (UPB) 	 ML-assisted OR algorithms for multimedia network Ana Maria Drăgulinescu (UPB) 				
 DeepFake detection with capsule networ Cristian Stanciu (UPB) 	85 views				
 NLP applied to articles on Covid-19 vaccin Newspapers David Alonso del Barrio, U 		opean	44 views		
 MINTIME: Overcoming limits of video dee Davide Coccomini (CNR) 	epfake detect	ion in the wild	36 views		
 A qualitative investigation of optical flow denoising Hannes Fassold (JR) 	algorithms fo	or video	15 views		
 Estimating class prevalences in ordinal class (TU Dortmund University) 	15 views				
 Dataset shift in binary quantification Pa Oviedo) 	21 views				
 Deep learning for multiple trajectory pre- movements Quentin Guimard (UCA) 	21 views				
 Video classification using a self-supervise Haghighat (FhG-IAIS) 	d feature ext	ractor Sogol	19 views		
Playlist: Al4Media webinars - Open Call #1	2 videos	Published on: 25 May 2023	<u>LINK</u>		
• 2nd Info-webinar about Al4Media's Oper	n Call-1		60 views		
 1st Info-webinar about Al4Media's Open 	Call-1		87 views		
Al4Media workshops	5 videos	Published on: 22 Sept 2021	<u>LINK</u>		
 Al4Media's workshop on "European Al V European Al regulation" 	116 views				
Al4Media workshop on "Content-center	120 views				
Al4Media's technical workshop on "Hum	169 views				
 New learning paradigms & distributed AI Workshop 	73 views				
Al4Media Workshop on GANs for Media	Content Gene	eration	196 views		
		TOTAL VIEWS	9.285		

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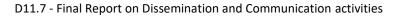
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During the period M37-M48, the AI4Media YouTube channel was significantly enriched with a variety of new content:



- Al4Media 2nd Junior Fellows Day 2023: This playlist comprises 6 videos featuring recorded presentations from promising junior researchers and PhD students. These presentations were part of the Al4Media 2nd Junior Fellows Day 2023, where participants shared their experiences from the Al4Media Junior Fellows Exchange Program and discussed their research advancements during the exchange.
- 4th AI Community Workshop & AIDA Symposium 2024: For this event, co-organised by AI4Media in collaboration with VISION and the AI Networks of Excellence, the AI4Media YouTube channel was used for live streaming the sessions, allowing a broader audience to participate virtually. This effort resulted in two playlists: one comprising 20 videos of the recorded sessions and another with 16 videos of testimonials and an after movie. These videos provide valuable insights and reflections on the workshops' discussions and outcomes, capturing the event's highlights and memorable moments, thus extending the reach and impact of the event beyond the live attendees.
- Insights from our partners during the plenary meeting in Thessaloniki: This playlist features 6 videos, offering valuable insights and takeaways from significant Al4Media workshops, as well as relevant findings and achievements. The content includes:
 - Mapping the Applications, Challenges, and Potentials of AI for the Media Sector: An overview of the key insights from the AI4Media Whitepaper.
 - Updated Al4Media Strategic Research Agenda: Focusing on the latest developments in Generative Al and its implications for the media industry.
 - Towards Final Policy Recommendations: Takeaways from Al4Media policy workshops, offering guidance for future regulatory frameworks.
 - Measuring the Success of Recommender Systems for Media: Key findings from an Al4Media workshop on enhancing recommendation algorithms.
 - Challenges and Recommendations for Algorithmic Content Moderation: Relevant findings on managing and improving content moderation practices in the digital space.
 - The Media Sector's Response to Content Scraping for Model Training: An exploration of industry responses to the challenges posed by content scraping for AI model development.
- **Real-Al Applications in Media Al4Media Use Cases Demos**: This playlist features 7 videos showcasing the results from 7 distinct use cases. Each video demonstrates practical applications and the impact of Al technologies in these diverse areas, providing viewers with a comprehensive understanding of how Al is transforming the media landscape. The use cases include:
 - AI for Social Media and Against Disinformation
 - AI for News The Smart News Assistant
 - \circ $\;$ AI in Vision High Quality Video Production and Content Automation $\;$
 - Al for Social Sciences and Humanities
 - Al for Games

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- Al for Human Co-Creation
- Al for Content (Re-)Organisation and Moderation

4.2.2 Performance of Social Media channels (Facebook, X, LinkedIn)

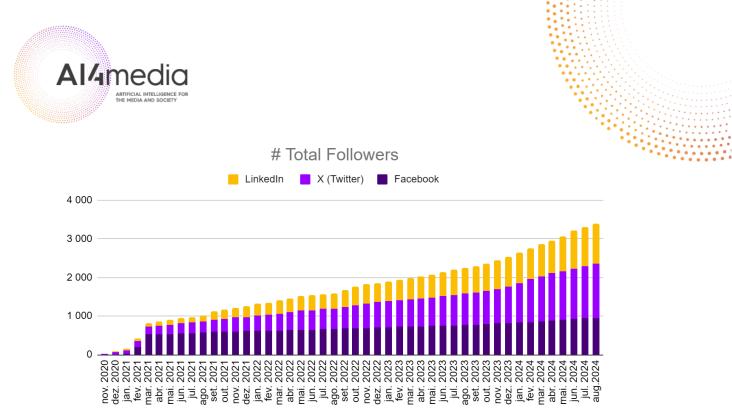
The analytics of AI4Media social media in X, Facebook (Fb) and LinkedIn (LI) show a constant increase of the followers, currently reaching a total of **1.403** followers in X, **947** in Fb, **1.031** in LI while the increase of the number in reach (summing almost 2 million) and impressions (almost 13 million) means that the information shared in our social media channels is reaching a significant number of people. Thus, the campaigning actions and results described in the previous sections are also reflected in these analytics.

Since the creation of the project's social media networks in M3, Al4Media has published an average of 15 posts per month, specifically **903** posts in Twitter, **740** posts in Facebook and **768** posts in LinkedIn in total. Relevant analytics in terms of followers, likes, engagement, impressions, etc. are summarised in Table 6.

		M3-M36		M37-M48			TOTAL		
	Х	Fb	u	Х	Fb	u	Х	Fb	LI
Posts	673	527	591	230	213	235	903	740	768
Paid campaigns	72	63	-	19	19	-	91	82	-
Followers	809	762	660	594	185	371	1.403	947	1.031
Likes	13.785	22.042	2.001	9.843	3.604	1.091	23.628	25.646	3.092
Shares	1.575	389	467	545	76	67	2.120	465	534
Reach	1.003.112	502.153	58.186	55.540	257.356	21.902	1.058.652	759.509	80.088
Engagement	25.188	28.412	5.124	12.076	5.526	3.604	37.264	33.938	8.728
Impressions	5.392.498	NA	55.279	6.845.245	NA	41.671	12.237.743	-	96.950
Clicks to website	9.651	5.720	2.641	1.379	1.819	2.435	11.030	7.539	5.076

Table 6: Social media networks analytics

The following graph (Figure 7) illustrates the growth in the number of followers on Al4Media's LinkedIn, X (formerly Twitter), and Facebook channels from November 2020 to August 2024. The trends and patterns observed provide insights into the effectiveness of Al4Media's social media strategies and their engagement with different audiences over this period.



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Figure 7: Followers growth from Nov2020 to August 2024

In the initial phase (November 2020 - June 2021), we observe that on LinkedIn, the follower count started with modest growth, indicating initial efforts to build a professional audience on this platform. The platform known as X showed a steady increase in followers, suggesting effective engagement through regular updates and interactions. On Facebook, the growth was also steady, though at a slightly slower pace compared to X, reflecting a gradual build-up of community interest.

During the acceleration phase (July 2021 - Dec 2022), a noticeable increase in LinkedIn followers was observed, due to targeted content that resonated with professionals in AI and media, such as preliminary scientific results and the launch of our first open call. On X, the follower count continued to rise steadily, benefiting from dynamic content and active engagement in topics relevant to AI for media. Similar to X, Facebook experienced steady growth, driven by community-building activities and the sharing of engaging content.

In the peak growth phase (January 2023 - Dec 2023), there are significant spikes in LinkedIn follower numbers during the period, which could be attributed to major events, such as conferences and high-profile scientific publications, attracting more professional interest. The X platform saw substantial growth due to increased interactions during events, successful multimedia campaigns, and key announcements such as the AI Media Observatory. The Facebook platform experienced its highest growth rate, indicating strong community engagement and effective use of multimedia to attract and retain followers.

In the stabilisation phase (January 2024 - August 2024), the growth rate on LinkedIn started to stabilise, suggesting that the platform had reached a mature follower base. On X, the growth continued but at a more stable pace, indicating sustained interest from a dedicated audience. The growth rate on Facebook also stabilised, reflecting a loyal community base and consistent content engagement.

Key Observations:



High-quality, relevant content tailored to each platform's audience significantly contributed to the growth in followers. Peaks in growth correlate with AI4Media's major events, workshops, and successful promotional campaigns. Effective cross-platform promotion helped in leveraging followers from one platform to another, enhancing overall growth.

The evolution of followers on AI4Media's social media channels from November 2020 to August 2024 demonstrates a well-executed strategy that effectively engaged diverse audiences. The steady growth across LinkedIn, X, and Facebook highlights the success of AI4Media's content and engagement strategies. Moving forward, maintaining this growth will require continuous innovation in content delivery and sustained interaction with the audience across all platforms.

In terms of engagement, the following graph presents the levels for AI4Media across three social media platforms: Facebook, X (Twitter), and LinkedIn.

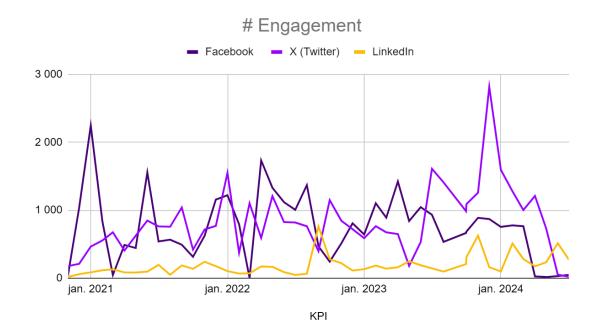


Figure 8: Engagement level in AI4Media social media

Facebook:

This channel experienced a significant spike in engagement early in 2021, peaking above 2,000 interactions. This suggests a successful launch phase, likely driven by initial campaigns and promotional activities. Throughout the period, Facebook engagement shows considerable fluctuation with several peaks and troughs. Peaks often correspond to major events or announcements, while troughs indicate periods of lower activity or less impactful content. Despite the fluctuations, Facebook maintains a relatively steady baseline of engagement, indicating a consistent and loyal user base that interacts regularly with the content.

X (Twitter):

The engagement on X started steadily, with a noticeable increase towards the end of 2021. This channel exhibits regular spikes in engagement, especially around key events and announcements. This platform appears to be effectively used for real-time updates and live



event coverage, which drive higher interaction rates. The highest engagement peak occurs around early 2024, surpassing 3,000 interactions. This corresponds to communication of participation in key events and highly engaging campaigns, showing the platform's potential for reaching a wide audience quickly.

LinkedIn:

The engagement in this channel remains consistently lower compared to Facebook and X. This is expected given LinkedIn's professional nature and the typically smaller but more focused audience. There is a gradual increase in engagement over time, with slight peaks indicating successful professional outreach efforts, such as the dissemination of research results or professional webinars. Overall, LinkedIn maintains a steady but lower level of engagement, reflecting its role as a niche platform catering to industry professionals.

Overall Conclusions:

Both Facebook and X show significant engagement peaks around major events and announcements, highlighting the importance of event-driven content in driving interaction.

X is particularly effective for live and real-time engagement, while Facebook benefits from multimedia content and community-building efforts. LinkedIn, though lower in engagement, is critical for professional and academic outreach.

Despite fluctuations, all three platforms demonstrate sustained interest and engagement over the period, indicating successful content strategies and a growing audience base.

4.2.3 Performance of YouTube channel

The <u>Al4Media YouTube</u> channel serves as a repository for various video content related to Al applications in the media industry. To date, the channel has uploaded a total of 128 videos, accumulating 10.356 views and 85 subscribers.

The "AI Applications for the Media Industry" playlist, boosted by a paid promotional campaign, attained 4.179 views, highlighting the effectiveness of targeted advertising in driving engagement. This playlist's success underscores the audience's strong interest in real-world use cases and practical implementations of AI technologies.

With a total of 10.356 views spread across 128 videos (including 43 videos uploaded in the final months of the project with limited promotion), the average view count per video is approximately 80 views. While the overall view count is modest, the significant viewership of the top-performing playlist suggests that targeted content can achieve high engagement, particularly when supported by effective promotional efforts.

4.2.4 Paid campaigns

In an effort to enhance visibility and engagement with its key initiatives, AI4Media conducted a series of targeted paid campaigns. These campaigns were meticulously planned by analysing and profiling different social media channels, defining an investment forecast, and segmenting the audience based on countries, gender, age, interests, job titles, and positioning. The objective of the different campaigns was to drive traffic to the AI Media Observatory, promote the Strategic Research Agenda, and increase visualisations of the "AI Applications for the Media Industry"



video series. Below is an overview of each campaign, including a detailed analysis of their analytics.

1. AI Media Observatory Launch Campaign

To boost visits following the official launch of the AI Media Observatory, AI4Media executed a paid campaign from 1 November 2023 to 31 January 2024. The campaign aimed to attract stakeholders to the Observatory's page by highlighting its value as a resource for trends, opportunities, and challenges in AI and media.

- Reach: 969,192 (7.5% Facebook/Meta, 92.5% X)
- Impressions: 3,014,654 (3.1% LinkedIn, 9.3% Facebook/Meta, 87.5% X)
- Link Clicks: 16,729 (3.8% LinkedIn, 15.5% Facebook/Meta, 80.7% X)

The campaign achieved a broad reach, with the majority of impressions and reach generated via X (formerly Twitter), indicating a high level of visibility on this platform. A significant number of link clicks came from X, demonstrating the platform's effectiveness in driving user engagement. Meta (Facebook) and LinkedIn also contributed to the traffic but to a lesser extent.

During the campaign period, the Observatory page emerged as the most visited section on the Al4Media website, underscoring the campaign's success in attracting visitors.

2. Strategic Research Agenda Promotion Campaign

From 15 December 2023 to 3 February 2024, AI4Media ran a campaign to promote its Strategic Research Agenda, aiming to increase awareness and direct traffic to the dedicated page.

- Reach: 283,789 (6.4% Facebook/Meta, 93.3% X)
- Impressions: 659,616 (3.6% LinkedIn, 7.6% Facebook/Meta, 88.8% X)
- Link Clicks: 5,061 (3.0% LinkedIn, 7.1% Facebook/Meta, 89.9% X)

Similar to the previous campaign, X proved to be the dominant platform in terms of reach and impressions, suggesting that the audience on X is highly responsive to Al4Media's content. The majority of link clicks originated from X, indicating strong user interest and engagement. Meta (Facebook) and LinkedIn played smaller roles but still contributed valuable traffic.

The campaign resulted in a substantial increase in page visits, with the highest engagement recorded in December. The data highlights the campaign's effectiveness in driving traffic and raising awareness about the Strategic Research Agenda.

3. YouTube Campaign for "AI Applications for the Media Industry" Video Series

To promote the "AI Applications for the Media Industry" video series, AI4Media launched a YouTube campaign from 1 December 2023 to 31 January 2024, targeting audiences across multiple platforms to maximize reach and engagement.

- Reach: 357,272 (3.4% Facebook/Meta, 23.3% Google Ads, 73.3% X)
- Impressions: 574,564 (3.0% Facebook/Meta, 25.0% Google Ads, 72% X)



• Link Clicks: 5,338 (4.0% Facebook/Meta, 14.2% X, 81.8% Google Ads)

Google Ads and X were the primary drivers of reach and impressions, indicating strong visibility on these platforms. The majority of link clicks came from Google Ads, highlighting its effectiveness in engaging users and driving them to the video series. X also performed well, while Meta (Facebook) had a smaller but significant contribution.

The campaign successfully increased visualisations of the video series, demonstrating the effectiveness of a multi-platform approach in reaching and engaging a diverse audience.

In conclusion, these paid campaigns have significantly boosted the visibility and engagement of AI4Media's key content. By leveraging targeted strategies across multiple platforms, AI4Media achieved broad reach, high impressions, and substantial link clicks. This comprehensive approach not only drove significant traffic to the AI4Media website but also enhanced the dissemination of its resources and insights, reinforcing its position as a leader in the field of AI and media.

4.3 Accessible Knowledge and other visual developments

To effectively communicate Al4Media's outputs and results in a clear, accessible, and engaging manner, the project has been focused on transforming key outcomes (such as deliverables) into concise, visually appealing, and user-friendly materials. These materials include factsheets, short videos, promotional banners, infographics, and booklets.

This approach to "accessible knowledge" aims to facilitate the use and potential exploitation of project results, ensuring that even those less technologically savvy can access and benefit from the information. This strategy has been crucial throughout the project, helping our target groups to easily access and utilize the findings.

The actionable knowledge is available on the website within the Resources Library under the dedicated section named "<u>Results in Brief</u>." These relevant materials have been also thoroughly promoted through our social media channels and extensively distributed in events, to reach a wider audience.

To date, the project has produced a total of 28 accessible knowledge documents in digital format. These include:

- 9 booklets
- 10 factsheets
- 3 flyers/leaflets
- 1 report
- 1 executive summary

During the period M37 – M48 the following materials have been produced:

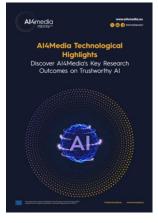


- Interdisciplinary in AI research (LINK) This factsheet provides insights from the "Navigating Interdisciplinarity" workshop held at the 4th AI Community Workshop in Thessaloniki in June 2024. The session explored the critical role of interdisciplinarity in conducting responsible AI research. From a multidisciplinary perspective, the workshop aimed to gather best practices and identify steps to enhance interdisciplinarity in AI research.
- Updated Al4Media Strategic Research Agenda (LINK) Originally released in March 2023, the SRA was updated in July 2024 to incorporate the latest advancements in Generative AI. These updates are driven by the widespread adoption and impact of Large Language Models and Large Multimodal Models.

- Discover Al4Media's Key Research Outcomes on New Learning Paradigms & Distributed AI (LINK) This booklet presents innovative learning paradigms specifically tailored for media content and applications. These advancements are pushing the boundaries of deep learning and state-of-the-art AI technologies.
- Discover Al4Media's Key Research Outcomes on Trustworthy Al (LINK) This booklet details new techniques and algorithms developed by Al4Media to foster trustworthy Al for media industry applications. It covers four key areas: Adversarial Robustness, Explainability and Interpretability; Privacy and Security; Fairness. This booklet also introduces a novel Al benchmarking tool developed as part of Al4Media.









• Discover Al4Media's Key Research Outcomes on Content-Centered AI (LINK) This booklet presents key outcomes on the AI's role in analysing, generating, and managing media content, emphasising technologies that enhance content creation and dissemination in the media sector.

 Discover Al4Media's Key Research Outcomes on Human- and Society-Centered AI (LINK) This booklet presents key outcomes of "Human- and Society-centred AI" focusing on AI technologies in the service of citizens and societies.

- Our work for a European AI Vision for the Media Sector (v2) (LINK) This leaflet provides an updated overview of the work for a European AI Vision for the Media sector within the AI4Media project, focusing on the advancements and providing direct access to results achieved.
- Exploring the Potential of Generative AI in Academic Research across Social Sciences and Humanities (LINK) This report highlights the evolving landscape of Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH) research with the integration of generative AI, underscoring the importance of critical inquiry, interdisciplinary collaboration and responsible use of AI tools in shaping the future of academic research.













- Success stories from Al4Media Open Call #2 (LINK) This booklet presents the success stories of Al4Media's Open Call #2, which aimed to engage research and industry actors that develop and integrate research in the field of AI to contribute to the enrichment of the pool of technological tools of the Al4Media platform. It includes testimonials from the 10 selected Open Call #2 winners.
- Al4Media Speculative Scenarios Exploring Al Potential and Collaborations in the Evolving European Media Landscape (LINK) This booklet introduces the work of Al4Media on bridging the gap between research and practical application by showcasing how innovative Al techniques can address media industry challenges. Highlighting speculative scenarios from two collaborative workshops, the booklet serves as a source of inspiration for media professionals and researchers. These scenarios explore future applications of Al, illustrating the potential to transform the media landscape through advanced technologies developed within the Al4Media network.
- What policies do we need to ensure a responsible future for AI and Media? (LINK) This factsheet presents the insights collected during the workshop organized at the 9th General Assembly of the AI4Media consortium, by the University of Amsterdam in collaboration with KU Leuven. The workshop focused on the question, "What policies do you need to build a better future for AI and media?", aimed at refining the Pilot Policy Recommendations produced by AI4Media.
- Media AI Observatory Flyer (LINK) This flyer introduces the Media AI Observatory to relevant stakeholders, providing comprehensive clarity on its purpose, offerings, and benefits. The Media AI Observatory serves as a central hub for monitoring and analysing the impact of AI technologies in the media sector. It offers valuable insights, resources, and tools designed to support innovation and best practices in AI-driven media applications.





- Policies for a Responsible Future of AI and Journalism (LINK) This factsheet provides insights into the needed policies for a responsible future of AI and journalism. During the Joint Computation + Journalism European Data & Computational Journalism Conference 2023 AI4Media organised a workshop focusing on the question of 'What policies do you need to build a better future for AI and Journalism?'
- European Al Vision for the Media Sector (v1) (LINK) This flyer provides an preliminary overview of the work for a European Al Vision for the Media sector within the Al4Media project, focusing on the advancements and providing direct access to results produced within WP2.
- Al for Audiovisual Archives (LINK) This factsheet provides insights into the current challenges, potentials and good practices for implementing and using artificial intelligence (AI) in audiovisual archives in the Balkan and Mediterranean region, which previously has been less explored in Al4Media research. It is based on a workshop organised in March 2023 with seven audiovisual archives from the region.

During this period, the project integrated the common identity for the AI Networks of Excellence by updating all templates (including deliverables and PowerPoint presentations) and using the common identity in new materials to ensure consistency and recognition across the network (Figure 9).



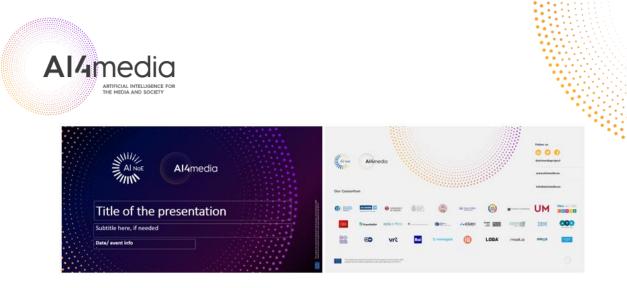


Figure 9: AI4Media PPT template updated with AI NoE identity

Additionally, AI4Media designed a new visual identity for the Open Call initiative (Figure 10). Projects supported by this initiative are encouraged to display this new visual identity in their project and channels as an acknowledgment of their involvement in AI4Media.



Figure 10: Al4Media Open Calls Logo

4.4 Mass mailing & Newsletters

Mass mailing is a crucial communication activity for AI4Media, serving as a direct and efficient channel to inform and engage with its community. This strategy has been vital in ensuring timely dissemination of information about the project's activities, events, progress, and achievements. Effective mass mailing fosters a strong connection with the community, keeping stakeholders updated and involved, which is essential for the project's success.

In total, the project has distributed more than 80 mass e-mailings with the purpose of informing AI4Media's community about specific activities or events of the project. AI4Media's mailing list comprises a diverse group of contacts, including AI4Media partners, associate members, subscribers, AIDA mailing lists (managed by AUTH), and VISION & AI NOE communication club members. Additionally, AI4Media partners play an important multiplier role by distributing information among their networks, further extending the reach and impact of the communications.

AI4Media has built a robust mailing list comprising more than 1.786 contacts that includes a wide range of stakeholders:

• Al4Media Partners and Associate Members: Ensuring all key contributors and collaborators are kept informed.



- Subscribers: Individuals who have expressed interest in receiving updates about the project.
- AIDA Mailing Lists: Managed by AUTH, targeting academic and industry professionals involved in AI development.
- VISION & AI NoE Comms Club: Broadening the reach to include a network of excellence in AI communications.

During the period from Month 37 to Month 48, it was identified that more frequent announcements about progress, achievements, and events have a better impact compared to periodic newsletters. This led to a stronger focus on direct mailing, which included:

- Regular Updates: Frequent emails providing the latest updates on project milestones, research breakthroughs, and upcoming events.
- Targeted Announcements: Tailored communications for specific sub-groups within the mailing list to ensure relevance and higher engagement.

Regular and targeted mass mailings have significantly improved engagement levels within the AI4Media community. Stakeholders are more informed and involved, contributing to a more active and collaborative environment.

The strategy ensured that critical information reached all relevant parties promptly. This was particularly important for time-sensitive announcements such as event invitations, calls for participation, and major project milestones.

The involvement of Al4Media partners in redistributing emails to their networks created a multiplication effect, broadening the reach of each communication. This helped in engaging a wider audience and enhancing the visibility of Al4Media's efforts and achievements.

During this period, 41 mass mailings were distributed, covering various topics and updates. These included:

- Progress Updates: Detailed reports on project advancements and key milestones.
- Event Announcements: Invitations and information about upcoming events, workshops, and seminars.
- Achievement Highlights: Celebrating successes and sharing significant accomplishments within the project.
- Targeted Communications: Specific emails aimed at AI4Media Network (partners and associate members) and AI-Café lists managed by GAR ensuring focused and relevant messaging.

The mass mailing strategy of Al4Media has proven to be a powerful tool in maintaining a wellinformed and engaged community, significantly contributing to the project's overall success and impact. A list of mass mailings for the period M37-M48 is presented below.

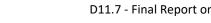
• Mailing: Launching a Demo video series showcasing Achievements of Al4Media Use Cases – sent on 3 September 2024



- Mailing: New Release! Booklets for AI4Media Technological and Research Highlights sent on 29 August 2024
- Mailing: Al4Media: CLAIRE X NoEs AquA on "Al for citizens", 28 August 2024, 16:00-17:00 CEST – sent on 26 August 2024
- Mailing: Announcing the updated Al4Media Strategic Research Agenda! sent on 1 August 2024
- Mailing: AI-Café "AI's Impact on Media and Democracy in the Global South" (24 July 2024) sent on 12 July 2024
- Mailing "Invitation to AI4Media's 2nd Demo Day "Empowering Research & Applications in Media AI" | 5July 2024 10h cest" sent on 1 July 2024.
- Mailing: AI Café "EvaLMM Evaluating LMMs on common sense and factuality & LLMAKER – An LLM-powered Design Assistant for Video Games" (17 July 2024) – sent on 5 July 2024
- Mailing: "Al4Media invitation to the 4th Al Community Workshop and AIDA Symposium 2024 | 26-27 June 2024 – Online" – sent on 05 June 2024
- Mailing: AI Café: "Pressure, hype, and research ethics: exploring the potential of generative AI in academic research across social sciences and humanities" (9 July 2024) – sent on 28 June 2024.
- Mailing: "[AI-CODE] Co-creation Workshops for Media Professionals" sent on 3 June 2024
- Mailing: "Al4Media | Events: "EU Vision for Media Policy in the Era of Al" & "Meet the Future of Al: Generative Al and Democracy" – 19 June 2024, Brussels" – sent on 23 May 2024
- Mailing: AI Café: "Building Chatbots Trained on Custom Data" (15 May 2024) sent on 28 May 2024.
- Mailing: AI Café: "The Information Bottleneck Principle for Analysis and Design of Neural Classifiers" (11 June 2024) sent on 30 May 2024
- Mailing: "Al4Media: Invitation to join us at the LAILEC 2024 Conference Beyond the Rules: Regulatory Frontiers of Al and Data (5-7 June 2024, Leuven)" – sent on 15 May 2024
- Mailing: "Al4Media: Civic Innovation Fund | Call for projects 2024 Ethics in Al" sent on 30 April 2024
- Mailing: "Al4Media: Free Webinar about "The Potential of the AioD Platform for Academic & Industry Innovators & Researchers", 30 April 2024" sent on 29 April 2024
- Mailing: "Al4Media: Al-Café on "Generative Al in Media: societal, ethical, and legal perspectives" | May 7, 2024 | 15h-16h CEST (online)" sent on 25 April 2024
- Mailing: "AI4Media: Event announcement 4th TAILOR conference "Trustworthy AI from Lab to Market" sent on 21 March 2024



- Mailing: "Al4Media: Event announcement Workshop on Large Language Models for media and democracy, 23-24 April 2024, Amsterdam" – sent on 19 March 2024
- Mailing: "Al4Media: European Convergence Summit & other relevant ADR events in the next months" sent on 5 March 2024
- Mailing: "Al4Media: Report on "Al as a Public Good: Ensuring Democratic Control of Al in the Information Space" by the Forum on Information & Democracy" sent on 1 March 2024
- Mailing: "Al4Media: CLAIRE x NoEs AquA on "Women in Al", 6 March 2024, 16:00-17:00 CET" sent on 27 February 2024
- Mailing: "Al4Media New white paper on Generative AI and Disinformation Recent Advances, Challenges, and Opportunities" sent on 15 February 2024
- Mailing: "AI4Media: EBU Data Technology Seminar 2024" Sent on 15 February 2024
- Mailing: "Al4Media: EC launches Al innovation package to support Al startups and SMEs" sent on 26 January 2024
- Mailing: AI Café: "Image Generation using Midjourney, Dalle-3, and Adobe Firefly" (7 February 2024) sent on 24 January 2024.
- Mailing: "AI4Media | (Event Invitation) LWM Hackathon by HumanE-AI-Net "Enhancing Research Productivity using ChatGPT" sent on 16 January 2024
- Mailing: "Al4Media: Launch of new and improved Al-on-Demand (AioD) platform" sent on 11 January 2024
- Mailing: "Al4Media wishes you Happy Holidays and a prosperous New Year!" sent on 20 December 2023
- Mailing: "Al4Media: Large Al Grand Challenge Call for Experts" sent on 12 December 2023
- Mailing: "Invitation to participate in Al4Media Junior Fellow Day 2023 | 11 December 2023 Online" sent on 24 November 2023
- Mailing: AI Café: "AI in vision: high quality video production and content automation" (22 November 2023) – sent on 17 November 2023.
- Mailing: Al Café: Learning Between the Lines: Transfer Learning Approach for Timeseries Data (3 November 2023) sent on 26 October 2023.
- Mailing: AI Café: The effect of No-Code/Low-Code AutoML solution on the AI Computer Vision Industry (19 October 2023) sent on 19 October 2023
- Mailing: "The latest on AI research and applications for Media! Brought to you by the AI4Media project" sent 31 October 2023
- Mailing: AI Café: Building Trust The Power of Ethical AI (18 October 2023) sent on 16 October 2023
- Mailing: "Al4Media event: Watch online a Debate on AI & Societal Impact, featuring Yoshua Bengio, Geoff Hinton, Gary Marcus and many more renowned researchers! (part





of the ELLIS, AI4Media, and AIDA Symposium on Large Language and Foundation Modes)" – sent on 12 October 2023

- Mailing: "1st AI symposium on LLM/Foundation Models focusing on cross-discipline interaction, 17-18 October 2023, Amsterdam" sent on 09 October 2023
- Mailing: AI Café: AI, Data Spaces and Digital Product Passports, the new technological challenges for Circular Manufacturing (11 Octoer 2023) sent on 26 September 2023.
- Mailing: "Al4Media online workshop "Artificial Intelligence Fit for the Media Sector: A Practitioners Perspective", 9 Oct. 2023, 10:00-12:00" sent on 07 September 2023
- Mailing: "Al4Media | Call for papers on "Explainable, Trustworthy, and Responsible Al in Image Processing" by the Frontiers in Signal Process" sent on 01 September 2023

In addition to mass mailings, AI4Media produced and distributed two newsletters (issue #5 and #6) to the project's mailing lists. These newsletters were also promoted across AI4Media's channels to maximize reach and engagement. Following the initial promotion, each article from the newsletters was individually promoted on social media, ensuring sustained visibility and engagement with the content.

The mass mailing and newsletter strategies of AI4Media have proven to be powerful tools in maintaining a well-informed and engaged community. These efforts have significantly contributed to the project's overall success and impact by ensuring that technological advancements benefit all segments of society.

4.4.1 Newsletter issue 5 – October 2023

The fifth newsletter was launched in October 2023 and can be accessed <u>HERE</u> (Figure 11). The main objective of this newsletter was to inform about the progress and latest achievements of the project. Highlights included the launch of the AI Media Observatory, announcements of the projects funded under Open Call #2, the video series "AI Applications in the Media Industry," information about AIDA's objectives and benefits, and the promotion of the latest results and much more.

In summary, the newsletter comprised the following articles:

Featuring article:

• The AI Media Observatory is now fully launched – Author: Anna Schjøtt Hansen (UvA)

Our News:

- The ten projects from Al4Media's second funding program are introducing fresh Al research and innovation for the media industry Authors: Samuel Almeida, Ellie Shtereva, and Catarina Reis (F6S)
- Exploring the Future of Media: Al4Media's Fascinating Video Series Author: Candela Bravo (LOBA)
- AIDA: Maximising efforts toward accessible AI education and research Author: George Bouchagiar (AUTH)



Check out our latest findings & results:

- Exploring Real-world AI Applications in Media: A Look at Seven Use Cases Authors: Danae Tsabouraki (ATC); Birgit Gray (Deutsche Welle); Chaja Libot (VRT); Maurizio Montagnuolo (RAI); Rasa Bocyte (Netherlands Institute for Sound & Vision); Christoffer Holmgård (modl.ai); Rémi Mignot (IRCAM); Artur Garcia (BSC); Chris Georgiev (Imagga Technologies).
- Making synthetic image detection practical Author: Akis Papadopoulos (CERTH)
- Unveiling Propaganda on News Articles: Cutting-Edge Models with Linguistic and Argumentative Features Author: Serena Villata (UCA-3IA)
- How did the European press treat the covid-19 "no-vax" phenomenon? Authors: David Alonso del Barrio & Daniel Gatica-Perez (IDIAP)
- Poster & Demo Sessions Authors: Candela Bravo & Joana Martinheira (LOBA)
- Explore the new Scientific Papers page Author: Mariana Carola (LOBA)

Great scientific outputs just one click away

- Scientific Publications
- Open Datasets
- Software

In case you've missed it:

- e-Symposium on Computational Politics 2023 1st of March, Thessaloniki (Greece)
- Al4Media @ Online Event on Generative AI in the European Parliament 25th of May, online
- ICMR2023 ACM International Conference on Multimedia Retrieval 2023 & MAD'23 Workshop on Multimedia AI against Disinformation 12-15 June, Thessaloniki (Greece)
- Meet the Future of AI: Countering Sophisticated & Advanced Disinformation 29th of June, Brussels (Belgium)
- Second cross-cutting Theme Development Workshop "Trusted AI The future of creating ethical and responsible AI systems" 20 October 2022, online

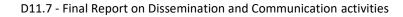






Figure 11: Newsletter #5 – screenshot

4.4.2 Newsletter issue 6 – August 2024

The sixth and final newsletter of Al4Media was launched on September 5th 2024 and can be accessed <u>HERE</u> (Figure 12). This newsletter is dedicated to featuring the legacy of Al4Media, highlighting the project's technological advancements, societal impacts, contributions to legal and policy developments in Al, and much more.

In summary, the newsletter comprised the following articles:

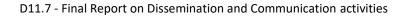
A short statement from the AI4Media Coordinators

Featuring article:

• Al4Media's lasting legacy in advancing Al for Media

Our News:

- Updated AI4Media Strategic Research Agenda
- Al4Media's Achievements and Impact on Society
- AI4Media research and technological highlights booklets
- Watch Al4Medias' Use Cases Demo video series
- Launching the "Better Images of AI" Library
- Al4Media at the Museum! Temporary exhibition on Generative AI at NOESIS Museum, Thessaloniki
- LLMaker: Consistent Game Content Creation: A tool for iterative game content codesign



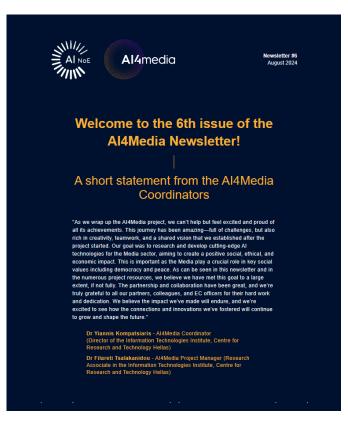


Insightful Reads:

- How to successfully integrate AI in news production? Insights from VRT Author: Chaja Libot (Design Research, VRT)
- From speculations to future applications: Al4Media publishes scenarios envisioning the future horizons for Al in media Authors: Rasa Bocyte and Johan Oomen (Netherlands Institute for Sound & Vision)
- How do social media platforms address AI-generated or manipulated content? Author: Raquel Miguel (EU DisinfoLab)

In case you've missed it:

- 4th AI Community Workshop and AIDA Symposium 2024 Thessaloniki (26-27 June 2024)
- Meet the Future of AI: Gneerative AI and Democracy Brussels (19 June 2024)
- EU vision in the era of AI Brussels (19 June 2024)





4.4.3 Newsletters performance

During the reporting period, the Al4Media newsletters have played a crucial role in disseminating information and engaging with the community. The newsletters are available on



a dedicated page on the project website, which can be accessed (<u>HERE</u>). This page received 1,181 views and attracted 814 unique users during this period.

The table below presents the performance results from the distribution of Newsletter #5 among AI4Media's mailing list subscribers (marketing campaign) and its publication on social media. However, the data for Newsletter #6 is not available at the moment of submitting this deliverable due to its recent distribution.

Newsletter Issue #5

Table 7: Statistics Newsletter #5

Marketing campaign	Delivered to 436 recipients	134 Opened	
Other mailing lists	Distributed to more than 2000	Opens unknown	
(VISION, ICT-48, AIDA)	recipients	Opens unknown	
Social Media			
Twitter (LINK)	102.000 impressions 1.811 engage	ments 1.068 link click	
Facebook (LINK)	11.200 reach		
LinkedIn (LINK)	33 impressions		

4.5 Media coverage

Throughout the Al4Media project, strategic media coverage has been a cornerstone in disseminating key achievements and engaging with a broader audience. The project effectively used dedicated press releases to inform stakeholders and the public about significant milestones and opportunities. These efforts were complemented and enriched by the contributions from Al4Media partners, who played a significant role in expanding the project's reach and impact through their own media engagements and publications.

Between September 2020 and February 2022:

- Announcing the Successful Launch of AIDA, AI Doctoral Academy: Highlighting the inception of AIDA, which aims to enhance AI education across Europe.
- Open Online Survey on Artificial Intelligence (AI) for the Media Sector: Inviting stakeholders to participate in a survey to gather insights on AI's impact on media.
- Al4Media Open Call 1: Announcing the first open call for innovative Al solutions in the media industry.
- Al4Media Junior Fellows Exchange Program: Promoting the exchange program designed to foster collaboration and skill enhancement among early career researchers.

Between March 2023 and August 2023:

- Al4Media Unveils "Al Applications and Solutions for the Media Industry" Video Series: Transforming the Future of Media with Artificial Intelligence – 20 July 2022: Introducing a video series showcasing practical Al applications in the media sector.
- "Funding Opportunity for Delivering AI Solutions for the Media Sector" 13 October 2022: Announcing new funding opportunities for AI-driven media solutions.



 "Online Survey Aimed at Understanding How AI Research Can Satisfy Today's Media Needs" – 10 March 2022: Promoting a survey to better align AI research with current media industry needs.

Between September 2023 and August 2024:

During this period September 2023 and August 2024, AI4Media sent 2 dedicated press releases to European and International media outlets.

- Al4Media's Achievements and Impact on Society: Highlighting the project's societal contributions, including advancements in combating disinformation, improving political discourse analysis, and providing tools for better social media content management.
- Al4Media's Lasting Legacy in Advancing Al for Media: Summarising the enduring impact of Al4Media on the media industry, showcasing key technological advancements, and reflecting on the project's overall legacy.

To maximize the impact of its media outreach, Al4Media employed several strategies:

- Targeted Press Releases: Tailoring announcements to specific milestones and audiences to ensure relevance and engagement.
- Collaborative Media Engagement: Leveraging the networks and expertise of project partners to amplify the reach of press releases.
- Using Multiple Channels: Distributing content across various platforms, including industry blogs, academic journals, and mainstream media, to reach a diverse audience.

Contributions from Project Partners

Al4Media partners have played a significant role in enhancing media outreach by publishing articles and features in various media outlets. This collaborative effort ensured broader coverage and increased visibility for the project's initiatives.

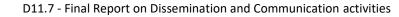
The list of partners' contribution to media outreach is available in Annex 2 – List of media coverage / press clipping.

The strategic use of media coverage has been instrumental in highlighting Al4Media's achievements and fostering a dialogue on the intersection of Al and media. Through dedicated press releases and contributions from project partners, Al4Media has successfully engaged a wide audience, promoting its mission and accomplishments across Europe and beyond.

4.6 The AI-on-Demand as a communication tool

Al4Media effectively used the Al-on-Demand (AioD) platform as a key communication tool to enhance its outreach and visibility. By regularly uploading content such as news, achievements, and event updates to the platform, Al4Media ensured that its activities and milestones were consistently showcased to a broad audience² (Figure 13).

² Al4Media page in Al-on-Demand platform: <u>https://www.ai4europe.eu/ai-</u> community/projects/ai4media?category=news





Additionally, AI4Media collaborated with the AIoD communication team to amplify the impact of key achievements and events. This collaboration included leveraging the AloD community and its social media channels, which comprises over 4.500 followers in X³ and almost 5.000 followers in LinkedIn⁴, to disseminate information and engage with a wider network (Figure 14). Through these efforts, AI4Media successfully increased its presence within the AI community and beyond, reaching a diverse and engaged audience.

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www.alimedia.eu				

Figure 13: Screenshot of the AIoD platform - recent AI4Media news published

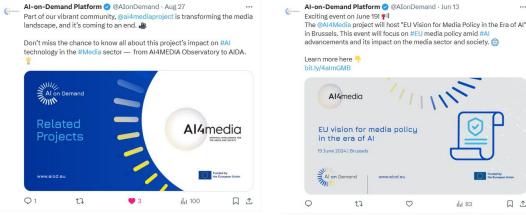


Figure 14: Examples of AloD posts in X about Al4media



³ https://x.com/AlonDemand

⁴ https://www.linkedin.com/company/aiondemand/

5 Events

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Over the course of its four-year duration, AI4Media has strategically participated in a total of 203 events, with 83 events organised and 118 events attended by AI4Media representatives. These engagements included roles as speakers, paper/poster presenters, stand/booth exhibitors, or general attendees. This extensive involvement has enabled the project to potentially reach over 65.368 participants, significantly enhancing awareness of AI4Media's activities and findings.

From September 2023 to August 2024 (M37-M48), Al4Media continued its active engagement by co-organising 14 events and participating in 50 events. During this period, the project reached almost 43.000 participants. Detailed lists of these events are provided below.

Al4Media's approach to communication and promotion for each event follows a structured strategy encompassing pre-event, during-event, and post-event actions. This comprehensive communication plan, thoroughly detailed in previous deliverables, ensures maximum visibility and impact for the project's contributions at these events.

By maintaining a strong presence across diverse events, Al4Media not only disseminates its research and innovations but also fosters valuable collaborations, influences policy discussions, and promotes the responsible use of Al technologies. This multi-faceted engagement strategy is integral to advancing the project's goals and enhancing its impact across the Al and media landscape.

5.1 Events (co)organised by Al4Media

Al4Media has been instrumental in organising and co-organising a diverse array of events, each tailored to specific audiences and designed to achieve particular objectives within the AI and media sectors. Table 8 below presents the list of 14 events organised by Al4Media during the period M37 to M48.

In summary, events such as the **4th AI Community Workshop & AIDA Symposium 2024** in Thessaloniki, the **ELLIS, AIDA, and AI4Media Symposium on Large Language and Foundation Models**, and the **2nd Cross-cutting Theme Development Workshop: Trusted AI – The Future of Creating Ethical & Responsible AI Systems** are good examples of AI4Media's collaborative efforts with other projects and initiatives. These events provided platforms for networking, knowledge exchange, and the development of strategies for ethical AI implementation, addressing policy issues, and exploring the societal impacts of AI.

Policy-focused events such as "**Meet the Future of AI – Generative AI and Democracy**" and **"EU Vision for Media Policy in the Era of AI**" aimed to address high-level policy issues and future directions in AI research and applications. These events bridged the gap between technological advancements and regulatory frameworks, attracting a broad audience of AI researchers, policymakers, media professionals, and the general public.

Educational programs are also a cornerstone of Al4Media's event portfolio, where events like the "Artificial Intelligence and Games - 6th International Summer School", the "CBMI2023 Special Session: Interactive Video Retrieval for Beginners (IVR4B)", and the "3rd International Workshop on Learning to Quantify (LQ 2023)" provided high-quality education and training in



Al. These programs targeted students, early-career researchers, and professionals, equipping them with essential skills through both foundational theories and practical applications.

Demonstration days and community engagement activities are crucial to AI4Media's strategy. Events like "AI4Media Open Call #2 DemoDay", "AI Café - Generative AI in Media: Societal, Ethical, and Legal Perspectives", and the "Launching Better Images of Responsible AI" have successfully showcased innovative AI solutions and facilitated community engagement. These events attracted AI practitioners, media professionals, entrepreneurs, and the broader AI community, providing platforms for sharing success stories, demonstrating new tools, and discussing the ethical, societal, and legal implications of AI technologies.

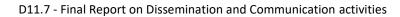
Through these diverse events, Al4Media continues to advance AI research, foster collaboration, and promote the responsible use of AI technologies, thereby contributing significantly to the AI and media landscape.

Table 8: List of events (co)organised by Al4Media from Month 19 to Month 36 and number of participants reached

#	Event title Date Location URL Partner/s organisers	Nr. participants
-	Workshop on Computer Vision for Videogames at the European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV) [29/09/2024 – Milan, Italy] LINK Partners involved: UNITN; UM >> Note: Taking place after the project end	-
1	4th Al Community Workshop & AIDA Symposium 2024 – Thessaloniki [26-27/06/2024 – Thessaloniki, Greece] <u>LINK</u> Organised by partner/s: VISION; AI NoEs. Partners involved: CERTH; LOBA; AUTH + participation of all AI4Media partners.	355
2	EU vision for media policy in the era of AI [19/06/2024 – Brussels, Belgium] LINK Organised by partner/s: KUL; UvA; NISV	60
3	Meet the Future of AI – Generative AI and Democracy [19/06/2024 – Online] LINK Organised by partner/s: AI4Media, Titan, veraAI, AI4Trust, AI4Debunk; AI-CODE Partners involved: CERTH; KUL	60
4	Artificial Intelligence and Games - 6th International Summer School [17-21/06/2024 – Valleta, Malta] LINK Partners involved: UM	100
5	3rd ACM International Workshop on Multimedia AI against Disinformation (MAD'24) [10-13/06/2024 – Phuket, Thailand] <u>LINK</u> Partners involved: CERTH; FhG IDMT; CEA	200

Nr. Event title | Date | Location | URL | Partner/s organisers participants Al4Media Open Call #2 DemoDay [05/06/2024 - Online] 30 6 LINK Organised by partner/s: F6S AI Café - Generative AI in Media: societal, ethical, and legal perspectives 7 [07/05/2024 - Online] 100 LINK Partners involved: KUL; Grassroots; Launching Better Images of Responsible AI [12/12/2023 – Online] 30 8 Organised by partner/s: NISV **2nd Junior Fellow Day** [11/12/2023 – Online] 9 13 LINK Organised by partner: IDIAP Policy workshop at the AI, Media, Democracy Lab: "What Policies do you need to build a better future for AI and Media? " 10 15 [28/11/2023 – Amsterdam, Netherlands] Organised by partner/s: KUL; UvA ELLIS, AIDA, and AI4Media Symposium on Large Language and **Foundation Models** [17-18/10/2023 – Amsterdam, Netherlands] 11 60 LINK Organised by partner/s: ELLIS; AIDA; AI4Media Partners involved: CERTH; AUTH **CBMI2023 Special Session: Interactive Video Retrieval for Beginners** (IVR4B) **12** [20-09/2023 – Orleans, France] 100 LINK Organised by partner/s: JR 3rd International Workshop on Learning to Quantify (LQ 2023) [18/09/2023 – Torino, Italy] 13 25 LINK Organised by partner/s: CNR 2nd Cross-cutting Theme Development Workshop: Trusted AI – The **Future of Creating Ethical & Responsible AI Systems** [13/09/2023 – Online] 14 80 LINK Co-organised by: VISION; AI NoEs

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Partners involved: CERTH; KUL; IBM

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TOTAL



5.2 Events with AI4Media participation

Al4Media has actively participated in a wide range of events, including conferences, symposiums, workshops, and cultural festivals (Figure 15). This participation is manifested through speaking engagements, presentations, lectures, paper or poster submissions, and attending and distribution of promotional materials and networking. By engaging in various types of events, Al4Media ensures that it reaches diverse audiences, from researchers and media industry experts to the general public and policymakers. Table 9 below presents the list of 50 events that Al4Media participated in during the period M37 to M48.

One notable event is the **IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition**, where Al4Media presented cutting-edge research in computer vision. This top conference primarily attracts researchers, academics, and industry professionals who are deeply involved in the technical and scientific advancements in Al.

Another key event is the **Musical Festival SONAR 2024**, which represents a unique platform for Al4Media to reach a broader audience, including artists, musicians, and the general public. At this event, Al4Media showcased the intersection of Al and music as explored in Use Case 6, demonstrating how AI technologies can be applied creatively in the arts and entertainment sectors.

Additionally, Al4Media's participation in the **eGovernment Symposium Romand** highlights its efforts to engage with policymakers and public sector professionals. This event focuses on the application of AI in government and public administration, emphasizing the importance of regulatory frameworks and ethical considerations in AI deployment.

The International **Spring School on Multimodal Foundation Models and Generative AI 2024** is another significant engagement, targeting students and early-career researchers. This educational event provided high-quality training on the latest advancements in AI, equipping participants with the skills needed to excel in the field.

By participating in a diverse array of events, Al4Media successfully disseminates its research and innovations to various segments of society. Whether it's engaging with technical experts at the **NeurIPS 2023 – 37th Annual Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems** or discussing Al's impact on society at the **Media Literacy in the Age of Al symposium**, Al4Media demonstrates a comprehensive approach to outreach and knowledge sharing.

Through these engagements, AI4Media not only advances AI research but also fosters collaboration, influences policy, and promotes the responsible use of AI technologies across different domains and audiences.

#	Event title Date Location URL Partners involved	Objective of participation	Nr. participants
-	Conference Fantastic Futures: AI for Libraries, Archives and Museums [15-18/10/2024 – Canberra, Australia] LINK Partner/s involved: NISV	Presenting work from Use Case 4 – AI for Social Sciences and Humanities	-

Table 9: List of events with AI4Media participation from Month 37 to Month 48 and number of participants reached

A	Amedia Artificial Intelligence For The Media and Society		
#	Event title Date Location URL Partners involved	Objective of participation	Nr. participants
-	>> Note: Taking place after the project end FIAT / IFTA Conference [15-18/10/2024 – Bucharest, Romania] LINK Partner/s involved: NISV >> Note: Taking place after the project end	Attending & networking	-
-	IASA Conference - 55th Annual conference "Interdisciplinary Connections" [23-26/09/2024 – Valencia, Spain] LINK Partner/s involved: NISV >> Note: Taking place after the project end	Attending & networking	_
1	CLAIRE All Questions Answered (AQuA) – "Al for Citizens" [28/08/2024 – Online] LINK Partner/s involved: ATC; CEA	 ATC presented their achievement on "AI tools for disinformation detection" CEA presented their achievement on YDSYO app for assessing the real- life effects of private content sharing on social media. 	-
2	EASST 4S Conference [15-19/07/2024 – Amsterdam, Netherlands] LINK Partner/s involved: UvA	UVA participated in an invite only pre- conference and presented ongoing work in a conference panel	150
3	IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition [17-21/06/2024 – Seattle, USA] LINK Partner/s involved: UNITN; QMUL; CNR	 - CNR gave a tutorial on Disentanglement and Compositionality in Computer Vision - UNITN organised International Workshop on Visual Odometry and Computer Vision Applications Based on Location Clues - UNITN & QMUL Chair Workshop on Computer Vision with Humans in 	9.000

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#	Event title Date Location URL Partners involved	Objective of participation	Nr. participants
4	TUM IEAI Speaker Series [20/06/2024 – Munich, Germany] <u>LINK</u> Partner/s involved: IDIAP	Invited talk to the IEAI Speaker Series on 'Participatory AI: For whom? For what?'	65
5	Musical festival SONAR 2024 [13-14/06/2024 – Barcelona, Spain] LINK Partner/s involved: BSC	Presenting the work related with Use Case 6 – Al for Human Co-creation	500
6	ACM International Conference on Interactive Media Experiences (IMX) [12-14/06/2024 – Stockholm, Sweden LINK Partner/s involved: IDIAP	Attending & networking	200
7	International Congress: "Towards a Responsible Development of the Metaverse" [13/06/2024 – Alicante, Spain] LINK Partner/s involved: KUL	KUL had an abstract accepted and presented its paper at the conference	65
8	International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR 2024) [07-11/05/2024 – Vienna, Austria] LINK Partner/s involved: CNR	Presenting the research results: ViLMA a comprehensive zero-shot foiling benchmark for VidLMs (Video-and- Language Models)	300
9	eGovernment Symposium Romand [07/05/2024 – Sierre, Switzerland] LINK Partner/s involved: IDIAP	Attending & networking	50
10	Al4Media at LAILEC 2024 – Beyond the Rules: Regulatory Frontiers of Al and Data [05/05/2024 – Leuven, Belgium] LINK Partner/s involved: KUL	Presentation of AI4Media's findings on regulatory and legal aspects	100
11	International Spring School - Multimodal Foundation Models and Generative AI 2024 [29-04/3-05/2024 – Rabat, Morocco] LINK Partner/s involved: UNITN	Attending & networking	150
12	6th International Conference on Advances in Signal Processing and Artificial Intelligence (ASPAI) [17-19/04/2024 – Funchal, Portugal] LINK	Attending & networking	100



Partner/s involved: JR

Al	Amedia Artificial Intelligence For The Media and Society			
#	Event title Date Location URL Partners involved	Objective of participation	Nr. participants	
13	2024 IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech, and Signal Processing (ICASSP 2024) [14-19/04/2024 – Seoul, South Korea] LINK Partner/s involved: AUTH	Presentation of AI4Media's research results	300	
14	Summit AI Explained by Creators [17/04/2024 – Dubai, United Arab Emirates] LINK Partner/s involved: UNITN	Keynote on Cross-Modal Understanding and Generation of Multimodal Content	250	
15	"Al University Education", IEEE Education Week [16/04/2024 – Online] LINK Partner/s involved: AUTH	Invited e-lecture	250	
16	EvoStar Conference [3-5/04/2024 – Aberystwyth, UK] <u>LINK</u> Partner/s involved: UM	Presentation of AI4Media's research results	200	
17	AI and heritage: the application and future of AI within the heritage sector [25/03/2024 – Amsterdam, Netherlands] LINK Partner/s involved: NISV	NISV gave a pitch about the PAM service developed within the context of UC4	200	
18	Game Developers Conference 2024 [18-22/03/2024 – San Francisco, USA] LINK Partner/s involved: MODL	Booth at show, talks, business development	25.100	
19	Museums paving the way in an Al-driven society [20/03/2024 – Brussels, Belgium] LINK Partner/s involved: NISV	NISV gave a talk "AI for Culture and Culture for AI" highlighting work done in (1) WP2 on challenges for implementing AI in audiovisual archives, and (2) WP11 on more responsible ways to communicate about and visualise AI.	120	
20	EFESCON 2024 [20/03/2024 - Xanthi, Greece] <u>LINK</u> Partner/s involved: CERTH	CERTH gave a keynote talk on "AI against Disinformation" summarizing the main trends and methods on multimedia verification	120	

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#	Event title Date Location URL Partners involved	Objective of participation	Nr. participants
21	GPU Technology Conference 2024 [18-21/03/2024 – San Jose, USA] LINK Partner/s involved: JR	JR had a poster about 'Manifold mixing model soups'	120
22	International Institute of Communication (IIC) - Europe Forum 2024 [13/03/2024 – Brussels, Belgium] LINK Partner/involved: KUL	The KUL's team presented the work done in WP2 and in particular the journey towards the policy recommendations for the use of AI in the media sector.	35
23	Media Innovation Xchange EU Conference [13/03/2024 – Brussels, Belgium + Online] LINK Partner/s involved: CERTH	The event hosted by the Belgian Presidency of the Council of the European Union. Dr Yiannis Kompatsiaris represented Al4Media in the Conference and was one of the participants of the "Al and media, reshaping the future" panel.	200
24	Europe Forum 2024 - Telecommunications & Media Forum (TMF) [12-13/03/2024 – Brussels, Belgium] LINK Partner/s involved: KUL	Attending & networking	100
25	EBU Data Technology Seminar 2024 [12-14/03/2024 – Geneva, Switzerland] <u>LINK</u> Partner/s involved: RAI, FhG, VRT	RAI presented the Face Management Framework, which is the system developed within WP5 and WP8 for automated annotation of TV personalities	250
26	"Generative AI: new Castalian talking spring?", Philologos Society [11/03/2024 – Online] LINK not available Partner/s involved: AUTH	Invited lecture	50
27	CLAIRE X NoEs AQuA: Women in AI [06/03/2024 – Online] <u>LINK</u> Partner/s involved: CNR	Panellist and representative of the AI4Media project, participating in an online event within the CLAIRE All Questions Answered (AQuA) Series, jointly	35



organised by CLAIRE,

AI	Amedia Artificial intelligence for the Media and Society			
#	Event title Date Location URL Partners involved	Objective of participation	Nr. participants	
		VISION, and the EU AI Networks of Excellence Centres (NoEs). The focal point of the panel discussion centered around the theme "Women in AI."		
28	Media Literacy in the Age of Al, Redefining the Possible [29/02/2024 – Skopje, North Macedonia] LINK Partner/s involved: CERTH	Attending symposium, giving presentation	200	
29	Perspectives on AI Symposiums AI and Democracy: opportunities and risks [21/02/2024 – Martigny, Switzerland] LINK Partner/s involved: IDIAP	Presentation of Al4Media's research results	60	
30	"AI University Education" at AHEPA (American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association) [07/02/2024 – Online] LINK not available Partner/s involved: AUTH	Panellist and e-lecturer	-	
31	Workshop Artificial Intelligence - AI at the center: news, applications and rules [01/02/22024 - Milan, Italy] LINK Partner/s involved: RAI	RAI gave a talk "AI to support Rai processes" to present the results of the first white paper about UC3 and how these have impact on RAI's current and future internal workflows.	200	
32	MultiMedia Modeling. MMM 2024, Video Browsing Showdown special session [29/01/2023-02/02/2024 – Amsterdam, Netherlands] LINK Partner/s involved: CNR; CERTH	Attending & networking	250	
33	IEEE Winter Conference on Application of Computer Vision [04-08/01/2024 – Waikoloa] LINK Partner/s involved: UNITN, QMUL	Presentation Junior Research Fellowship conference article	1.000	
34	2023 IEEE International Conference on Big Data [17/12/2023 – Sorrento, Italy]	Speaker at the event presenting results from	250	

Event title | Date | Location | URL | Nr. # **Objective of participation** Partners involved participants LINK the Use Case 3 – AI in Partner/s involved: RAI Vision NeurIPS 2023 – 37th Annual Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems 35 Attending & networking 300 [10-16/12/2023 – New Orleans, USA] LINK Partner/s involved: QMUL **British Machine Vision Conference** [20-24/11/2023 – Aberdeen, UK] 36 Attending & networking 100 LINK Partner/s involved: UM e-lecture on "AI, System Complexity, Life, Intelligence and Environment" at the Greek Scientific Society 37 Attending & networking 50 [23/11/2023 – Online] LINK Partner/s involved: AUTH Talk about the AI ACT, **DRAMA project final event (Designing** about AI4Media WP2 **Responsible AI for Media Application**) activities and input 38 [21/11/2023 – Hilversum, Netherlands] 20 collection for the final LINK white paper and policy Partner/s involved: KUL; UvA recommendations. Presentation of 45 minutes about European social Dialogue in the audio-Generative AI uses in the visual sector - meeting media sector and their 39 30 [20/11/2023 – Brussels, Belgium] legal and ethical challenges. Presentation LINK Partner/s involved: KUL of AI4Media outcomes + materials + Q&A with the audience. ADRF2023 – AI, Data and Robotics Forum AI4Media's 40 [8-9/11/2023 - Versailles, France] representation at the AI 400 LINK NoEs stand Partner/s involved: CEA **AI and Human Rights** Interactive presentation [02/11/2023 – Zurich, Switzerland] on the use of LLMs to 41 100 LINK classify frames as a tool Partner/s involved: IDIAP to help journalists. **EIT AI Roadmap Working Session** [25/10/2023 - Online] 42 Attending & networking LINK not available

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Partner/s involved: AUTH

Event title | Date | Location | URL | Nr. # **Objective of participation Partners involved** participants Digital Media Asia 2023 Booth at conference, [19-20/10/2023 - Singapore] 43 talks, presentation, video, 250 LINK leaflets Partner/s involved: ATC N. Krack Panellist for **Emerging realities: AI's** impact on truth, disinformation, and our EU DisinfoLab 2023 Annual Conference [11-12/10/2023 – Krakow, Poland] perception of reality 44 260 LINK (presentation of Partner/s involved: KUL AI4Media during the talk and after WP2 leaflet distribution to interested stakeholders) **International Conference on Multimodal** Interaction (ICMI 2023) 45 [09-13/10/2023 – Paris, France] 150 Attending LINK Partner/s involved: UM Presentation of paper **IEEE ICIP 2023 Conference** "Selecting a Diverse Set of [08-11/10/2023 - Kuala Lumpur, Aesthetically-pleasing and 46 Malaysia] 800 **Representative Video** LINK Thumbnails using Partner/s involved: CERTH Reinforcement Learning" **Education and Research in Computer Aided Architectural Design in Europe** (eCAADe) Conference 47 150 Attending [20-23/09/2023 - Gratz, Austria] LINK Partner/s involved: UM PAN at CLEF 2023, Conference and Labs Invited talk on "Technological, of the Evaluation Forum, Information Access Evaluation meets Multilinguality, Behavioural and Policy 48 Multimodality, and Visualization Aspects of Visual Online 30 [18/09/2023 – Thessaloniki, Greece] Disinformation" by Dr LINK Yiannis Kompatsiaris Partner/s involved: CERTH (CERTH) Invited talk on "Disinformation: Risks AstroParty 2023 and Solutions. What [16/09/2023 – Thessaloniki, Greece] 49 should we be aware of?" 20 LINK by Dr Yiannis Partner/s involved: CERTH Kompatsiaris (CERTH) (in Greek)



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Presentation "My AI is

Not Your AI"

IASA Conference & 4th ICTMD FORUM

[11-15/09/2023 – Istanbul, Turkey]

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#	Event title Date Location URL Partners involved	Objective of participation	Nr. participants
	LINK		
	Partners involved: NISV		
		TOTAL	41.680
		TOTAL	41.680

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Figure 15: Photos of Al4Media partners in events (from right to left: EU vision for media policy in the era of Al; ICLR2024, 12th International Conference on Learning Representations; DRAMA project final event; ADRF2023)

Statistics about AI4Media partners' participation in events is presented in Figure 16 below.

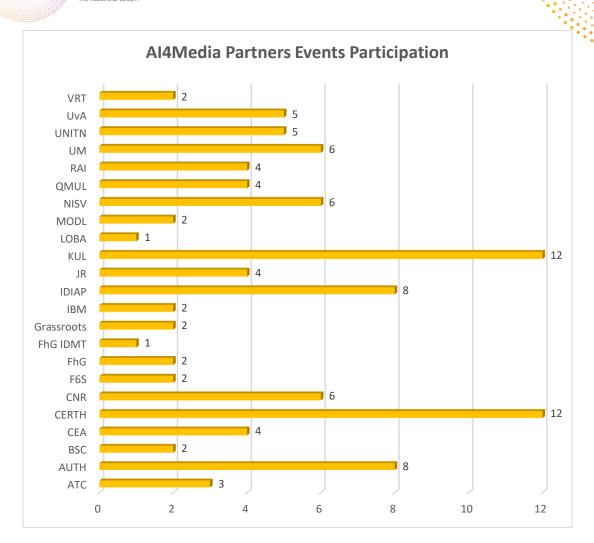


Figure 16: Partners participation in events

The graph of Figure 17 illustrates Al4Media's involvement in various events, highlighting the distribution between events organised and those participated in. Specifically, 22% of the events were organised by Al4Media, either as the main organiser or co-organiser, showcasing our leadership and active role in steering Al-focused discussions and collaborations.

The remaining 78% of the events represent Al4Media's participation through presentations, lectures, paper or poster submissions, or attendance with networking and distribution of promotional materials. This significant participation underscores Al4Media's commitment to engaging with the broader AI community, disseminating knowledge, and fostering collaborations.



Figure 17: Type of participation in events

The graph in Figure 18 provides a detailed overview of the types of events Al4Media has been involved in, reflecting our diverse engagement across different formats. Al4Media participated in 25 conferences, demonstrating their active role in presenting research and networking within the Al community.

They were involved in 15 workshops, highlighting their commitment to hands-on, collaborative learning experiences. Besides conferences and workshops, Al4Media engaged in 23 other types of events, including webinars, symposiums, seminars, seasonal schools, forums, meetings, summits, and festivals. This varied participation underscores Al4Media's dedication to fostering knowledge exchange and collaboration across multiple event formats within the Al sector.

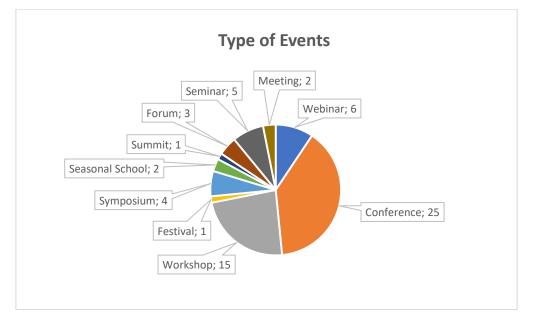


Figure 18: Type of events that Al4Media participated in and (co)organised





6 Scientific outputs

6.1 Scientific publications, dataset and software

Al4Media partners have produced an impressive volume of scientific work, with almost **430** publications generated since the project's inception. Of these, **376** publications are accessible on <u>Zenodo</u> and in the <u>Resource Library</u> on our website (Figure 19). In the period from M37 to M48 alone, approximately **132** papers were uploaded in Zenodo.

The types of resources available on Zenodo are presented in Table 10.

Publications	334
Conference paper	209
 Journal article 	84
Preprint	13
Report	7
Book chapter	4
• Book	2
Conference	2
Proceedings	Z
Working paper	2
 Journal 	1
Other	1
Dataset	28
Software	11
Other	3
Total	376

Table 10: Type of resources available inn Al4Media's Zenodo community

In addition to the publications, in AI4Media's website visitors can access to **41** open datasets and **91** open-source software tools. The software resources are organised into four categories:

- Machine Learning Tools (42 software)
- Trust-Enhancing AI (13 software)
- AI for Multimedia Content Analysis & Production (24 software)
- AI for Society (12 software)

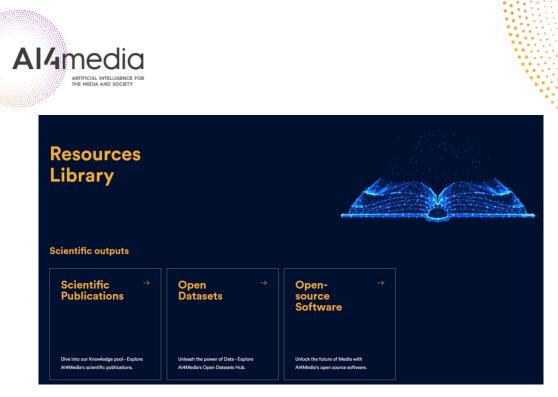


Figure 19: AI4Media's Resources Library

To disseminate these scientific outputs, AI4Media actively participates in high-level conferences and launches regular social media campaigns under the hashtag **#paperoftheweek**. These campaigns highlight our scientific publications and open datasets, which are valuable resources for advancing AI research. Additionally, these outputs are featured in our newsletters to ensure broad visibility and engagement within the research community.

7 Al4Media partners' support in Dissemination and Communication

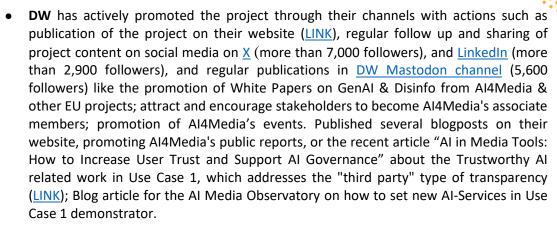
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During this period, Al4Media partners have actively contributed to dissemination and communication activities, enhancing awareness and interest in the project's objectives and progress by using their respective channels and networks. The media industry partners, in particular, have leveraged their extensive reach to ensure broad visibility for Al4Media. Additionally, the communication efforts of other consortium members through their channels have significantly contributed to comprehensive outreach and engagement, enhancing the project's overall impact.

The communication activities where AI4Media partners have contributed are the following:

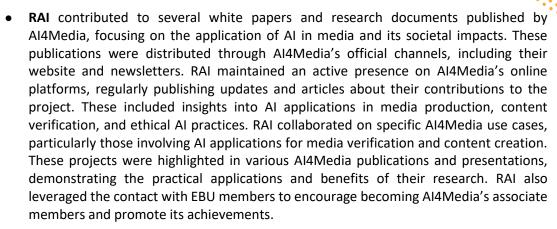
- Website Publications and Articles: Partners across the consortium have published information about Al4Media on their websites, producing relevant articles and blog posts to highlight the project's developments.
- Newsletters and Network Distribution: Regular newsletters have been promoted and distributed through partners' networks and websites, ensuring wide dissemination of AI4Media updates.
- Contributions to Al4Media Newsletters: Partners have contributed articles and insights to the Al4Media Newsletter, enhancing its content and reach (more details in section 4.4).
- Social Media Engagement: Al4Media content has been actively shared on social media platforms like Twitter, LinkedIn, and Facebook, via the social media accounts of partners.
- Content Sharing: Relevant content created by AI4Media has been shared by partners to their audiences, amplifying the project's messages.
- Event Participation and Organization: Partners have publicized their involvement in, and organization of, events representing the AI4Media project, enhancing visibility and engagement.
- Media Relations and Press Releases: Strategic media relations have been maintained, with press releases distributed by partners to inform the public about AI4Media's advancements.
- Word-of-Mouth Promotion: Partners have promoted the project during meetings and various networking activities, raising awareness through direct interactions.

Al4Media industry partners such as DW, IBM, ATC, NISV, VRT, RAI, F6S, MODL and IMG have used their channels and visibility to reach a wider audience and engage stakeholders effectively. By leveraging their extensive communication networks, these media partners play a crucial role in disseminating information about Al4Media, fostering public awareness, and encouraging engagement with the research and its outcomes.



Al4med

- IBM used its online presence, including dedicated sections on its website and social media platforms like X. They used these channels to share updates, research findings, and upcoming event details related to AI4Media. Regular emails were released to disseminate information about AI4Media's progress and achievements among their network. These publications included insights into new AI functionalities, ethical frameworks, and the impact of AI on journalism and media.
- ATC contributed to the publication of a series of white papers released by the AI4Media team. These papers provided insights into the challenges and requirements of the media industry and discussed how trustworthy AI can be integrated into media applications. These white papers aimed to align AI research with industry needs and were disseminated through AI4Media's channels. ATC promoted AI4Media through its online tools such as <u>Truly Media</u> and <u>TruthNest</u>. These platforms are used for collaborative content verification and Twitter analytics, respectively. ATC highlighted these tools' capabilities in detecting disinformation and profiling social media activities, which were crucial components of the AI4Media's project. ATC regularly updated its website and newsletters with news related to AI4Media's progress and achievements, and shared updates on their X channel ensuring continuous engagement with stakeholders. ATC's participation in the Digital Media Asia 2023 exhibition significantly enhanced the international visibility of AI4Media's research and use cases.
- NISV contributed to several white papers that were part of the Al4Media project, providing valuable insights into the use of Al in the media sector, addressing challenges, and setting research priorities. The Netherlands Institute for Sound and Vision maintained an active online presence through their website, their social media channel X (more than 2,500 followers) and publications in Medium. They regularly published articles and updates about their research, use cases, and the impact of Al technologies on media and society. NISV also played a crucial role in Al4Media by providing a use case focused on Al for social sciences and humanities. They facilitated access to audiovisual archives for academic researchers and journalists, helping to uncover patterns and validate Al research outcomes
- VRT shared its experiences and best practices through publications. Notably, in March 2024, VRT published an article on AI4Media's official site detailing how they successfully integrated AI in news production, showcasing practical applications and benefits. VRT used its online platforms to discuss AI's role in the media. They released podcasts and articles explaining their AI governance framework and how AI is used to support content creation and fact-checking. This approach helped in making AI more tangible for both media makers and the audience (Public Media Alliance).



Al4med

- **F6S** used the F6S platform of the largest startup community and its presence on social media platforms to share updates and information about Al4Media. This included posting about new developments, upcoming events, and significant milestones of the Al4Media project. These posts helped engage a broader audience and keep the community informed about the latest advancements and opportunities related to Al4Media. The F6S website featured articles and blogs that discussed various aspects of the Al4Media project. F6S support with the distribution of newsletters and other communication, to their extensive network of startups, investors, and industry professionals.
- MODL maintained an active presence on their website, where they published articles and updates regarding their contributions to the project. These articles covered a range of topics, from deep learning for procedural content generation to AI-driven advancements in media technologies. MODL also promoted the project through their channels with actions such as publication on their website and sharing in social media.
- IMG used their blog to share insights and updates related to Al4Media. For instance, they published detailed accounts of their participation in events and workshops, emphasizing their contributions and the outcomes of these engagements. This provided a platform for disseminating information about Al4Media to a broader audience (LINK).

Other partners have also actively contributed to raising awareness about Al4Media's research and achievements. Their efforts have been crucial in extending the project's reach and highlighting its progress across various platforms and networks.

- **CERTH** was involved in producing numerous scientific papers and technical reports related to AI4Media. These publications were disseminated through their website and other AI4Media channels, highlighting advancements in AI research and its applications in media. CERTH actively used social media platforms like X and LinkedIn to share updates and engage with the broader AI and media community. They posted about their participation in AI4Media events, shared links to their publications, and highlighted key findings and innovations.
- **KUL** published various papers and reports on topics such as AI regulation, content moderation, and the ethical implications of AI in media. These publications were disseminated through the AI4Media website, KUL's own channels, as well as Medium, contributing to the broader discourse on AI and media. KUL actively engaged with their audience through social media platforms like X and LinkedIn, sharing updates about



their events, publications, and insights on AI4Media. These posts helped to reach a wider audience and foster discussions on AI and media regulation (LINK).

- UNITN maintained an online presence through its website and social media platforms such as Facebook, LinkedIn, and X. They posted updates about Al4Media, including news about research achievements, upcoming events, and opportunities for collaboration.
- **UNIFI** actively used their social media platforms to share and promote content and results from AI4Media.
- **AUTH** Professors and researchers from the university gave numerous interviews on various media platforms to discuss the AI4Media project. Notable interviews include:
 - Katerina Drakou on Sky Radio.
 - N. Lygeros and Maria Sfyroera on the show "Ti mas ksimeroni" on First Program Radio ERT.
 - N. Pitsiakidis on ET3 TV.
 - Maria Tsakiri on 102 FM/ET3.
 - Vaso Lykourinou on TV100.
 - Androniki Tsatsaroni on ATTICA TV.
 - Eva Karkiti on Sky Radio and 9:58 ET3.
 - Sotiris Beskos on Alpha Radio.
 - Panos Kavvadas and Marg. Mytilineos on Athens 9.84 Municipal Radio.
 - Lina Kapetaniou on "Epilogos" ERTNEWS, ERT

A. Lakasas published an article titled "Higher Education Institutes Seek Defenses against the Onslaught of ChatGPT" in Kathimerini.

I. Pitas authored several innovation articles discussing the "Political Barometer", an Albased political forecasting system developed by AUTH. These articles were published in various national news outlets, including:

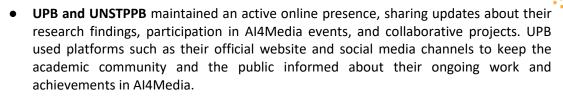
- o Kathimerini
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- o Thepresident.gr

AUTH issued multiple press releases and opinion articles to promote their Al4Media innovations. Examples include:

- "Artificial intelligence is not the new Tower of Babel. We must beware of technophobia instead," by I. Pitas in Euronews and Yahoo! News.
- "Beyond AI Technophobia: Formation of Citizens and Global Education Uplifting" disseminated by LOBA.

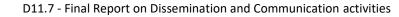
AUTH maintained an active presence on social media platforms such as X, Facebook, and LinkedIn, where they regularly posted updates about Al4Media events, research outcomes, and media appearances.

• **QMUL** promoted Al4Media through their social media platforms, including X, Facebook, and YouTube. They shared updates about their research findings, event participations, and significant milestones related to the Al4Media project. This engagement helped to reach a broader audience and keep the community informed about the latest developments.



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- UvA maintained an active online presence, sharing updates, publications, and event announcements related to AI4Media through various social media platforms and the university's official website, and several blog post publications in <u>Medium</u>. This helped to engage a broader audience and promote the project's findings and activities effectively. They also actively contributed to the project's newsletters, blog posts on the <u>AI Alliance</u> platform and numerous short reports, providing insights from workshops and activities.
- **UM** shared updates about Al4Media events and research findings on their official website and social media platforms. These updates helped in keeping the academic community and the public informed about the latest developments and activities related to Al4Media.
- **HES-SO** actively leveraged their extensive network of academic, professional, and industry contacts to distribute information about Al4Media. They used newsletters, direct emails, and professional forums to promote the project's events, research outputs, and findings.
- **CEA** actively promoted Al4Media through their website and social media platforms, sharing updates, research findings, and event announcements. This ensured continuous engagement with their network and the wider public.
- **FHG IDMT**'s research on audio manipulation detection, audio provenance analysis, and music analysis technologies was prominently featured in Al4Media's publications. They released several articles about their projects and findings, helping to disseminate their work to a wider audience.
- **FhG IAIS** used its website and social media platforms to share updates about AI4Media, including research findings, event participation, and collaborative efforts. This helped to engage a broader audience and promote their work in AI and Media.
- UCA used its official website and dedicated research portals to publish news, research findings, and updates related to AI4Media. UCA actively posted updates on social media platforms such as X, LinkedIn, and Facebook. Regular newsletters and email campaigns were sent out to UCA's network of researchers, students, and industry partners. These communications included updates on AI4Media's progress, recent publications, and announcements of upcoming events and opportunities for collaboration.
- CNR used its institutional website to disseminate information about Al4Media. The website featured sections dedicated to the project, showcasing CNR's contributions, publications, and upcoming events. CNR issued press releases to highlight significant achievements and milestones within Al4Media. These press releases were shared on their website and distributed to media outlets to increase visibility and public awareness. Active engagement on platforms like X and LinkedIn allowed CNR to share real-time updates, promote events, and highlight research findings related to Al4Media.





- **BSC** maintained an active presence on social media platforms such as X and LinkedIn, with updates on Al4Media's progress, shared links to new publications, and promoted participation in relevant events.
- **IDIAP** used social media platforms like LinkedIn to share news, promote events, and highlight research outcomes related to AI4Media. IDIAP distributed information to their network, which included updates on AI4Media's progress, upcoming events, and opportunities for collaboration.
- **IRCAM** contributed to various Al4Media publications, providing research findings and insights into AI applications in music and sound. Their contributions were highlighted in reports and white papers published by Al4Media, which were distributed through the project's official channels. IRCAM published articles and updates about their work. These articles covered topics such as the use of AI in music composition and sound analysis, showcasing IRCAM's advancements and contributions to the project.
- JR maintained an active presence on social media platforms like LinkedIn, Facebook, and X. They shared real-time updates, event highlights, and links to publications related to AI4Media.



8 Liaison with other projects, networks and initiatives

During this period, AI4Media has strengthened and expanded its productive collaboration with several AI projects and initiatives, particularly within the ICT-48 community, the extended AI Networks of Excellence, and other prominent AI projects and initiatives. The following subsections provide a brief overview of relevant activities and their outcomes.

8.1 Liaison with ICT-48 projects (and beyond)

Al4medi

Al4Media is part of the ICT-48 community, which includes five foundational projects: the four Networks of Al Excellence—Al4Media, <u>TAILOR</u>, <u>HumaneAl NET</u>, and <u>ELISE</u>—and the coordination and support action (CSA) <u>VISION</u>. These initiatives collaborate to establish a world-class Al ecosystem and position Europe as a global leader in Al technologies.

In 2022, two projects, <u>ELSA</u> and <u>euROBIN</u>, joined the EU Robotics Networks of Excellence community. In 2023, the community further expanded by integrating three new projects: <u>ELIAS</u>, <u>dAIEDGE</u>, and <u>ENFIELD</u>. Thus, the expanded community of European AI & Robotics NoEs now includes AI4Media, ELISE, HumaneAI NET, and TAILOR (initiated in 2020); ELSA and euROBIN (joined in 2022); and ELIAS, dAIEDGE, and ENFIELD (joined in 2023).

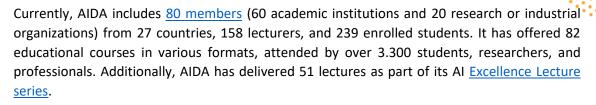
Funded under Horizon2020 and Horizon Europe, these networks form a crucial part of the European Commission's AI strategy, bringing together top researchers across Europe to tackle challenging AI problems. They provide a robust framework for advancing European AI research and development, ensuring its real-world impact across various domains, and consolidating Europe's leading AI competencies. The ICT-48 projects, together with the newcomers ELSA, euROBIN, ELIAS, dAIEDGE and ENFIELD engage in numerous activities to connect and mobilize the European AI community, further detailed below.

8.1.1 International AI Doctoral Academy (AIDA)

The <u>International AI Doctoral Academy (AIDA)</u> is a pan-European non-profit umbrella organisation specialised in AI PhD education. It unites leading academic institutions across Europe to promote AI excellence and democratise educational materials for PhD students both within its network and beyond. AIDA, an initiative of AI4Media, is founded and supported by the five ICT-48 H2020 projects.

The AIDA program provides access to top-quality academic materials in various formats, including academic courses (tutorials, short courses, semester courses, summer schools), thematically organized educational materials (presentations, videos, review papers), and lectures on current AI topics.

During this period, AIDA has not only maintained a high-quality educational offering but also implemented several actions to enhance clarity, user experience, and sustainability aspects, aiming to become a long-lasting reference point for AI education in Europe.



The AIDA web portal represents a dynamic and continuously evolving digital environment that has matured significantly over the years through dedicated improvements in user interface design, development, and content management. The multidisciplinary team behind AIDA has been proactive in aligning the portal's enhancements with both the evolving needs of its users and the cutting-edge trends in AI education and research.

Since Year 3 of the project, AI4Media, in collaboration with AIDA's Management Board, has been examining sustainability plans for AIDA, with initial ideas presented in D11.4 "Intermediate Exploitation and Sustainability Plan" delivered in M30. Efforts have since intensified to explore different options to ensure AIDA's operational sustainability post-AI4Media and ICT-48 projects. These options and efforts are detailed in D11.6 "Final Exploitation and Sustainability Plan," due in M48.

For more information about AIDA's activities and the collaboration between the ICT-48 projects, please refer to D9.4 "Final Report on AIDA Courses, Academic/Industrial Exchanges, and Synergies".

8.1.2 Theme Development workshops

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During this period, AI4Media was actively involved in co-organising the 2nd Cross-cutting Theme Development Workshop (TDW) on "Trusted AI – The Future of Creating Ethical and Responsible AI Systems⁵" held online on 13 September 2023 (Figure 20). The workshop aimed to identify common goals between academia, industry, and other relevant stakeholders, and to define promising approaches for European research and innovation in Artificial Intelligence.

The workshop was co-chaired by the AI4Media project manager from CERTH, showcasing AI4Media's leadership role in steering the discussions and ensuring a focus on trusted and ethical AI. The event featured four keynote presentations from distinguished experts, setting the stage for in-depth discussions on the future of ethical and responsible AI systems. The workshop also included 14 breakout sessions, four of which were proposed and moderated by AI4Media members. These sessions focused on critical aspects of trusted AI, encouraging active participation and collaborative dialogue among attendees.

The breakout sessions moderated by AI4Media were the following:

- 1. AI Explainability for Vision Tasks (CERTH): This session delved into methods and challenges associated with making AI models interpretable and understandable, particularly in vision-related applications.
- 2. Ethical Considerations and New Challenges of Generative AI (KUL): Moderated by representatives from KUL, this session explored the ethical implications and emerging challenges posed by generative AI technologies.

⁵ <u>https://www.vision4ai.eu/tdw-trusted-ai/</u>



- 3. Rigorous vs Empirical AI Privacy: Where is the Middle Ground for Defining and Evaluating Privacy in Complex Algorithms? (IBM): This discussion, led by IBM, examined the balance between rigorous and empirical approaches to AI privacy, seeking to establish a middle ground for privacy definitions and evaluations.
- 4. AI Ethics: From Principles to Practice. Putting "Ethical" and "Responsible" AI into Action (KUL): This session focused on translating ethical principles into actionable practices within AI systems, highlighting real-world implementations and challenges.



Figure 20: 2nd cross-cutting TDW Banner

A report summarising the key findings of the workshop is available in the VISION website⁶.

8.1.3 Joint Strategic Research Agenda

In June 2023, the EU's six AI Networks of Excellence—AI4Media, ELISE, ELSA, euROBIN, Humane-AI-Net, and TAILOR—released a Joint Strategic Research Agenda (SRA) on AI, data, and robotics "made in Europe." This SRA aims to provide a framework for achieving the European Union's aspirations for AI, Data, and Robotics (ADR) to significantly advance European AI research and development, pushing the frontiers of AI, data, and robotics research, and translating these advancements into real-world impacts across various domains.

Recognizing the rapid advancements in generative AI and their profound implications for the field, an updated version of the SRA was produced in July 2024. Incorporating these advancements was essential to ensure that the strategic framework remains relevant and continues to drive innovation effectively. Generative AI represents a significant leap in AI capabilities, enabling more sophisticated data generation, creativity, and problem-solving. By

⁶ <u>https://www.vision4ai.eu/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Full-Report-on-the-key-findings-from-the-</u> <u>Theme-Development-Workshop-Trusted-AI</u> -The-Future-of-Creating-Ethical-Responsible-AI-Systems -<u>1.pdf</u>





integrating the latest developments in generative AI, the updated SRA aims to better position Europe at the forefront of global AI research and application.

The joint SRA was prepared by a committee led by TAILOR and ELISE, including representatives from all six NoEs, with Dr Filareti Tsalakanidou (CERTH) representing Al4Media. The committee met regularly to discuss progress and next steps. Al4Media provided substantial input and feedback to the main authors throughout this process, conducted thorough revisions of the updated version, and offered their support in producing a professional layout for the final version, which will be ready in August 2024.

The updated version of the joint SRA will be available on the VISION website⁷ in August 2024.

8.1.4 Mapping the European AI landscape

The AI Networks of Excellence, comprising VISION & ICT-48 projects, alongside ELSA, and euROBIN, have extensively collaborated to develop a <u>European AI Landscape Mapping</u>. This initiative aims to provide a comprehensive overview of organisations across Europe—spanning academia, research, and industry—that are actively working on AI.

This mapping highlights each organisation's areas of AI expertise, such as computer vision, natural language processing (NLP), and reasoning, as well as their relevant application areas like media, environment, and health. The goal is to create a dynamic resource that supports collaboration, knowledge sharing, and the advancement of AI research and development within Europe.

The primary purposes of the European AI Landscape Mapping are to:

- Identify Key Players: Highlight organisations with significant expertise in various AI domains.
- **Promote Collaboration:** Facilitate connections between researchers, institutions, and industries working on similar AI challenges.
- Inform Policy and Strategy: Provide insights to policymakers and stakeholders to guide the strategic development of AI within Europe.
- Enhance Accessibility: Make information about AI expertise readily accessible to a broader audience, including potential collaborators and investors.

Before August 2023, the groundwork for the European AI Landscape Mapping was laid through collaborative efforts involving the ICT-48 projects, euROBIN, and ELSA. A working committee, including representatives from each Network of Excellence (NoE) and input from the European Commission (EC), developed an initial AI taxonomy. This taxonomy categorised high-level AI topics and subtopics, as well as application areas and sub-areas. Following several iterations and refinements, the taxonomy was finalised in August 2023. Subsequently, a <u>survey</u> was distributed to the consortia members of the six NoEs to collect detailed information on their AI activities and expertise until September 2023. This phase required diligent coordination to ensure high response rates, as the detailed information gathered from these surveys would form the

⁷ <u>https://www.vision4ai.eu/sra/</u>



backbone of the mapping effort. Each organisation provided insights into their AI expertise and application areas, contributing to a comprehensive database that would soon be visualised for public access.

After data validation, organisation, and visual representation by VISION, the interactive map was finally launched in November 2023, providing an unprecedented view of AI expertise across Europe, highlighting key players and fostering potential collaborations.

During this phase, the working committee continued to meet regularly. Dr Filareti Tsalakanidou from CERTH, representing Al4Media, participated in discussions on progress, addressing any challenges that arose, and planning next steps. Al4Media played a significant role in ensuring the map's relevance and usability. Their input helped shape the tool to meet the needs of its diverse users, from academic researchers to industry stakeholders.

In addition to launching the interactive map, efforts were made to engage the broader AI community and encourage adoption of the mapping tool. AI4Media and other AI NoEs reached out to organisations beyond their immediate networks, highlighting the benefits of being included in this comprehensive AI landscape. This outreach was essential for expanding the map's coverage and ensuring it became a central resource within the AI4Europe initiative.

The AI landscape was showcased during the 4th AI Community Workshop, organised in Thessaloniki in June 2024 and hosted by AI4Media. During this event, the long-term sustainability of the mapping tool was discussed, including integrating the map into the AIoD platform. The aim is to create a living document that will continue to evolve and grow, reflecting the dynamic nature of AI research and development in Europe.

The European AI Landscape Mapping interactive tool can be accessed <u>HERE</u>.

8.1.5 ICT-48 Community Workshops

During M37-M48, the European Networks of Excellence in AI and Robotics (AI NoEs) organised their <u>4th and last AI Community Workshop</u> on June 26, 2024, followed by the AIDA Symposium on AI Education beyond Borders on June 27, 2024. Both events were held in Thessaloniki, Greece, hosted by the Centre for Research and Technology Hellas (CERTH), the coordinator of AI4Media.

This two-day gathering enhanced collaboration among the AI NoEs community members and other stakeholders, offering an excellent platform to discuss current AI trends, tackle challenges, and share innovative ideas. The event brought together 110 onsite participants from a total of 355, including online participants via WebEx and Livestreaming (Figure 21).

AI4Media played a central role as the main co-organiser of these events. The coordination and logistics were managed by AI4Media's coordinator CERTH, ensuring a seamless experience for all attendees. The organising committee included AI4Media partners CERTH, AUTH, and LOBA, who were instrumental in event planning and execution.

ELISE; 21

Onsite participants 4th Community Workshop

AI4Media: 40

dAIEDGE; 5

ELIAS; 4

Other; 11

VISION: 9

TAILOR; 6

euROBIN; 5

ENFIELD; 7

Figure 21: Onsite participants at the 4th AI Community Workshop

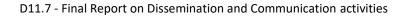
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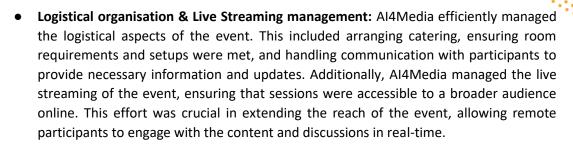
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In collaboration with VISION, AI4Media was particularly engaged in the following efforts:

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- **Defining the Agenda:** Al4Media partners played a significant role in shaping the agenda for both days. They collaborated closely with other NoEs to ensure that the workshops and sessions addressed the most pressing topics and trends in Al. Their efforts ensured a balanced and engaging program, featuring a mix of keynote speeches, panel discussions, and interactive sessions.
- Workshop and Session Delivery: Al4Media partners were actively involved in suggesting and delivering workshops and sessions. They brought in experts to lead discussions on various aspects of AI, ensuring high-quality content and meaningful interactions among participants. Al4Media was involved in the following sessions:
 - Al4Media presented the project highlights in the session: "Highlights of the NoEs and introduction of the new NoEs".
 - Al4Media organised the Parallel Workshop 2: Navigating Interdisciplinarity. This was co-organised by NISV, UvA and KUL.
 - Al4Media organised in collaboration with ELIAS the Parallel Workshop 5: Assessing and Enhancing Fairness in Al Systems.
- Onsite Materials Design: AI4Media was responsible for designing all the onsite materials, including badges, posters, signs, banners, and tear flags. Their meticulous attention to detail helped create a professional and cohesive visual identity for the event.





Al4Media's comprehensive involvement and meticulous planning were pivotal in the success of the 4th Community Workshop and AIDA Symposium. Their efforts ensured that the events not only ran smoothly but also provided valuable insights and fostered meaningful collaborations within the AI community. Some photos from the event can be seen in Figure 22.



Figure 22: Photos from the 4th AI Community Workshop and AIDA symposium.

All the recorded sessions are available on AI4Media's YouTube channel⁸ and the VISION website⁹. During the event, interviews were conducted with representatives from the AI NoEs, including an interview with AI4Media coordinator Dr Yiannis Kompatsiaris (Figure 23). These interviews, along with others, are also available on the VISION website and on the AI4Media YouTube channel¹⁰.

⁸ https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLikfCu2ZlkfK_Gi2MMN_Z8k2mEGRQvmsu

⁹ https://www.vision4ai.eu/community-workshop-2024/

¹⁰ https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLikfCu2ZlkfLfx2gVWBIHIhyUY2MIGKL2



Figure 23: Takeaways from the 4th AI Community Workshop & AIDA Symposium

8.1.6 All Questions Answered (AQuA) sessions

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CLAIRE and VISION regularly organise All Questions Answered (AQuA) sessions, which are relaxed 1-hour online events that bring together a small group of panellists to discuss current hot topics in Al and answer questions from the community.

On 6 March 2024, an AQuA session on "Women in AI" was held, commemorating the "International Day of Women." With women accounting for less than 25% of AI specialists, this session aimed to spotlight some of the outstanding female researchers in the AI field, celebrating their successes and addressing the obstacles they face in this male-dominated industry.

The session delved into pivotal stages and decision points in the careers of women in AI, featuring both early-stage female researchers and established female leaders in the field. The panellists were ready to answer all questions from the community, sharing their experiences and insights. AI4Media was represented in the panel by Dr Lucia Vadicamo, a researcher at ISTI-CNR (Figure 24).

The recording of the session is available on CLAIRE's YouTube channel.¹¹

¹¹ <u>https://youtu.be/hskSmNDvcwk</u>



Figure 24: AQuA Session "Women on AI" Banners – 6 March 2024

On 28 August 2024, an AquA session on "AI for Citizens"¹² was organised focused on exploring concrete examples of applications and actions developed by the European NoEs over the past four years, with a special emphasis on the benefits brought to citizens and the general public (Figure 25). The discussion centred around the aspects and challenges researchers faced while ensuring their work adhered to the general principles of trustworthy AI.

Panellists from AI4Media included (Figure 26):

- Ms Danae Tsabouraki from ATC who discussed "AI tools for disinformation detection." In the scope of AI4Media's Use Case 1. ATC, in collaboration with DW, worked on leveraging AI technologies to enhance support tools used by journalists and factchecking experts for digital content verification and disinformation detection.
- Dr Adrian Popescu from CEA who showcased the YDSYO app¹³, which assesses the reallife effects of private content sharing on social media.

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¹² <u>https://www.vision4ai.eu/claire-x-noes-aqua-ai-for-citizens/</u>

¹³ <u>https://ydsyo.app/</u>



These presentations highlighted the innovative efforts of Al4Media and demonstrated the tangible impact of Al technologies on improving tools and applications for citizens and the general public. The recording of the panel is available on CLAIRE's YouTube channel.¹⁴



Figure 25: All Questions Answered (AQuA) banner on "AI for Citizens", 28 August 2024.

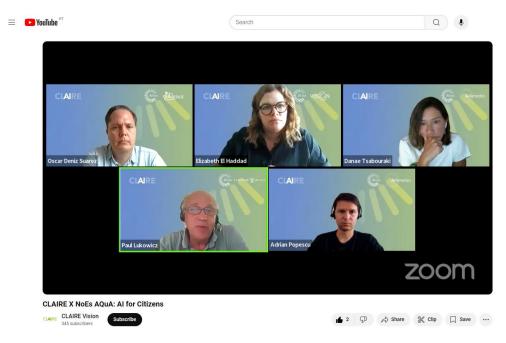
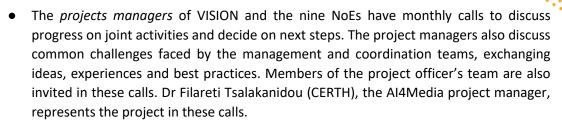


Figure 26: Screenshot during the AQuA session on AI for Citizens, 28 August 2024

8.1.7 Monthly calls for coordinating activities

The ICT-48 community (AI4Media, ELISE, HumaneAI NET, and TAILOR) and the five new NoEs (ELSA, euROBIN, ELIAS, dAIEDGE, and ENFIELD) held monthly calls to coordinate joint activities and exchange experiences and best practices. Collaboration takes place on three levels:

¹⁴ <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QA4Tm4HAAm4&list=PL0pCnfHLkA7-</u> <u>Ot dTXNHjpxBes3JFoMJg&ab channel=CLAIREVision</u>



- The dissemination managers of VISION and the nine NoEs are brought together in the so-called Communication Club, which meets online once a month to discuss all issues related to communication and dissemination, aiming to coordinate relevant activities among the NoEs. The NoEs disseminate joint activities as well as each other's individual activities through their social media channels and the common Mattermost channel managed by VISION. Ms Candela Bravo (LOBA), the AI4Media dissemination manager, represents the project in the Communication Club.
- The *coordinators and project managers* of VISION and the nine NoEs organise regular calls with the Head of Unit and the Project Officers to discuss progress on joint activities like the joint SRA and the ecosystem mapping. Dr Yiannis Kompatsiaris (CERTH) and Dr Filareti Tsalakanidou (CERTH) represent the project in these calls.

8.1.8 Contribution to the AI NoEs Promotional video managed by VISION

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Al4Media actively contributed to the creation of the Al NoEs promotional video, the production of which was managed by VISION. The video was publicly launched in August 2024 and is available on Al4Media's YouTube channel¹⁵ (Figure 27).

Al4Media contributed substantially to the development of the video by providing comprehensive content that highlighted the project's key achievements and research highlights. The Al4Media team reviewed and revised the script to ensure accuracy, coherence, and alignment with their objectives and messaging. Their input was crucial in crafting a narrative that effectively communicates the impact and importance of the Al Networks of Excellence.

The video features brief testimonials from notable AI4Media representatives: Dr. Yiannis Kompatsiaris, AI4Media coordinator from CERTH, shared key insights into the network's vision, achievements, and contributions to the AI community. Ms Danae Tsabouraki, WP8 leader from ATC, highlighted the importance of collaboration between researchers and industry, drawing from experiences from the AI4Media use cases.

In addition to this video, which includes testimonials from all NoEs, VISION with the help of the AI4Media dissemination manager also produced a video dedicated to AI4Media, which features longer versions of the aforementioned testimonials by Yiannis Kompatsiaris and Danae Tsabouraki.

¹⁵ <u>https://www.youtube.com/@ai4mediaproject</u>



Figure 27: Snapshot from the AI NoEs Promotional video

8.1.9 Contributions to VISION deliverables

AI4Media partners have also contributed to several VISION deliverables that summarised the outcomes of ICT-48 activities and provided insights on common experiences and lessons learnt.

More specifically, Al4Media provided contributions for the following VISION deliverables and reports. These contributions were in the form of short descriptions/summaries, filling in surveys/questionnaires, or participating in interview-like discussions.

- D2.2 Minutes from annual meetings with coordinators and steering bodies of NoEs
- D2.5 Report on sustainability and strategic directions of the NoEs and VISION activities
- D3.2 Lesson learned FSTP
- D4.4 European AI Trend Radar
- D6.6 Updated International Outreach Report
- Technical report: Academic-Industry Collaboration Best Practices.

8.1.10 Joint dissemination activities

Al4Media has been actively collaborating with VISION the Al Networks of Excellence to enhance joint dissemination activities. This partnership has led to several key initiatives:

- Joint Slide Deck featuring AI NoEs highlights: AI4Media has contributed to a comprehensive slide deck showcasing the achievements and highlights of the Networks of Excellence (NoE). This deck includes success stories with significant impact on citizens and society, as well as individual and joint accomplishments.
- Success Stories Compilation: A compilation of success stories and notable achievements was curated between June and July 2024. This compilation highlighted success stories on the transformative effects of our projects on society, summarised summer schools to be held in 2024, and showcased both individual and joint achievements. This content

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- VISION Newsletter: Al4Media regularly contributes to the VISION Newsletter, which is distributed to more than 900 recipients. This ensures widespread dissemination of our progress, events and insights.
- Promotion in social media: There is an active promotion of each other's events and outcomes through social media channels. This mutual support amplifies the reach and impact of our activities.

Through these joint dissemination efforts, Al4Media and VISION, along with the Al Networks of Excellence, are successfully engaging stakeholders and promoting the value and impact of our collective work.

8.2 Liaison with AI4Europe/AI-on-Demand platform

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AI4Media supports and collaborates with the AI4Europe project on different levels:

- By publishing AI4Media resources/assets in the AI-on-Demand platform. This has been managed under WP7 by FhG-IAIS. At the time of writing of this deliverable, there are 174 AI assets published in the <u>AI Assets Catalog</u> which are linked to AI4Media. In relation to the total number of 595 published entries, it can be seen that AI4Media has contributed a significant share (i.e. 29%) to the Asset Catalog offering¹⁶.
- By publishing AI4Media events, AI-cafés, launches and announcements on the AI-on-Demand Platform gaining visibility from their large community. This has been managed under WP7 by FhG-IAIS.
- By uploading Al4Media modules on the Al-Builder Marketplace (formally known as Al4EU Experiments Marketplace). This has been managed under WP7 by FhG-IAIS. The Al-Builder Marketplace is available to the public since late 2021. Initial model contributions have been provided by partners of the Al4EU project. After the end of Al4EU, additional models have been provided by partners of ICT-48 and ICT-49 projects as well as the Al4Europe project. In 2022, 39 models were launched, 10 of which came from Al4Media. Since 2023, there has been significant growth in the marketplace, in particular by the results of the ICT-49 projects. Al4Media contributed a total of 51 models (35 single models, 16 composite solutions). At the time of preparation of this deliverable the marketplace included a total of 398 models, 70 of which were composite solutions.
- By collaborating to automatically upload and synchronise the AIDA educational resources on the AI-on-Demand platform. LOBA and the University of Zaragoza have successfully implemented the technical steps necessary to achieve seamless integration between the AI Doctoral Academy (AIDA) web portal and the AI-on-Demand (AIoD) platform. By creating connectors to the API metadata of the AIoD (see Figure 28), this integration allows for the synchronised visualisation of over 400 educational resources from AIDA directly through the AIoD library (see Figure 29). This synchronisation ensures

¹⁶ Numbers as of 18/08/2023.

that users of the AIoD platform can access a comprehensive and up-to-date collection of AIDA's educational resources in real-time, enhancing the accessibility and reach of these valuable materials across the AI community.

• By collaborating with University College Cork (Al4Europe Coordinator) in the definition of a European AI Educational Taxonomy¹⁷ and the AI PhD Curriculum¹⁸.

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Figure 28: Al-on-Demand API Metadata

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¹⁷ <u>https://www.i-aida.org/aida-taxonomy/</u>

¹⁸ <u>https://www.i-aida.org/phd-curriculum/</u>



More information about the collaboration with / support to the AI4Europe project and the AIoD[•] platform can be found in D7.4 "*Final version of the integration result with the AI-on-Demand Platform*".

8.3 Liaison with ELLIS and AIDA

AI4Media collaborated with ELLIS and AIDA to organise two events.

8.3.1 1st ELLIS, AI4Media, and AIDA Symposium on Large Language and Foundation Models

Al4Media, in collaboration with ELLIS and AIDA, co-organised the first 'ELLIS, Al4Media, and AIDA Symposium on Large Language and Foundation Models'¹⁹ on 17 and 18 October 2023 in Amsterdam, the Netherlands (Figure 30). This symposium marked a significant milestone in the AI research community, bringing together renowned researchers from various AI subdisciplines across Europe.

The past year has been pivotal with the introduction of ChatGPT and GPT-4, heralding a new era of AI research focused on foundation models. These models have demonstrated that scale has an unexpectedly profound impact on generalization and highlighted the critical importance of multimodality.

The symposium featured keynote speeches, panel discussions, and interactive sessions, all designed to delve deep into the transformative potential of large-scale AI models. The discussions underscored how these models are reshaping our understanding of AI and opening new avenues for research and application.



Figure 30: 1st ELLIS, AI4Media, and AIDA Symposium on Large Language and Foundation Models in Amsterdam

8.3.2 AIDA Symposium 2024

Al4Media, together with VISION and the other Al NoEs, collaborated with AIDA to organise the AIDA Symposium 2024²⁰, which was co-located with the 4th Al Community Workshop held in Thessaloniki in June 2024 (see section 8.1.5). This joint effort highlighted the collective strengths and synergies of these leading Al initiatives, fostering a rich environment for knowledge exchange and collaboration.

¹⁹ <u>https://sites.google.com/view/ellisfms2023/home</u>

²⁰ <u>https://www.vision4ai.eu/community-workshop-2024/</u>



The AIDA Symposium 2024, themed "AI Education beyond Borders," focused on advancing AI education across Europe and beyond. The event featured a series of engaging keynotes and panel discussions on various aspects of AI education, including training AI expertise for Europe, integrating AI tools in education, and exploring innovative educational methodologies.

Al4Media played a pivotal role in shaping the agenda, ensuring that the sessions addressed key topics and emerging trends in Al education. The collaboration also extended to logistical aspects, with Al4Media contributing to the design of event materials and the management of live streaming, enhancing the accessibility and impact of the symposium.

All the recorded sessions are available on Al4Media's YouTube channel²¹. Some photos from the event can be seen in Figure 31 below.



Figure 31: Photos from the AIDA symposium 2024 in Thessaloniki

8.4 Liaison with EU projects on AI and disinformation

In addition to collaborating with the ICT-48 community and other AI NoEs, AI4Media has strengthened its partnerships with other EU projects focusing on topics relevant to AI4Media's objectives, such as AI and disinformation. These projects include <u>vera.ai</u>, <u>AI4Trust</u>, <u>TITAN</u>, <u>AI4Debunk</u>, and <u>AI-CODE</u>.

During this period, AI4Media has engaged in the following activities and events with these projects.

8.4.1 White Paper on "Generative AI and Disinformation: Recent Advances, Challenges, and Opportunities"

Researchers from AI4Media, vera.ai, AI4Trust, and TITAN, in collaboration with the European Digital Media Observatory (EDMO) have published a new white paper titled "Generative AI and Disinformation: Recent Advances, Challenges, and Opportunities" in February 2024. The paper aims to deepen the understanding of the disinformation-generation capabilities of state-of-the-art AI, as well as the use of AI in developing new disinformation detection technologies, along with the associated ethical and legal challenges.

The authors explore the multifaceted role of generative AI in the context of disinformation, examining both its potential to produce and spread false information and its capacity to detect and debunk it. They provide a thorough analysis of the current state of generative AI

²¹ <u>https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLikfCu2ZlkfK_Gi2MMN_Z8k2mEGRQvmsu</u>



technologies, highlighting recent advancements and identifying significant challenges that researchers and practitioners face.

Vero.ai AltRUST Al4media TITAN Generative AI and Disinformation: Recent Advances, Challenges, and Opportunities
Editor Kalina Bontcheva University of Sheffield
Contributing Authors Kalina Bontohera University of Sheffield Smoon Pipadapouloa Gentre for Research and Technology, Hellas Riccardo Galaes Fondatione Bruns Kander

Figure 32: White paper on Generative AI and Disinformation

The white paper is available at the EDMO website²² (Figure 32).

8.4.2 3rd ACM Int. Workshop on Multimedia AI against Disinformation (MAD'24) Workshop

On 10 June 2024, the EU projects Al4Media, vera.ai, and Al4Debunk co-organised the third edition of the joint workshop on Multimedia Al against Disinformation (MAD'24). The event took place in Phuket, Thailand.

Dr Luca Cuccovillo, who is part of both the Al4Media and the vera.ai teams, and Prof. Duc Tien Dang Nguyen kicked off the workshop with a keynote talk titled "Multimedia Al vs Information Disorder: A Journey of Discovery."

The sessions covered a range of pertinent topics:

- "Synthetic Audio Generation and Detection": Presentations were given by experts from Fraunhofer SIT, ATHENE, and Fraunhofer IDMT, who discussed interventions in synthetic audio technologies.
- "Evaluation of AI Models": CERTH-ITI and TU-Berlin provided insights into the methodologies and challenges of evaluating AI models.
- Young Scholar Presentation: Matyas Bohacek, a young scholar, presented an extensive report on his efforts to create a photorealistic deepfake of a real news anchor using only open-source tools, limited data from the internet, and a consumer laptop.
- "AI for Video and Image Analysis": Insights were shared by representatives from CERTH-ITI and UPB on advanced AI techniques for video and image analysis.
- "AI for Automated Fact-Checking": This session included the presentation of the CREDULE dataset and the EVVER-Net architecture for early misinformation detection by

²² https://edmo.eu/2024/02/13/new-white-paper-on-generative-ai-and-disinformation-recentadvances-challenges-and-opportunities/



CERTH-ITI. It also featured a description of the NewsPolyML multilingual dataset for fake news assessment curated by TU-Berlin.

The workshop concluded with an in-depth evaluation of explainable AI features tailored for claim detection, conducted by DFKI. This included an extensive crowdsourcing experiment to assess the efficacy of these features.

MAD'24 provided a valuable platform for researchers and practitioners to share insights and advancements in the use of multimedia AI to combat disinformation.

Event summary and conclusions are available in the vera-ai website²³.

8.4.3 Meet the Future of AI – Generative AI and Democracy Workshop

On 19 June 2024, Al4Media and five European-funded projects focused on Al and disinformation (TITAN, vera.ai, Al4Trust, Al4Debunk, and Al-CODE), in collaboration with the European Commission, hosted the event "Meet the Future of Al - Generative Al and Democracy" in Brussels. The gathering brought together approximately 60 participants to explore the critical interplay between Al and democratic processes, presenting innovative Al-powered solutions to counter disinformation and fostering insightful discussions. This was the second workshop in the series of 'Meet the Future of Al' workshops – the first one, titled "Meet the Future of Al: Countering Sophisticated & Advanced Disinformation", was co-organised by Al4Media, TITAN, vera.ai, and Al4Trust in Brussels, in June 2023²⁴.

The event featured distinguished speakers and knowledgeable panellists (Figure 33). Krisztina Stump, Head of the Unit in charge of combating online disinformation at the European Commission, delivered the opening speech. Topics addressed by the experts included the threats and opportunities of generative AI for mis- and disinformation, as well as public expectations and the role of AI in news and politics. The conference concluded with remarks from Peter Friess of the European Commission's DG CONNECT, who highlighted the importance of bridging knowledge and competencies among stakeholders, both large and small.

Event summary and conclusions available in the vera-ai website²⁵.

²³ <u>https://www.veraai.eu/posts/mad24-workshop-in-phuket-summary</u>

²⁴ <u>https://www.veraai.eu/posts/meet-the-future-of-ai-report</u>

²⁵ <u>https://www.veraai.eu/posts/meet-the-future-of-ai-2024-event-summary</u>



Figure 33: Speakers' Event banners for the Meet the Future of AI – Generative AI and Democracy Workshop



Figure 34: Participants during the Meet the Future of AI 2024 event (photos from vera.ai)

8.5 Liaison with ADRA and ADRA-e

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Al4Media has established a robust collaboration with the AI, Data, and Robotics Association (ADRA) and ADRA-e, engaging in several key activities to advance the fields of AI, data, and robotics in Europe.

Al4Media participated in the #ADRF23 – European AI, Data, and Robotics Forum Workshop,²⁶ held in Versailles on 8-9 November 2023 (Figure 35). This significant event gathered leading experts, researchers, and industry stakeholders to discuss the latest advancements and trends in AI, data, and robotics. Al4Media supported the design of the event booth, ensuring it prominently featured the identity of the AI Networks of Excellence (NoEs). Dr Adrian Popescu from CEA represented Al4Media in the stand of AI NoEs.

²⁶ <u>https://2023.adrforum.eu/</u>





Figure 35: AI NoE stand during #ADRF23, Versailles – 8-9 November 2023

Al4Media also made substantial contributions to ADRA's Strategic Research, Innovation, and Deployment Agenda on AI, Data, and Robotics²⁷, which was published in November 2023, providing valuable insights and expertise. The agenda outlines the future direction for research, innovation, and deployment in AI, data, and robotics, with a strong emphasis on ethical and responsible AI practices. Al4Media's input was crucial in addressing the key challenges and opportunities in the field, helping to create a comprehensive roadmap for future developments.

8.6 Liaison with the European AI Alliance

Al4Media has established a collaboration with the <u>European Al Alliance</u>, publishing blogposts on the Alliance's blog on a regular basis (Figure 36). The project published the following blog posts and events:

- Al4Media Use Cases demo-video on Al application in Media now live! (uploaded on September 4, 2024 awaiting publication by the Al Alliance editorial board)
- New Release! Booklets for AI4Media Technological and Research Highlights (uploaded on 29 August 2024 awaiting publication by the AI Alliance editorial board)
- The updated Al4Media Strategic Research Agenda on Al for the Media Industry New section about Generative Al!²⁸ (published on August 2024)
- From speculations to future applications: AI4Media publishes scenarios envisioning the future horizons for AI in media²⁹ (published on May 2024)
- Launch of the AI Media Observatory by the AI4Media project³⁰ (published on November 2023)

²⁷ <u>https://www.adr-association.eu/topic-groups/strategic-research-innovation-and-deployment-agenda-</u> <u>srida</u>

²⁸ <u>https://futurium.ec.europa.eu/en/european-ai-alliance/blog/updated-ai4media-strategic-research-agenda-ai-media-industry-new-section-about-generative-ai</u>

²⁹ <u>https://futurium.ec.europa.eu/en/european-ai-alliance/blog/speculations-future-applications-ai-media_ultimedia-publishes-scenarios-envisioning-future-horizons-ai-media_ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ultimedia-ul</u>

³⁰ <u>https://futurium.ec.europa.eu/en/european-ai-alliance/blog/launch-ai-media-observatory-ai4media-project</u>



- AI technologies applied in the media industry: Insights and challenges³¹ (published on September 2023)
- Join AIDA: A European initiative to make AI education and research accessible at global level³² (published on July 2023)
- The AI4Media Strategic Research Agenda on AI for the Media Industry³³ (published on July 2023)
- Al4Media: A European Excellence Centre for Media, Society and Democracy³⁴ (published on June 2023)
- AI Café: EvaLMM -- Evaluating LMMs on common sense and factuality & LLMAKER An LLM-powered Design Assistant for Video Games³⁵
- AI Café: "Pressure, hype, and research ethics: exploring the potential of generative AI in academic research across social sciences and humanities"³⁶
- AI Café: "Generative AI in Media: societal, ethical, and legal perspectives"³⁷
- AI Café: "Image Generation using Midjourney, Dalle-3, and Adobe Firefly"³⁸
- 2nd Junior Fellow Day 2023 Online³⁹
- AI Café: "AI in vision: high quality video production and content automation"⁴⁰
- AI Café: Learning Between the Lines: Transfer Learning Approach for Timeseries Data⁴¹
- AI-Cafe: The effect of No-Code/Low-Code AutoML solution on the AI Computer Vision Industry⁴²

³¹ <u>https://futurium.ec.europa.eu/en/european-ai-alliance/blog/ai-technologies-applied-media-industry-insights-and-challenges</u>

³² <u>https://futurium.ec.europa.eu/en/european-ai-alliance/blog/join-aida-european-initiative-make-ai-education-and-research-accessible-global-level</u>

³³ <u>https://futurium.ec.europa.eu/en/european-ai-alliance/blog/ai4media-strategic-research-agenda-ai-media-industry</u>

³⁴ <u>https://futurium.ec.europa.eu/en/european-ai-alliance/blog/ai4media-european-excellence-centre-</u> media-society-and-democracy

³⁵ <u>https://futurium.ec.europa.eu/en/european-ai-alliance/events/ai-cafe-evalmm-evaluating-lmms-</u> <u>common-sense-and-factuality-llmaker-llm-powered-design-assistant</u>

³⁶ <u>https://futurium.ec.europa.eu/en/european-ai-alliance/events/ai-cafe-pressure-hype-and-research-</u> <u>ethics-exploring-potential-generative-ai-academic-research-across</u>

³⁷ <u>https://futurium.ec.europa.eu/en/european-ai-alliance/events/ai-cafe-generative-ai-media-societal-</u> <u>ethical-and-legal-perspectives</u>

³⁸ <u>https://futurium.ec.europa.eu/en/european-ai-alliance/events/ai-cafe-image-generation-using-midjourney-dalle-3-and-adobe-firefly</u>

³⁹ https://futurium.ec.europa.eu/en/european-ai-alliance/events/2nd-junior-fellow-day-2023-online

⁴⁰ <u>https://futurium.ec.europa.eu/en/european-ai-alliance/events/ai-cafe-ai-vision-high-quality-video-</u> <u>production-and-content-automation</u>

⁴¹ <u>https://futurium.ec.europa.eu/en/european-ai-alliance/events/ai-cafe-learning-between-lines-</u> <u>transfer-learning-approach-timeseries-data</u>

⁴² <u>https://futurium.ec.europa.eu/en/european-ai-alliance/events/ai-cafe-effect-no-codelow-code-automl-solution-ai-computer-vision-industry</u>



- 1st AI symposium on LLM/Foundation Models focusing on cross-discipline interaction⁴³
- AI Café: AI, Data Spaces and Digital Product Passports, the new technological challenges for Circular Manufacturing⁴⁴
- Al4Media workshop "Artificial Intelligence Fit for the Media Sector: A Practitioners Perspective"⁴⁵

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Figure 36: AI4Media blogpost on the European AI Alliance blog

8.7 Liaison with the Better Images of AI initiative & AIxDESIGN

During the course of AI4Media, communication about AI has become mainstream. While this has increased societal awareness of the topic, it has also produced some misconceptions, misrepresentations and unjustified fears. Visual narratives play an important role in this - stock imagery that portrays futuristic environments where AI has unlimited power is far removed from the reality of AI research. The commonly used visuals of shiny humanoid robots, glowing blue brains or menacing figures like the Terminator limit the public's understanding of the current use and workings of AI systems, and completely ignore aspects related to ethics, labour and power dynamics that are key in understanding the current AI landscape.

Responding to this, AI4Media decided to partner with <u>Better Images of AI</u> and <u>AIxDESIGN</u> to challenge and transform the stereotypical and often misleading imagery commonly associated with AI. The inspiration and foundation for this partnership was the ongoing activities of the

⁴³ <u>https://futurium.ec.europa.eu/en/european-ai-alliance/events/1st-ai-symposium-llmfoundation-models-focusing-cross-discipline-interaction</u>

⁴⁴ <u>https://futurium.ec.europa.eu/en/european-ai-alliance/events/ai-cafe-ai-data-spaces-and-digital-product-passports-new-technological-challenges-circular</u>

⁴⁵ <u>https://futurium.ec.europa.eu/en/european-ai-alliance/events/ai4media-workshop-artificial-intelligence-fit-media-sector-practitioners-perspective</u>



Better Images of AI initiative dedicated to creating and promoting more accurate, diverse and representative visuals of artificial intelligence. Specifically, it has produced a catalogue of alternative AI stock imagery and a guide for image creators and communicators. AIxDESIGN joined the partnership as a design lab conducting critical AI research with an active global community of designers and artists interested in AI. From the AI4Media side, this collaboration was led by the Netherlands Institute of Sound and Vision (NISV).

The partnership resulted in a series of artist commissions aimed at reimagining a better visual language for AI. To define the scope of the call, NISV conducted an informal survey within the consortium to identify the most urgent needs for new imagery. The results of this indicated a clear lack of visuals that portray the intangible, abstract or neglected aspects of AI development - such as the hidden human labour costs, ethical dilemmas and power imbalances. Based on these results, an open call for artists was launched⁴⁶ in August 2023 to create a set of imagery that avoids perpetuating unhelpful myths about AI. The call, invited artists from different backgrounds to develop better images that responded to at least one of the following topics:

- **Explainable AI:** the gap between the language and logic of AI models and human interpretability;
- **Machine in the loop:** highlighting the central role that humans play in the decision-making process when designing AI;
- Al governance: visualising questions that related to accountability, policy and regulations governing Al development.

In total, 30 applications were received in response to the call. The evaluation committee, composed of representatives from NISV, Better Images of AI and AIxDESIGN teams assessed the applications based on the following criteria:

- The artist's familiarity with AI and ability to critically engage with AI discourse;
- Creativity and alignment of their proposed artists concept with (at least) one of the three topics in the open call;
- Interest in creating stock images that could be used for communication purposes.

At the end of the evaluation process, three artists were selected:

- **Clarote**: a designer and illustrator. She was drawn to explore machine-in-the-loop as the topic that is intertwined with more abstract matters of accountability, responsibility and bias in AI models, but also brings the materiality/physicality of the human and their surroundings to the discussion around AI;
- Anne Fehres & Luke Conroy: an artist duo specialising in multidisciplinary visual art projects. They also focused on the machine-in-the-loop topics as way to disrupt

⁴⁶ a) <u>https://blog.betterimagesofai.org/open-call-for-artists-apply-by-25th-september/;</u>
b) <u>https://nadiapiet.notion.site/CLOSED-Better-Images-of-Responsible-AI-with-AIxDESIGN-d8775657ed37440c9ec695d85002b31c</u>



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conventional, superficial depictions of AI by representing the intricate dance between humans and machines, underscoring the centrality of human agency and ethics;

• Jazmin Morris: a creative computing artist and educator who was inspired by explainable AI topic as a challenge to communicate complex systems - such as neural networks or generative AI - in accessible ways to the public.

Each artist received a $\leq 1,500$ stipend to provide at least three images for the Better Images of AI library. After an initial briefing, each artist worked independently to create images, meeting two times with the project team to present concepts, ask questions and receive feedback. At the end of the process, the artists produced a total of 11 images published under creative commons licence in the Better Images of AI library⁴⁷. Each image is accompanied by a description contextualising the visual metaphors portrayed (see Figure 37).



Figure 37: Example of one of the artist images on the Better Images of AI library.

Next to the three artists, a smaller open call was launched to invite anyone interested in image making to experiment with the creation of alternative AI visuals, with an opportunity to win three micro-grants of \notin 300. All the submitted images are available via an online 'Community Garden'⁴⁸.

The outcomes of this partnership have already produced widespread, high-profile impact. A few examples:

• DAIR (Distributed AI Research Institute), founded by Timnit Gebru, has frequently used the produced images in their communication, including to contextualise their research on TESCREAL⁴⁹;

⁴⁷ <u>https://betterimagesofai.org/images</u>

⁴⁸ https://nadiapiet.notion.site/Better-Images-of-AI-Community-Gallery-a8ebbb3aab7d46b4bf922bf7c3e24e6b

⁴⁹ <u>https://www.dair-institute.org/tescreal/</u>



- A number of platforms that are prominent advocates for AI ethics and governance in Europe and beyond have started using the images on a regular basis (see Figure 38). This includes the <u>Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism</u>, <u>Tech Policy Press</u>, <u>Scottish AI</u> <u>Alliance</u>, <u>Reset Tech</u> (Figure 38);
- One of the images was used as the cover of the Cambridge Journal of Artificial Intelligence⁵⁰ (see Figure 39).

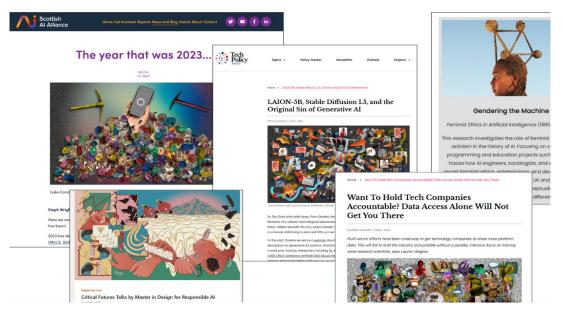


Figure 38: Examples where the AI4Media commissioned images have been used

⁵⁰ <u>https://cjai.co.uk/journal/volume-1-issue-1/</u>





Figure 39: Clarote's images on the cover of the Cambridge Journal of Artificial Intelligence

The results of the partnerships are also reflected in the AI4Media Observatory which follows the guidelines and principles stipulated by Better Images of AI for avoiding the use of stereotypical images of AI and Robots. This is included in the <u>Observatory editorial guidelines</u>.

In July 2024, a new web interface⁵¹ was launched on the AI4Media website, featuring the artists and the images created through this initiative. This interface not only showcases the innovative visuals but also provides context and insights into the themes explored by the artists, furthering the mission to develop a more accurate and insightful representation of AI.

8.8 Liaisons with other projects focusing on communication and collaboration

Al4Media also has an ongoing collaboration with the following projects and initiatives (besides the projects mentioned in the previous sub-sections), focusing on communication and dissemination of Al4Media activities through the social media channels.

Al-on-Demand platform; BIAS project; Ethical AI Training Organisation; Ai4 – Artificial Intelligence Conferences; Towards AI; HiPEAC; Fact-Check by MedDMO; ELLIS; ENFIELD; euROBIN; Humane AI Net; TAILOR; ELIAS; ELISE; dAIEDGE; EURACTIV Technology; TITAN - AI Coaching to Fight Disinformation; DOT Europe; vera.ai; ELSA - European Lighthouse on Secure and Safe AI; KT4Democracy; OASIS Open; UNE Asociación Española de Normalización; Vigilant Project; Media&Learning; VISION-CLAIRE; AI4EO; AIPublicPolicy; ROBOTICS4EU; EVOLVE; FARI – AI for the Common Good Institute; ACROBA project; Makers Now; Frontiers Policy Labs; EU Disinfo Lab; Swisscognitive, world-leading AI Network; AI4DI – AI for Digitising Industry; ACM Interactive Media experiences; AIGov EU; AICCELERATE; (EDMA) European Dissemination Media

⁵¹ <u>https://www.ai4media.eu/better-images-of-responsible-ai/</u>



<u>Agency</u>; <u>StairwAl – Artificial Intelligence for SMEs</u>; <u>AI HQ</u>; <u>Robotics & AI - EU</u>; <u>GenoMed4All</u>; <u>EX4MIND</u>; <u>s.X.AIPI Project</u>; <u>URBANTECH project</u>; <u>SwissCognitive</u>, <u>AI Venture</u>, <u>Advisory &</u> <u>Research</u>; <u>EMERGE project</u>; and more.

8.9 Al4Media associate members and extended network

Al4Media is building an Al network of organisations from academia and industry with the aim to embrace a vibrant ecosystem focused on Al for media and society, enable a quick market uptake of technologies, and promote research/business collaboration opportunities.

One hundred and eleven (111) organisations from around the world have already joined the AI4Media network and have become <u>AI4Media associate members</u>. This includes 40 academic organisations (universities), 14 research centres, 42 SMEs and industry from the ICT & media sector, 9 public organisations (e.g. public service media) and 6 other (see Figure 40).

Joining the community and benefitting from the collaboration opportunities of the network is simple. Al4Media welcomes any organisation, EU-funded project or initiative with experience or interest in AI with particular application in the media sector, and motivation to contribute to research and technological advances in this field. The application can be submitted via email or <u>online</u>. All applications go through a quick validation process by the Al4Media General Assembly.

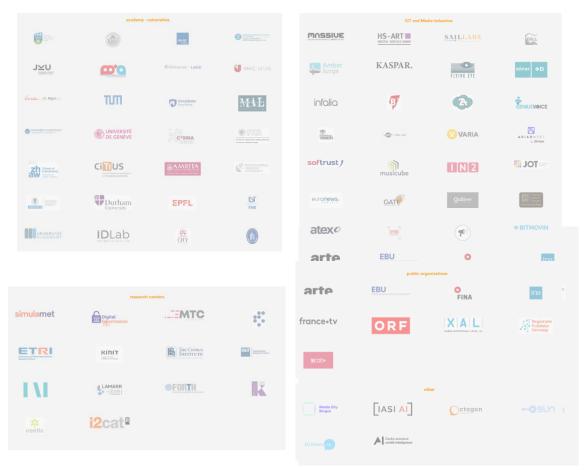


Figure 40: AI4Media associate members



The Al4Media network aims to bring together the currently fragmented European Al landscape in the field of media, and foster deeper and long-running interactions between academia and industry. The network currently consists of 30 consortium partners and more than 110 associate members, as well as more than 50 research organisations and SMEs either funded by the project's two open calls or participating in research exchanges as part of the Al4Media Junior Fellows Exchange Program. In addition, 78 organisations that are members of the International Al Doctoral Academy. Figure 41 below visualises this network.

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Figure 41: The AI4Media extended network

9 Communication performance against the evaluation criteria

According to the AI4Media Description of Action (DoA), the Key Performance Indicators related to the communication and dissemination (KPI8.2) are presented in Table 11 below.

KP18.2	WP11 – KPI current status
> 2,000 social media followers	3.381 followers in total
> 1,000 newsletter members	1.786 subscribers ⁵²
> 1,000 monthly unique website visits by end of project	>2.000 monthly visits
> 2,000,000 cumulative audience reach/impressions by end of project	1.898.249 cumulative reach in social media12.334.693 impressions in social media65.368 participants in events

Table 11: Al4Media KPIs status according to DoA

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More specifically, for dissemination and communication, specific Key Performance Indicators were defined in the Deliverable D11.1 "*Initial dissemination and communication plan, identity and website*", which have been periodically monitored. Table 12 presents the current status, including the indicators that have been already reached or surpassed and those where we have to work on and improve.

Table 12: Al4Media	KPIs status	accordina	to D11.1

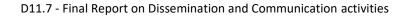
Channel/tool	Metric method	Success criteria	Current status	
Website	Number of visits	10.000 unique page views	93.571 sessions 164.351 page views	✓
		5.000 unique visitors to the website	56.918 users	\checkmark
	Time spent on the website	Average of 1 minute or more on the website	1m10s	\checkmark
	Number of countries	Visitors from 60 different countries	163	\checkmark
Promotional materials	Number of materials distributed	6.000 flyers distributed	> 5.550	✓
materials	Number of contacts from stakeholders	150 contacts on the subscribers mailing list	1.786	\checkmark
Social media		500 followers on Facebook	947	\checkmark
		500 followers on X	1.403	\checkmark

⁵² Note that AI4Media Newsletter is also distributed among other lists and partners are also encouraged to distribute the Newsletter among their networks. Read more information in Section **7**.

Channel/tool	Metric method	Success criteria	Current status	
	Number of	500 followers on LinkedIn	1.031	\checkmark
	followers and engagement	500 clicks to website	23.645	\checkmark
Press releases	Number of publications from media coverage	At least 5	150	✓
Newsletter	Number of newsletters dispatched	At least 2 per year	6 newsletter & 80 mass mailing	~
External events, conferences, workshops	Number of events/meetings to disseminate the project	60 events attended by partners to disseminate the project	203	~
Promotional	Number of videos	At least 2	128	\checkmark
videos	Number of views	500 views	10.356	\checkmark

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Based on this analysis, it can be concluded that the project has successfully reached all its key performance indicators for communication and dissemination, in particular with regard to the activities related with social media and participation in events. Even in the areas that needed more effort, KPIs have been reached and even surpassed, such as traffic to the web platform and the number of video views.



10 Conclusions

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The Al4Media project has successfully reached and often exceeded its communication and dissemination objectives, demonstrating substantial progress and impact over the project period.

Key achievements include:

- Website Performance: The AI4Media website saw consistent growth in user numbers and engagement, with a notable increase in traffic and interactions from diverse international audiences. The high engagement rates from organic search and referral channels indicated effective content optimisation and broad appeal.
- Social Media Engagement: The project's social media strategy, which included regular posts, targeted campaigns, and interactive content, significantly boosted engagement and visibility. Platforms such as Facebook, X (formerly Twitter), and LinkedIn played crucial roles in reaching different audience segments, with notable engagement peaks around major project events.
- Event Participation: Al4Media organised and participated in numerous events, which not only enhanced its visibility but also facilitated valuable networking and collaboration opportunities within the Al and media communities.
- Knowledge Dissemination: The launch of the AI Media Observatory and the Virtual Centre of Excellence (VCoE) as well as the strategic leverage from the AI-on-Demand platform provided central hubs for disseminating AI4Media's research outputs, educational resources, and policy insights. These platforms have been instrumental in promoting the project's innovations and supporting informed decision-making among stakeholders.

Looking ahead, AI4Media is committed to maintaining and expanding its impact. The AI4Media Virtual Centre of Excellence will remain operational for five years post-project, ensuring ongoing access to resources. The network's established links and relationships will continue to foster collaboration and knowledge sharing. Synergies with other AI Networks of Excellence and platforms like AI-on-Demand are also being explored to ensure alignment with broader AI advancements and initiatives.

These efforts will help sustain the project's legacy, ensuring that Al4Media's contributions to the Al and media sectors continue to benefit stakeholders and drive innovation long after the project's official conclusion.



11Annexes

11.1 Annex 1 – Revised communication plan

Following relevant recommendations from the third project review, we updated our dissemination strategy and developed a communication plan to reach a wider audience, including industry professionals, AI researchers, policymakers, and the general public, across various channels. As requested, the communication plan was sent to the EC (Project Officer) on April 29th, 2024. In the following, we present this plan.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is revolutionising the media industry, enhancing content creation, analysis, and distribution, and providing deeper insights into complex social dynamics both online and offline through the analysis of citizen activities, interests, and opinions. AI's integration across the media value chain empowers the industry to support a democratic society, enrich our lives, and foster creativity like never before. However, the deployment of AI also introduces significant ethical challenges and risks for individuals and society at large.

In response to these opportunities and challenges, the AI4Media Network of Excellence has established an extensive network of researchers throughout Europe and beyond, dedicated to exploring AI's applications in media, society, and democracy.

Over the span of nearly four years, AI4Media has successfully established a significant link between AI and the media industry, positioning itself as a lighthouse of innovation, collaboration, and progress within both domains.

Al4Media has built and empowered a vibrant community of over 200 organisations ranging from academia to industry that brings together expertise in Al research, media, ethics, regulation, and communication. The methodology and workplan implemented in Al4Media have fostered impactful collaboration and knowledge sharing, aimed at addressing shared objectives and challenges, leading to truly remarkable results.

At its core, AI4Media's value is built on four main pillars or achievements:

- A dynamic network;
- The AI Media Observatory;
- The AI Doctoral Academy (AIDA);
- An impressive array of scientific and research outputs.

These elements collectively underscore Al4Media's significant impact in bridging Artificial Intelligence with the media sector, demonstrating a commitment to innovation and excellence in this interdisciplinary field.

The AI4Media dynamic network

At the core of AI4Media is its strong and active network of more than 200 organisations, including <u>project partners</u>, <u>associate members</u>, and <u>AIDA members</u>. This collaborative network



unites experts from different areas, creating a space for sharing ideas, resources, and new developments.

Al4Media welcomes Associate Members from entities and organisations from academia or industry, and EU funded projects/initiatives, interested in Al applications for the media industry, who are keen on contributing to groundbreaking research and technological advancements.

Al4Media Associate Members enjoy several benefits:

- Participate in joint projects with our consortium members.
- Access a vast pool of AI knowledge and expertise.
- Receive the latest updates on project activities, such as events, achievements, and calls for participation.
- Get early access to technical demos and systems created in the project.
- Increase your organisation's visibility through AI4Media's communication platforms.
- Enjoy opportunities for cross-organisational visits and staff exchanges via the AI4Media Junior Fellows Exchange program, supported by the AI4Media mobility fund.
- Engage with the AI Doctoral Academy, which offers a venue for sharing and accessing AI courses and educational materials.
- Either contribute to or benefit from the insights provided by the AI Media Observatory.

The AI Media Observatory

In a rapidly evolving landscape, the <u>AI Media Observatory</u> acts as both a compass and a map, guiding stakeholders through the complexities of AI in media. This asset is pivotal in identifying trends, opportunities, and challenges, serving as a crucial resource for informed decision-making. Through the Observatory's insights, we can navigate the future, anticipating shifts and shaping media practices and policies in an age dominated by AI.

The Observatory aims to be a central resource for up-to-date information, research findings, and expert insights that highlight both the opportunities and challenges presented by AI technologies and applications. By offering access to a wide range of perspectives and facilitating connections between stakeholders, the Observatory seeks to support informed decision-making and foster responsible AI development and usage in media. Ultimately, its goal is to contribute to the advancement of a media landscape that leverages AI in ways that are innovative, ethical, and beneficial to society as a whole.

The AI Media Observatory is **designed for a wide audience**, including media professionals, AI **researchers**, policymakers, educators, and anyone interested in the intersection of AI and **media**. It's particularly useful for those in the media industry looking to understand and apply AI technologies, as well as for AI experts who are exploring the impacts and applications of their work in the media sector. Policymakers and regulators can find insights and data to help shape guidelines and standards for ethical AI use in media, while educators and students can access a wealth of information for teaching and research purposes. Essentially, the Observatory serves anyone who wants to stay informed about how AI is transforming the media landscape and its implications for society at large.



Grounded in the expertise of over 30 leading research and industry partners specialising in Al and media, the Observatory offers a multi-faceted view of AI's integration into the media landscape.

The Observatory features three distinct sections:

- Your AI Media Feed: This section serves as a repository for the latest updates and events related to AI in the media sector. It highlights new trends, shifts in policy, and the social implications of AI, drawing from both AI4Media consortium research and external sources. It's a comprehensive source for staying up-to-date on how AI is reshaping the media industry.
- Let's Talk AI and Media: Designed as an engaging space for learning, this section uses video formats to present expert insights on the opportunities and challenges AI brings to the media world. Featuring talks, interviews, and roundtable discussions, it offers accessible views into current trends and advancements in AI, shared by leading figures in the field.
- Find an AI Media Expert: Recognising the need for specific expertise, this directory allows users to easily locate and contact experts in various aspects of media and AI, be it technical, legal, or social. Aimed at assisting civil society and media professionals in their quest for knowledge, this tool facilitates direct connections with specialists in the field.

Together, these components create a rich ecosystem of knowledge and expertise, enabling stakeholders to navigate the complexities of AI in media with confidence. The European AI Media Observatory not only supports the responsible advancement of AI in the sector but also contributes significantly to the wider understanding of AI's role and its effects on our world.

The International AI Doctoral Academy - AIDA

The International AI Doctoral Academy (AIDA) is a collaborative initiative aiming to provide topnotch AI education and research, making advanced knowledge accessible and attracting PhD students from all over Europe. AIDA is a place of excellence, bringing together students and researchers from different backgrounds to advance AI research.

AIDA aims to enhance the landscape of AI education and collaboration across Europe, by striving for academic excellence and making the industry more appealing to young talent, encouraging them to stay and thrive in Europe.

AIDA's main objectives are:

- Promoting excellence and relevance: AIDA aims to position European academic and industry settings as top choices for emerging talents, offering enticing reasons for these bright minds to build their careers within Europe.
- Educating the next AI Innovators: Through a range of educational programmes including courses, student exchanges, AI Mellontology symposiums, and summer schools, AIDA is



dedicated to nurturing a new generation equipped with cutting-edge AI knowledge and skills.

- Sharing educational resources: By creating a platform for universities to exchange PhDlevel AI educational materials, AIDA enhances the learning experience and resource pool available to students and educators alike.
- Standardising PhD Education: Establishing a charter that enables the sharing, accreditation, and recognition of PhD education credits in AI across European universities, AIDA fosters a more unified and standardised approach to AI education.

AIDA's main users and beneficiaries are:

- Universities and research centres: By joining AIDA, these institutions not only boost their visibility but also enrich their educational offerings, making them more attractive to prospective students and top talents in AI.
- Lecturers and professors: Participation in AIDA allows educators to extend the reach of their courses, tap into a vast pool of educational resources, and foster collaborations with peers across Europe.
- AI PhD students and postdocs: Students and early-career researchers can access highquality AI courses, attend interesting lectures on various AI topics, benefit from an extensive repository of educational materials, and receive an AIDA Certificate of Course Attendance, enhancing their academic and professional profiles.

AIDA offers a variety of courses, lectures and educational materials:

- Short courses/tutorials: Focused sessions on specific AI topics, ranging from 5 to 16 hours, designed to provide deep dives into niche areas of AI.
- Semester courses: These are more extensive courses, usually part of university curriculums, offering 40 hours of instruction and 5-7 academic credits.
- Seasonal schools: Including summer schools, these are immersive educational experiences focusing on AI and its applications.
- Educational resources repository: A wealth of materials such as workshop recordings, presentations, and reports are made accessible to enrich learning and research.
- AI PhD curriculum and benchmarking: Showcasing the subjects covered in European AI PhD programmes and providing guidelines for maintaining educational excellence.
- Al Excellence Lecture Series: Featuring talks by leading Al scientists, this series aims to inspire and educate with insights from some of the most respected voices in the field.
- Community-driven events: Events like the AI Mellontology Symposium encourage community engagement, offering platforms for knowledge exchange and networking.

AIDA is shaping up to be a cornerstone for AI education in Europe, facilitating collaboration, standardisation, and innovation across the European's academic and research landscape.



Scientific and research outputs

The legacy of Al4Media is deeply embedded in its significant contributions to the scientific and technological community, particularly through its **publications**, **open datasets**, **open source software tools**, **white papers but also public reports like roadmaps**, **strategic research agendas**, etc. These outcomes are available in the <u>Resources Library</u> on the project website. In addition to their academic relevance, these invaluable resources serve as key agents of transformation, equipping researchers, professionals, and policymakers across the globe with the means to drive innovation forward. Al4Media advocates for the open sharing of knowledge, thereby democratising access to information and resources that facilitate new advances in the Al field, particularly in its intersection with media.

The scope of Al4Media's research endeavours is both ambitious and forward-thinking, targeting essential areas of Al that promise to redefine the interface between Al and media. This includes the development of innovative machine learning paradigms, the pursuit of trustworthy Al through the exploration of its robustness, explainability, fairness, and privacy; the focus on content-centric Al for enhanced media content analysis and creation; and the emphasis on human and society-centric Al technologies to better understand the dynamics of online communication and information dissemination. Such targeted research is instrumental in maintaining and expanding Europe's leadership in media Al, contributing to a society that is better informed and more closely connected. At the same time, Al4Media research focuses on ethical and legal aspects and societal impact of Al for media, closely monitoring the policy and regulatory landscape and exploring societal, political, economic and environmental risks.

In essence, AI4Media embodies a commitment to collaborative innovation and the open exchange of knowledge and resources. Through its ongoing contributions, active dissemination, and communication efforts, AI4Media is actively shaping a future where AI and digital advancements enrich the media landscape, aiming to foster a society that is more knowledgeable, connected, and empowered.

The main **target groups or beneficiaries of the scientific accomplishments** achieved by AI4Media include:

- Researchers and academics: Individuals and institutions focused on advancing the field of AI benefit from open access to new research findings, datasets, and software tools. These resources can help accelerate their own projects and foster new discoveries within the academic community.
- Al professionals and developers: Those involved in the practical application and development of Al technologies in the industry can use these advancements to innovate and improve Al applications, leading to more efficient, effective, and ethical Al solutions.
- Media industry stakeholders: Professionals within the media sector, including journalists, content creators, and media companies, stand to gain from AI technologies that can analyse and generate content, personalise media consumption, and optimise distribution channels, thereby enhancing the media landscape.





- Policymakers and regulators: With AI increasingly influencing various aspects of public and private life, policy makers and regulators can use insights from cutting-edge AI research to inform guidelines, regulations, and policies that ensure the responsible use of AI, protecting citizens' rights and promoting ethical standards.
- Lecturers and students: The educational sector benefits from access to the latest AI research and tools, enriching AI curricula and providing students with up-to-date knowledge and skills that are critical for future careers in technology and beyond.
- General public and society at large: Ultimately, the broader society benefits from the advancements in AI that can lead to improved services, new forms of entertainment, enhanced public engagement, and solutions to complex social challenges.

Each of these groups plays a unique role in the ecosystem of AI development and application, and the advancements made by projects like AI4Media have the potential to significantly impact their work, studies, policies, and daily lives.

Target groups of communication strategy

The AI4Media project employs a comprehensive multichannel communication strategy to reach and engage various target groups effectively. In alignment with the previously mentioned information, the **primary target groups for AI4Media, along with the respective communication and dissemination objectives for engaging them**, are specified as follows:

Target group 1	Al Researchers Individuals conducting cutting-edge research contributing to advancing the state-of-the-art AI techniques and methodologies applicable to media applications. Enhancing collaboration and sharing the ground breaking research and developments of AI researchers contribute to advancing AI technologies and applications for the media industry.
Communication & dissemination objectives	 Enhance awareness of the latest scientific findings, methodologies, and technologies developed by AI4Media. Provide access to open AI software, datasets and publications developed by the project as well as to other public reports (e.g. the white papers aligning AI research with media industry needs or the Strategic Research Agenda on AI for the media). Foster collaboration and knowledge sharing between the AI research
	 Foster conaboration and knowledge sharing between the Arresearch community and the media industry, contributing to advances in AI developments and innovation in real-case applications. Encourage the use of AI4Media's open datasets and software for further research.

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Target group 2	Al practitioners Professionals actively engaged in the development, deployment, and utilisation of AI technologies in the media industry (AI researchers, data scientists and machine learning engineers, AI developers, ethical AI experts, media technologists). AI practitioners have an important role in bridging the gap between cutting-edge AI research and practical applications within the media industry.	
Communication & dissemination objectives	 Showcase practical applications and the impact of AI4Media innovations in the media industry. Provide access to cutting-edge AI tools and software developed by the project as well as to other public reports (e.g. the white papers aligning AI research with media industry needs). Create opportunities for practitioners to contribute to the project through feedback, use cases, and collaborative development. 	

Target group 3	Media industry professionals Media organisations, news outlets, journalists and fact-checkers, game developers, music industry professionals, as well as technology companies exploring or using AI. Media industry professionals play a key role in shaping the project's research direction and ensuring that AI innovations are effectively integrated into the media sector.
Communication & dissemination objectives	 Highlight the benefits and opportunities AI technologies offer to the media sector, including content creation, distribution, and audience engagement. Showcase how AI can be leveraged to innovate in the media landscape, demonstrate successful applications of AI4Media outcomes in solving industry-specific challenges through the seven AI4Media use cases and the application projects funded by the open calls. Highlight the benefits of collaboration with AI experts.

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Target group 4	Educational institutions (scholars, PhD students interested in AI and media education) Educational institutions are recognised as crucial actors, offering specialised knowledge and training in AI technologies and their applications within the media industry. They play a vital role in nurturing a new generation of AI talent, equipping the future workforce with the cutting-edge skills necessary for innovation in AI and media.	
Communication & dissemination objectives	 Integrate AI4Media research findings and technologies into educational programmes and curricula through the AI Doctoral Academy - AIDA. Foster interest and competence in AI among PhD students across disciplines through the AI Doctoral Academy - AIDA. Enhance internships, joint research projects, and knowledge exchange. 	

Target group 5	Policy makers and regulators Individuals and organisations involved in the formulation of AI policy and regulations, especially concerning ethical and legal frameworks. Engaging policy and decision makers is crucial for ensuring that the project's findings and innovations are integrated into future regulations and policies.
Communication & dissemination objectives	 Inform about the implications of AI innovations on media and society, emphasising ethical, legal, and societal aspects. Provide in-depth analysis of the European AI policy and regulatory landscape. Provide access to public project reports that can inform policy making (e.g. the Strategic Research Agenda, the Roadmap on AI for the Media industry, the factsheets on different legal/societal/ethical aspects of media AI applications). Provide continuous updates on ethical, legal, and societal aspects of media AI provide through the Observatory. Provide evidence-based recommendations for AI governance, regulatory frameworks, and policy-making. Engage in dialogue to shape supportive policies that foster innovation while ensuring ethical AI use.

Target group 6	General public Broader audience interested in the implications of AI for media, ethical considerations, and technological innovations. Citizens play a pivotal role in shaping the media landscape as consumers and contributors, and at the same time they have a crucial role in the acceptance and adoption of AI solutions applied to the media industry, and can also contribute in aligning the advancements in AI and media technology with societal needs and values.
Communication & dissemination objectives	 Increase awareness and understanding of AI's role and impact in media and everyday life (e.g. through the series of videos on AI and media).
	 Increase awareness and understanding of the project's contributions to societal advancements.
	• Demystify AI technologies, addressing concerns and highlighting benefits through clear, accessible communication.
	• Encourage public discourse about ethical AI use, privacy, and digital rights.

Communication channels

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The multichannel communication approach employed by AI4Media is designed to engage a wide array of target groups effectively. The website's growing traffic, the strategic use of social media, the informative YouTube channel, comprehensive newsletters, mass mailing and press releases, as well as leverage the collaboration with the ICT48+5 projects, and other EC-funded projects, AI platforms and EC channels, collectively contribute to a robust communication strategy. This strategy ensures that the project's findings, innovations, and opportunities are accessible, engaging, and beneficial to a diverse range of stakeholders, from specialised AI researchers and media industry professionals to policymakers and the general public, thereby maximising the potential for awareness, engagement, and collaboration across the AI and media landscapes.

Here's an overview of the main communication channels and tools used by the Al4Media project:

AI4Media website as the central information hub

The <u>Al4Media website</u> acts as the project's central information hub, with significant traffic directed from various communication actions like social media activity, press releases, and newsletters. The website's performance metrics since the launch of the website show a notable increase in user engagement, visits, and interactions with our content.



Since its release, the website has attracted **over 53,000 users**, suggesting a significant level of interest and reach of the project's website and the effectiveness of the project's marketing and outreach efforts. When comparing the number of users with the page views of 154,000, this suggests that, on average, visitors are viewing multiple pages per visit, which is a positive indicator of user engagement, implying that visitors are finding the content relevant and are motivated to explore more than just the landing page. The value of 106,000 user engagement and **7,800 files downloaded** also indicates that the website not only attracts visitors but also successfully engages them with its content.

This highlights the website's effectiveness in capturing interest and disseminating information to a global audience, evidenced by the wide geographical distribution of its visitors.

The communication objectives of the AI4Media website are summarized below:

- To increase awareness of the Al4Media project, its goals, activities, and achievements among a broad audience, including Al researchers, media professionals, policy-makers, and the general public.
- To engage visitors with interactive and compelling content that encourages participation in events, discussions, and collaboration opportunities through the Al4Media network.
- To effectively curate and continually update the AI Media Observatory with relevant and insightful content that empowers stakeholders to navigate the complexities of AI in the media industry.
- To serve as a primary platform for sharing Al4Media's research findings, technological innovations, open datasets, and software tools.
- To highlight and provide access for the AI Doctoral Academy (AIDA), including course materials, upcoming events, and opportunities for PhD students and researchers.
- To provide a repository of policy recommendations, ethical insights, and best practices derived from AI4Media's work.

Social media for widespread engagement

Al4Media leverages major social media platforms - <u>Facebook</u>, <u>LinkedIn</u>, <u>X</u> (former Twitter), and <u>YouTube</u> - to engage with its target audiences. The project has built a growing community across platforms comprising: 1,338 followers and 1,028,394 reach in X; 920 followers and 729,760 reach in Facebook; 834 followers and 68,413 reach in LinkedIn; and 8,053 views in YouTube.

The social media strategy involves:

- Regular posts of an average of 15 posts per month across platforms, to maintain a consistent presence, promoting various project activities, events, and results.
- Effectively tailoring content to address target groups, including AI researchers, media industry professionals, policy-makers, and the general public. Additionally, leveraging



the unique strengths of each platform, i.e. viral and broad-reach content on X, fostering community engagement on Facebook, and facilitating professional networking on LinkedIn.

- To enhance reach and visibility, specific content is boosted through paid campaigns, followers' campaigns, engagement campaigns, and click campaigns.
- Retweeting/sharing and interacting with accounts from relevant AI/media organisations, experts, relevant projects and initiatives to foster community engagement.
- Regular monitoring of social media analytics to understand audience behaviour and adapt strategies to maximize engagement and reach.

Al4Media's YouTube channel serves as a repository for videos that promote the project and its activities. The channel has significantly grown in both content and viewership, featuring 75 videos (summing 8,053 views) that aim to inform the general public about Al's potential in the media through practical examples and to share relevant Al advances among Al experts.

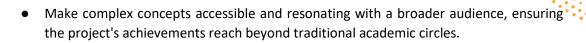
Newsletters and mass mailing for comprehensive updates

The project's <u>newsletters</u>, distributed to the project's mailing list and promoted across AI4Media's channels, serve as a comprehensive update on progress, achievements, and upcoming events. In addition to this, AI4Media actively sends mass mailing involving targeted emails to inform its community about specific activities or events. With a database of 1,700 contacts, mass mailing serves as an efficient way to disseminate information directly to AI4Media partners, Associate Members, subscribers, AIDA members, VISION, NoE+5 projects, and other AI related projects and initiatives such as AI-on-Demand or DIH. Furthermore, these actions both encourage and amplify the multiplier effect of these communications aiming to achieve a higher reach.

Organisation of / participation in events for excellence dissemination

Al4Media has been very active in the organisation of / participation in 136 events (organising 67 and participating in 69 events up to now). Such activities play a crucial role in achieving different objectives:

- Public dissemination of progress and results enhancing the project's visibility and reach;
- Facilitate the sharing of findings, exchange of ideas, and discussions;
- Create connections with peers, potential partners, and industry representatives;
- Engage with policymakers and decision-makers contributing to informed, evidencebased decision-making processes;
- Inspire young researchers and PhD students, on the positive impact of AI research on society;



This exposure at various types of events attracts attention from a wider and more diverse audience, including AI experts, policymakers, industry stakeholders, and the general public.

Communication action plan

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This subsection presents a comprehensive communication action plan aimed at promoting AI4Media's unique elements and key outcomes. This plan is designed to effectively inform and engage various stakeholders about AI4Media's core assets and how they can be used or benefited from even after the project concludes. This is the strategic approach tailored for different facets of the project.

AI4Media narrative and key outcomes		
Objective: To spread awareness about AI4Media's core assets and their benefits beyond the		
project's lifespan.		
Communication action	ons	Relevant task
Develop and disseminate a new project broo	chure highlighting the main	T11.4
outcomes.		
Revise the "About" section of the website with	an updated narrative.	T11.3
Create social media campaigns to support and	enhance exploitation of Key	T11.4
Exploitable Results.		
Consider leveraging EC channels like the He	orizon Results Platform for	T11.6
promoting Key Exploitable Results.		
Collaborate with VISION on actions to promote the NoEs legacy, which		T11.5
include producing and distributing the NoEs video, hosting the 4th AI NoEs		
Community Workshop & AIDA symposium in Thessaloniki on 26-27 June		
2024, and other related activities.		
Publish blogposts in the European AI Alliance blog.		T11.5
Channels Target Grou		ps
Al4Media website Al researchers		
Social media Al practitioners		
Press release Media professionals		
EC channels Policy-makers, gene		ral public
 Mass mailing 		
• VISION and ICT48+5 channels		

Network of Associate Members

Objective: Encourage participation in the <u>network</u>, emphasising its collaborative strength and diversity, and showcasing the success stories and innovations that have emerged from this collaboration.

Communication action	ons	Relevant task
Develop feature articles and video interviews v	with key members discussing	T11.4
their roles, achievements, and the network's in	npact.	
Engage social media, particularly LinkedIn, to c	reate campaigns and publish	T11.4
"calls to action" in relevant LinkedIn Groups,	highlighting the benefits of	
joining the network.		
AI4Media's partners support to promote become	oming an associate member	T11.4
among their channels and networks (especially on LinkedIn).		
Produce and communicate a booklet with the success stories from the		T10.1
projects supported under Open Call #2.		
Channels	Target grou	ps
Social media in particular	Al researchers	
professional networks such as	 Al practitioners 	
LinkedIn	 Media professionals 	
Specialised forums such as AI		
Alliance, DIH, Al-on-Demand		
platform		
 Newsletters and mass mailing 		

AI Media Observatory

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Objective: Emphasise the purpose of the <u>Observatory</u> and its role in tracking and sharing the latest trends and innovations in AI for media, AI regulation and ethics, providing valuable insights and resources.

Communication actions	Relevant task
Improve and enhance the information about the Observatory in the	T11.1
website.	
Enhance the content of the Observatory to also address AI literacy and AI	T2.4
demystification, targeted at the general public.	
Create a flyer about the Observatory's purpose and for whom it is for.	T11.4
Launch a dedicated paid campaign on social media platforms.	T11.4
Organise an online workshop or AI-Café to promote and clarify the purpose	T7.2/T2.4
of the Observatory and how to benefit from it.	
Publish blogposts in the European AI Alliance blog	T11.5
Promote the Observatory (presentation and/or distribution of flyers) and	T11.4
key outputs during the participation in relevant events targeted to different	
target groups including general public, namely:	
• Launching Better Images of Responsible AI (12 Dec 2023, Online -	
LINK)	
• Europe Forum 2024 - Telecommunications & Media Forum (TMF)	
(12-13 Mar 2024, Brussels - <u>LINK</u>)	

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International Conference - Museums pa		•	
society (20 Mar 2024, Brussels - LINK	-		
Culture and Culture for AI and respon	sible ways to communicate		
and visualise AI.			
Al Café on "Generative Al in Media: Descriptions" (7 May 2024, Opling, LIN			
 perspectives" (7 May 2024, Online - LIN EDMO Media Literacy Working Group 			
Brussels - LINK)	ip meeting (10 way 2024,		
 LAILEC 2024 – Beyond the Rules: Regula 	itory Frontiers of Al and Data		
co-located with the Big Data Value Asso	•		
June 2024, Leuven - LINK)			
• "EU vision for media policy in the era of	Al" (19 June 2024, Brussels)		
Co-organised with the Belgian Media A	uthority).		
• "Meet the Future of AI 2024 - Genera	tive AI and Democracy" (19		
June 2024, Brussels) Co-organised	with the projects of the		
disinformation cluster.			
• 4 th AI NoE Community Workshop (26 Ju	ne 2024, Thessaloniki - <u>LINK</u>)		
Co-organised with the ICT48+5 projects			
AIDA symposium on 'AI Education beyo			
Thessaloniki - LINK) Co-organised with			
IASA Conference - 55th Annual co			
Connections" (23-26 Sept 2024, Valenc			
Channels	Target group	95	
Al4Media website Sacial modia (Y, Facebook & Linkadua)	 Al researchers Al practitioners 		
 Social media (X, Facebook & LinkedIn) EC channels 	Al practitionersMedia professionals		
 Events (conferences, workshops, etc.) 	 Policy-makers, general 	al public	

t groups; promote
's contribution to
es.
Relevant task
T9.3/ T11.3
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Publication of posts on both Al4Media's and A	·	T9.3/T11.4
about the benefits of being an AIDA member, o	course offering, other events	
and educational resources.		
Al4Media partners' support to promote AIDA networks (especially on LinkedIn).	among their channels and	T11.4
Request AIDA members to communicate in soc	ial media, internal forums or	Т9.3
other channels about being a member of AIDA	and the benefits.	
Promote AIDA during participation in relevant	events (presentation and/or	Т9.3
distribution of flyers), namely:		
• "AI University Education", AHEPA (Am	nerican Hellenic Educational	
Progressive Association) (7 Feb 2024, C	Inline) Panel and e-lecture	
• "Generative AI: new Castalian talking spring?", Philologos Society		
(11 Mar 2024, Online) Invited lecture		
"Al University Education", IEEE Education	ation Week (16 April 2024,	
Online - <u>LINK</u>)		
AIDA symposium on 'AI Education bey	-	
Thessaloniki - <u>LINK</u>) Co-organised with	the ICT48+5 projects	
Deep Learning School @UniCA 2024 (1-	5 July 2024, Sophia Antipolis	
- <u>LINK)</u> Organised by UCA		
Channels	Target grou	
AIDA website	 Education institution 	
Al4Media and AlDA Social media	Al researchers and P	hD students
platforms	Al lecturers	
AIDA members' channels	 Al practitioners 	
 Events (conferences, workshops, seminars, etc.) 		
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Scientific and research outputs	
Objective: Showcase the project's contributions to advancing AI for media research through	
publications, open datasets, and software, emphasising the impact on the field	d.
Communication actions	Relevant task
Release and communicate accessible summaries of research findings,	WP6, 5, 4, 3
namely:	
 4 booklets featuring selected technological highlights/ 	
achievements of the project and their impact on the Media	
industry, per domain: human and society centred AI; content-	
centred AI; trustworthy AI; new learning paradigms and distributed	
AI.	
Continue publishing scientific outputs in relevant open access repositories	T11.4
(Zenodo, GitHub, etc.).	

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Promote via social media scientific publ campaign), open datasets and software.	ications (#paperoftheweek	T11.4
Create tutorials and demonstrations of the oper by project partners.	n-source software developed	T11.4
Disseminate research results by publishing pa journals, high-profile conference proceedings have been submitted for /accepted for public review. These are/will be shared in our Zen- website.	etc. Numerous new papers cation since the last project odo repository and project	T11.4
 Participate in and organise scientific workshops research results, for example: 2023 IEEE International Conference on Sorrento - LINK) EBU Data Technology Seminar 2024 (12- 2024 IEEE International Conference on A Processing (ICASSP 2024) (14-19 April 20 3rd ACM International Workshop of Disinformation (MAD'24) (10-13 June 20 IEEE / CVF Computer Vision and Pattern (CVPR) (17-21 June 2024, Seattle - LINK) Organising tutorial on Disentang Compositionality in Computer V Organising International Workshop Computer Vision Applications B Chair Workshop on Computer V Milan - LINK) Workshop on Computer V 	n Big Data (15-18 Dec 2023, -14 Mar 2024, Geneva - LINK) Acoustics, Speech, and Signal 024, Seoul - LINK) on Multimedia AI against 024, Phuket - LINK) n Recognition Conference) glement and /ision hop on Visual Odometry and based on Location Clues /ision with Humans in the	T11.4
Channels	Target groups	
 Al4Media website Scientific journals Events (conferences, workshops) Repositories (Zenodo, GitHub, other) 	AI researchersAI practitioners	

Policy outreach

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Objective: To inform and influence policy-makers and industry regulators on the potential social, economic, and political impacts of media AI technologies, advocating for informed policy decisions that support innovation while addressing ethical, societal, and economic concerns.

Communication actions	Relevant task
Develop and distribute the White Paper focused on the comprehensive impacts of AI in the media sector, including social, economic, and political dimensions.	T2.4
Publish and promote the updated version of the AI4Media Strategic Research Agenda (SRA)	T2.3
Create targeted policy briefs that summarise research findings and offer concise, actionable recommendations for policymakers and industry stakeholders.	T2.2
Publish blogposts in the European AI Alliance blog	T2.2/T11.5
 Organise workshops involving policymakers, industry leaders, and academics to discuss the findings of the AI4Media project and explore practical implications and policy needs. Europe Forum 2024 - Telecommunications & Media Forum (TMF) (12-13 Mar 2024, Brussels - LINK) LAILEC 2024 – Beyond the Rules: Regulatory Frontiers of AI and Data co-located with the Big Data Value Association's Data Week 2024 (5 June 2024, Leuven - LINK) EU vision for media policy in the era of AI (19 June 2024, Brussels) Co-organised with the Belgian Media Authority. Meet the Future of AI 2024 - Generative AI and Democracy (19 June 2024, Brussels) Co-organised with the projects of the disinformation cluster. IASA Conference - 55th Annual conference "Interdisciplinary Connections" (23-26 Sept 2024, Valencia - LINK) 	T2.2/T11.5
 Present research outcomes and policy recommendations at relevant forums, conferences, and seminars that attract policymakers and relevant stakeholders in the media and technology sectors. International Symposium "Media Literacy in the Age of Al: Redefining the Possible" (29 Feb 2024, Skopje - LINK). Participation of the project coordinator in the "Al Foundations and the Cutting Edge" panel and keynote talk on "Al in media: The good, the bad, the ugly". Media Innovation Xchange EU Conference (13-14 Mar 2024, Brussels - LINK) Participation of the project coordinator in the "Al and media, reshaping the future" panel, together with representatives from the EC, Open AI and DPG Media. eGovernment Symposium Romand (7 May 2024, Sierre - LINK) AI Café on "Generative AI in Media: societal, ethical, and legal perspectives" (7 May 2024, Online - LINK) 4th AI NoE Community Workshop (26 June 2024, Thessaloniki - LINK) Co-organised with ICT48+5. 	T11.4

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Engage directly with policymakers through one-on-one meetings, roundtable		T2.2/T2.4
discussions, and expert panels to advocate for	the adoption of the project's	
recommendations.		
Communicate via social media relevant policy	recommendations and policy	T11.4
insights produced by Al4media		
Channels	Target groups	5
Al4Media website	 Policy makers (national 	al/European
Mass mailing	legislators, governme	nt
Social media channels	representatives)	
EC channels	European Commission	ı
Events (Conference, workshops)	representatives.	
Publications	 Regulators (media reg 	ulators, data
	protection agencies)	
	 Academia and research 	h community
	 Media professionals 	
	 General public 	

Use	case a	achiev	<i>ements</i>	

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Objective: Communicate and create awareness about AI4Media's use cases, highlighting the results stemming from the collaboration between AI researchers and media professionals, towards advancing the applications of AI in the media industry.

Communication actions	Polovant task
Communication actions	Relevant task
Produce and communicate video interviews or testimonials highlighting the	WP8/T11.4
main outcomes (demo) and lessons learned from each use case.	
Disseminate the publication of the 2nd set of WP8 white papers that discuss	T8.4/T11.4
a) potential applications of Generative AI in the media industry and b)	
challenges, lessons learned, and best practices for the integration of AI	
research outputs in media platforms and workflows, through dedicated blog	
posts and social media posts.	
Produce and communicate a booklet on "Speculative Scenarios – exploring	WP8/T11.4
AI potential and collaborations in the evolving European media landscape",	
presenting the speculative scenarios developed in the two Speculative	
Design Workshops organised in Amsterdam and Pisa. Each scenario serves	
as a pitch for the application of AI4Media's AI technologies into future media	
application scenarios.	
Publish blogposts in the European Al Alliance blog	T11.5
Promote the use cases demos during the participation in relevant events,	T11.4
namely:	
• 2023 IEEE International Conference on Big Data (15-18 Dec 2023,	
Sorrento - LINK) Presentation of UC3 achievements.	

 Al workshop "Al at the center: news, at 2024, Milan - LINK) Presentation of UC. EBU Data Technology Seminar 2024 (12) Presentation of UC3 achievements. International Conference - Museums p society (20 Mar 2024, Brussels - achievements. Al and Heritage Conference: the applic the heritage sector (25 Mar 2024, America of UC4 achievements. Musical festival SONAR 2024 (13-15 J) Presentation of the UC6 demonstrator live music festival. EU vision for media policy in the era of Co-organised with the Belgian Media A and UC4 achievements in the panel of <i>opportunities in media</i>". Ath Al NoE Community Workshop (26 Jacobardon Co-organised with the ICT48+5 projects) FIAT / IFTA Conference (15-18 October International Broadcasting Convention 	3 achievements. 2-14 Mar 2024, Geneva - LINK) aving the way in an AI-driven LINK) Presentation of UC4 cation and future of AI within sterdam - LINK) Presentation une 2024, Barcelona - LINK) r for music composition in a of AI (19 June 2024, Brussels) uthority. Presentation of UC2 on <i>"Practitioners views on AI</i> une 2024, Thessaloniki - LINK) s. 2024, Bucharest - LINK) on (13-16 September 2024,	
 Amsterdam - <u>LINK</u>) Demo and presenta Conference Fantastic Futures: AI f Museums (15-18 Oct 2024, Canberra achievements. 	ation of UC1. or Libraries, Archives and	
Channels	Target groups	
 YouTube channel Social Media Al4Media website EC Channels Partners' own channels Newsletter and Mass mailing Events (conference, workshops) 	 Al researchers Al practitioners Media professionals Policy makers 	

Generative AI and LLMs in media – Results and findings from AI4Media

Objective: Effectively communicate and create awareness about the work done on generative AI within the AI4Media project. This involves highlighting the significance of recent advances in generative AI and large language models (LLMs) for the media industry, showcasing ongoing research activities, addressing ethical and trustworthy AI aspects, and promoting collaboration and knowledge dissemination among stakeholders.

Communication actions

Relevant task

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Publish and promote the updated version of the AI4Media Strategic	T2.3/T11.4
Research Agenda (SRA), highlighting the new section dedicated to	
generative AI and LLMs for the media, main research themes, challenges,	
and potential impacts.	
	T2 4/T7 2
Share insights on AI-Cafés, webinars and workshops from the analysis of	T2.4/T7.2
technical, legal, ethical, and societal aspects of generative AI, emphasising	
the project's commitment to ethical and trustworthy AI.	
• AI Café on "Image Generation using Midjourney, Dalle-3, and	
Adobe Firefly" (7 Feb 2024, Online - LINK)	
• Al Café on "Generative Al in Media: societal, ethical, and legal	
perspectives" (7 May 2024, Online - LINK)	
• EU vision for media policy in the era of AI (19 June 2024, Brussels)	
Co-organised with the Belgian Media Authority.	
• Meet the Future of AI 2024 - Generative AI and Democracy (19	
June 2024, Brussels) Co-organised with the projects of the	
disinformation cluster.	
Promote AI4Media's research results on generative AI and LLM in media	T11.4
during participation in relevant events, namely:	
NeurIPS 2023 – 37th Annual Conference on Neural Information	
Processing Systems (10-16 Dec 2023, New Orleans - LINK)	
• Workshop Artificial Intelligence - AI at the center: news,	
applications (1 Jan 2024, Milan - LINK)	
WACV 2024 - IEEE/CVF Winter Conference on Applications of	
Computer Vision (4-8 Jan 2024, Waikoloa - LINK)	
special session (29 Jan 2023 - 2 Feb 2024, Amsterdam - <u>LINK</u>)	
 Perspectives on AI Symposiums - AI and Democracy: opportunities 	
and risks, Symposium (21 Feb 2024, Martigny - <u>LINK</u>)	
• "Generative AI: new Castalian talking spring?", Philologos Society	
(11 Mar 2024, Online) Invited lecture	
 EvoStar Conference (3-5 April 2024, Aberystwyth - LINK) 	
 Summit AI Explained by Creators (17 April 2024, Dubai - LINK) 	
Keynote on Cross-Modal Understanding and Generation of	
Multimodal Content	
6th International Conference on Advances in Signal Processing and	
Artificial Intelligence (ASPAI) (17-19 April 2024, Funchal - LINK)	
International Spring School - Multimodal Foundation Models and	
Generative AI 2024 (29 Apr - 3 May 2024, Rabat - LINK)	
 International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR 2024) 	
(7-11 May 2024, Vienna - <u>LINK</u>)	
ACM International Conference on Interactive Media Experiences	
(IMX) (12-14 June 2024 <i>,</i> Stockholm - <u>LINK</u>)	

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 Artificial Intelligence and Games - 6th International Summer School (17-21 June 2024, Valletta - <u>LINK</u>) TUM IEAI Speaker Series, Invited talk (20 June 2024, Munich - <u>LINK</u>) 	
Summarise and disseminate research outcomes related to generative AI and LLMs from technical work packages (WPs 3, 4, 5, 6). Share publications, software, datasets, and methodologies through open repositories and the project website.	WPs 3,4,5,6
Showcase the achievements of the core research activities and the outcomes of the internal open call projects focused on LLMs through various channels.	WP5/T11.4
Publish results from the LLM projects on the AI-on-Demand platform as AI assets or case studies.	WP7
Highlight the integration of generative AI in use case demonstrators and research activities. Prepare and disseminate a white paper discussing opportunities, challenges, and recommendations regarding generative AI in media sectors.	WP8
Continue educational activities focusing on generative AI, including symposiums, lectures, courses, and educational resources for AIDA students.	WP9
Utilize various communication channels to disseminate information on generative AI research within AI4Media. This includes creating a trending topic on social media #GenerativeAI4Media with updates on all the above-mentioned results and findings, newsletter articles, press releases, online events, and publications in relevant AI platforms (AI Alliance, DIH).	T11.4
Publish relevant blogposts in the European AI Alliance blog	T11.5
 Organise various events dedicated to generative AI: Organise a session dedicated to generative AI in Media and other fields in the 4th AI NoE Community Workshop (26 June 2024, Thessaloniki - LINK) Co-organised with the ICT48+5 projects. 	T11.4 , WP6
• Discuss the impact of generative AI in education in the AIDA symposium on 'AI Education beyond Borders (27 June 2024, Thessaloniki - LINK) Co-organised with the ICT48+5 projects.	
 Organise the 3rd ACM International Workshop on Multimedia Al against Disinformation (MAD'24) (10-13 June 2024, Phuket - <u>LINK</u>) Exploring the use of generative AI for disinformation spread and detection. 	
• Organise the "Meet the Future of AI 2024 - Generative AI and Elections" event (19 June 2024, Brussels) co-organised with the projects of the disinformation cluster.	

•	Organise a temporary interactive exhibition titled "Artificial
	Intelligence: Possibilities and Challenges" (LINK) in the NOESIS Science
	Center and Technology Museum in Thessaloniki, Greece. The
	exhibition will open on April 26th, 2024, and will offer an engaging
	introduction to AI, exploring its benefits and risks, also putting an
	emphasis on generative AI and its impact, e.g. on disinformation
	spread and environmental footprint. The exhibition will target the
	general public and will include visits from elementary and high-school
	students from local schools in the greater area of the city of
	Thessaloniki.

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Channels	Target groups	
 Al4Media website AlDA portal Social media platforms (Twitter, LinkedIn, Facebook) Newsletters and Mass mailing Press releases EC channels Al Alliance and Al-on-Demand platforms Events (conference, workshops) 	 AI researchers and professionals Media industry stakeholders Policy makers and regulators Academic community General public interested in AI and media intersections 	

List of events (to be organised or attended)

This section provides a summary of all events that AI4Media plans to organise or participate in in the next few months, along with the topics or results that will be promoted at each event.

Date	Event Title	Location	URL
10-16 Dec 2023	NeurIPS 2023 – 37 th Annual Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems	New Orleans	<u>LINK</u>
12 Dec 2023	Launching Better Images of Responsible AI	Online	<u>LINK</u>
15-18 Dec 2023	2023 IEEE International Conference on Big Data	Sorrento	<u>LINK</u>
1 Jan 2024	Workshop Artificial Intelligence - AI at the center: news, applications and rules, Workshop	Milan	<u>LINK</u>
4-8 Jan 2024	WACV 2024 - IEEE/CVF Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision	Waikoloa	<u>LINK</u>
29 Jan-2 Feb 2024	MultiMedia Modeling. MMM 2024, Video Browsing Showdown special session	Amsterdam	<u>LINK</u>
1 Feb 2024	AI workshop "AI at the center: news, applications and rules"	Milan	<u>LINK</u>

Date	Event Title	Location	URL
	Panelist and e-lecturer, "AI University		
7 Feb 2024	Education", AHEPA (American Hellenic	-	-
	Educational Progressive Association)		
7 Feb 2024	AI Café on "Image Generation using		
	Midjourney, Dalle-3, and Adobe Firefly"	Online	<u>LINK</u>
	Perspectives on AI Symposiums - AI and		
21 Feb 2024	Democracy: opportunities and risks,	Martigny	LINK
	Symposium		
	International Symposium "Media Literacy in the		
29 Feb 2024	Age of AI: Redefining the Possible"	Skopje	<u>LINK</u>
	Invited lecture "Generative AI: new Castalian		
11 Mar 2024	talking spring?", Philologos Society	Online	-
42.42.84.2024	Europe Forum 2024 - Telecommunications &		
12-13 Mar 2024	Media Forum (TMF)	Brussels	<u>LINK</u>
12-14 Mar 2024	EBU Data Technology Seminar 2024	Geneva	LINK
13-14 Mar 2024	Media Innovation Xchange EU Conference	Brussels	LINK
2014 2024	International Conference - Museums paving the		
20 Mar 2024	way in an AI-driven society	Brussels	<u>LINK</u>
25 Mar 2024	AI and heritage Conference: the application and	Amsterdam	
	future of AI within the heritage sector		<u>LINK</u>
	Temporary interactive exhibition titled	Thessaloniki	
26 Apr 2024 -	"Artificial Intelligence: Possibilities and		LINK
onwards	Challenges" at the NOESIS Science Center and		
	Technology Museum		
3-5 Apr 2024	EvoStar Conference	Aberystwyth	<u>LINK</u>
	2024 IEEE International Conference on		
14-19 Apr 2024	Acoustics, Speech, and Signal Processing	Seoul	<u>LINK</u>
	(ICASSP 2024)		
16 Apr 2024	Invited e-lecture "AI University Education", IEEE	Online	LINK
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	Keynote on Cross-Modal Understanding and		
17 Apr 2024	Generation of Multimodal Content at the	Dubai	<u>LINK</u>
	Summit AI Explained by Creators		
	6th International Conference on Advances in		
17-19 Apr 2024	Signal Processing and Artificial Intelligence	Funchal	<u>LINK</u>
	(ASPAI)		
29 Apr - 3 May	International Spring School - Multimodal	Rabat	LINK
2024	Foundation Models and Generative AI 2024		
7 May 2024	eGovernment Symposium Romand	Sierre	<u>LINK</u>



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Event Title URL Date Location Al Café - Generative Al in Media: societal, 7 May 2024 Online LINK ethical, and legal perspectives International Conference on Learning 7-11 May 2024 Vienna LINK Representations (ICLR 2024) Brussels 16 May 2024 EDMO Media Literacy Working Group meeting LINK LAILEC 2024 – Beyond the Rules: Regulatory Frontiers of AI and Data co-located with the Big 5 June 2024 Leuven LINK Data Value Association's Data Week 2024 3rd ACM International Workshop on 10-13 June 2024 Phuket LINK Multimedia AI against Disinformation (MAD'24) ACM International Conference on Interactive 12-14 June 2024 Stockholm LINK Media Experiences (IMX) **Musical festival SONAR 2024** 13-15 June 2024 Barcelona LINK Artificial Intelligence and Games - 6th 17-21 June 2024 Valletta LINK International Summer School IEEE / CVF Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition Conference (CVPR) • Tutorial on Disentanglement and Compositionality in Computer Vision 17-21 June 2024 • International Workshop on Visual Seattle LINK **Odometry and Computer Vision Applications Based on Location Clues** Chair Workshop on Computer Vision • with Humans in the Loop 19 June 2024 EU vision for media policy in the era of AI Brussels _ Meet the Future of AI 2024 - Generative AI and 19 June 2024 Brussels Democracy 20 June 2024 TUM IEAI Speaker Series, Invited talk Munich LINK 26 June 2024 4th AI NoEs Community Workshop Thessaloniki **LINK** AIDA symposium on 'AI Education beyond 27 June 2024 Thessaloniki LINK Borders' Sophia 1-5 July 2024 Deep Learning School @UniCA 2024 LINK Antipolis 13-16 September International Broadcasting Convention Amsterdam LINK 2024, IASA Conference - 55th Annual conference 23-26 Sep 2024 Valencia LINK "Interdisciplinary Connections"



Date	Event Title	Location	URL
	Workshop on Computer Vision for Videogames		
29 Sept 2024	at the European Conference on Computer	Milan	<u>LINK</u>
	Vision (ECCV)		
15-18 Oct 2024	FIAT / IFTA Conference	Bucharest	<u>LINK</u>
15-18 Oct 2024	Conference Fantastic Futures: AI for Libraries,	Canberra	
	Archives and Museums		<u>LINK</u>

11.2 Annex 2 – List of media coverage / press clipping (conducted by partners)

"Artificial intelligence is not the new Tower of Babel. We must beware of technophobia instead" published by AUTH on May 2023 at:

- Euronews (LINK)
- YahooNews (LINK)
- Eurasia diary (LINK)

AI and the Fight Against Technophobia published by AUTH on May 2023 at:

• Unite AI (<u>LINK</u>)

More than 10 Articles and 15 interviews in national/local radio and TV by AUTH

- I. Pitas: the human characteristics of ChatGPT (March 2023) (LINK)
- AMP News Agency (March 2023)
- Innovative system for political polling based on AI, ERT News (Feb. 2023)
- AI Professor Talks Future of AI and its Potential Impact on Society, EM360 podcast (April 2023) (LINK)

Publications in the AI Alliance platform:

- AI4Media: A European Excellence Centre for Media, Society and Democracy (June 2023) (LINK)
- The AI4Media Strategic Research Agenda on AI for the Media Industry (July 2023) (LINK)
- Join AIDA: A European initiative to make AI education and research accessible at global level (July 2023) (LINK)

Publications in Medium:

• Is data fixable? On the need of socially-informed practices in ML research and education - Part 1: Deployment failures and approaches to data by UCA (January 2023) (<u>LINK</u>)

- Is data fixable? On the need of socially-informed practices in ML research and education

 Part 2: A more holistic perspective on data creation and expectations, by UCA (January
 2023) (LINK)
- Is data fixable? On the need of socially-informed practices in ML research and education - Part 3: AI ethics and our ML education practices, by UCA (January 2023) (LINK)
- Blog series: More policies and initiatives need to support responsible AI practices in the media by UvA (July 2024) (<u>LINK</u>)
- Blog series: AI regulation is overlooking the need for third-party transparency in the media sector by UvA (July 2024) (LINK)

Can AI research be stopped? No, but it should become more open, democratic and scientific, published by AUTH on April 2023 at:

- IIoT World (LINK)
- Lavnch (LINK)

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- i40today (<u>LINK</u>)
- 360tech (<u>LINK</u>)

Promotion at DW Innovation channel

- Al4Media public reports
- UC1 results article: AI in Media Tools: How to Increase User Trust and Support AI Governance

Promotion conducted by AUTH in several national and international media outlets

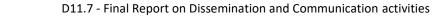
- Promotion of AI4Media interview, Sky Radio, Katerina Drakou
- Promotion of AI4Media interview, on N. Lygeros and Maria Sfyroera, show "Ti mas ksimeroni", First Program Radio ERT
- Promotion of Al4Media interview, N. Pitsiakidis ET3 TV
- Promotion of Al4Media interview, Maria Tsakiri 102 FM/ET3
- Promotion of AI4Media interview, Vaso Lykourinou, TV100
- Promotion of Al4Media interview, Androniki Tsatsaroni, ATTICA TV,
- Promotion of AI4Media interview, Eva Karkiti , Sky Radio, 9:58 ET3
- Promotion of AI4Media interview, Sotiris Beskos, Alpha Radio
- Promotion of Al4Media article by A. Lakasas "Higher Education Institutes Seek Defenses Against the Onslaught of ChatGPT", Kathimerini

- Promotion of AI4Media Panos Kavvadas, Marg. Mytilineos Athens 9.84 Municipal Radio
- Promotion of AI4Media interview, "Epilogos" ERTNEWS, ERT, Lina Kapetaniou

- Promotion of Al4Media innovation article by I.Pitas on"Political Barometer: New political forecasting system using Artificial Intelligence from Aristotle University of Thessaloniki"
- Promotion of Al4Media innovation article by I.Pitas "Political Barometer: Aristotle University of Thessaloniki introduces an innovative forecasting system based on Artificial Intelligence."
- Promotion of Al4Media innovation article by I.Pitas "Political Barometer: The innovative system from Aristotle University of Thessaloniki that makes predictions based on Artificial Intelligence."
- Promotion of AI4Media innovation article by I.Pitas "Political Barometer: Innovative forecasting system based on Artificial Intelligence."
- Promotion of AI4Media innovation article by I.Pitas "Forecasting election results with artificial intelligence Presentation tomorrow."
- Promotion of AI4Media innovation article by I.Pitas "Nea Dimokratia at 30.6% according to the Political Barometer of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki."
- Promotion of Al4Media innovation article by I.Pitas "Press conference for the presentation of the innovative forecasting system "Political Barometer"
- Promotion of AI4Media innovation article by I.Pitas "AUTH: Election trend forecasting system with Artificial Intelligence."
- Promotion of Al4Media innovation article by I.Pitas "Elections 2023: Twitter as a political barometer What the hashtags reveal."
- Promotion of Al4Media innovation interview with I.Pitas and Takis Tsoukalelis on thestival.gr
- Promotion of AI4Media innovation interview with I. Pitas and O. Xenopoulou, EKPY meetings, ERA 1st program,
- Promotion of Al4Media innovation article on Political Barometer "Software predicts election results." by A. Lakasas in Kathimerini
- Promotion of AI4Media interview with I. Pitas and Vangelis Kokolakos, ANT1
- Promotion of AI4Media interview with I. Pitas and Petros Kirkilis, SKAI 100.3
- Promotion of Al4Media innovation article by I. Pitas "International Lead: Aristotle University Model 'Reads' Tweets and Predicts Government What Comparison with Polls Reveals," in Ethnos

- Promotion of AI4Media innovation interview with I. Pitas and Foteini Stefanopoulou and Chrysa Nanou, ET3 radio,
- Promotion of AI4Media innovation interview with I. Pitas and A. Maggiriadis for ET1 TV
- Promotion of AI4Media innovation interview with I. Pitas A. Kalyviotis on TV100.
- Promotion of AI4Media innovation interview with I. Pitas Pan. Manis on ET3

- Promotion of AI4Media innovation interview with I. Pitas Maria Vlachou on TV100
- Promotion of AI4Media innovation interview with I. Pitas Giorgos Apostolidis on Athens FM 984
- Promotion of AI4Media innovation interview with I. Pitas on FM104.9 APE-MPE with Sot. Kyriakidis
- Promotion of AI4Media innovation article " by Elena Karavasili in "Makedonia"
- Promotion of AI4Media innovation article by E. Saltou, "The tweets in the battle of prediction", in "Nea"
- Promotion of Al4Media innovation opinion article by I.Pitas "Can Al research be stopped? No, but it should become more open, democratic and scientific", disseminated by LOBA
- Promotion of AI4Media innovation interview with I. Pitas and Ellis Stewart on EM360
- Promotion of Al4Media innovation interview with I. Pitas to One Channel TV in 'One live magazine' broadcastA. Nikolaou
- Promotion of AI4Media innovation interview with I. Pitas to ET1 Channel on AI trends and technophobia
- Promotion of Al4Media innovation interview with I. Pitas and Sara Tsela on "Impact of Al and LLM in Labor Market and Economy", Navtemporiki TV
- Promotion of AI4Media innovation interviewwith I. Pitas on on the First Program of ERY in the show hosted by Areti Bita about AI topics
- Promotion of AI4Media article by I.Pitas "Artificial intelligence is not the new Tower of Babel. We must beware of technophobia instead " by I. Pitas in Euronews, Yahoo!news
- Promotion of Al4Media article by I.Pitas "Artificial intelligence is not the new Tower of Babel" on Eurasia diary
- Promotion of AI4Media article by I.Pitas "AI and the Fight Against Technophobia" on unite.ai



• Promotion of AI4Media innovation interview with I. Pitas at the Municipal Radio of Larissa with Ms. E. Papakalousi on AI topics

- Promotion of AI4Media innovation interview with I. Pitas on Vergina TV with Theodora Apota on AI topics
- Promotion of AI4Media interview with I. Pitas and Sotiris Letsios on "Orthodox Truth"
- Promotion of AI4Media innovation by I. Pitas article "The Barometer Goes Twitter" in Vima
- Promotion of Al4Media innovation article by I.Pitas "Political Barometer: Estimating election results through Artificial Intelligence and emotional analysis of political tweets."
- Promotion of AI4Media innovation interview with I. Pitas on APE-MPE FM104.9 with Sot. Kyriakidis about the Political Barometer
- Promotion of Al4Media article by I.Pitas "The story of an imaginary city and the fears surrounding Artificial Intelligence." on APE-MPE, Makedonia Newspaper, Naftemporiki, Ethnikos Kirix, Real.gr, Zougla.gr, thepresident.gr, cretalive.gr, proson.gr
- Promotion of AI4Media article by I. Pitas "The Artificial Intelligence exit poll" on Kathimerini
- Press release by LOBA 31/5/2023: Opinion Article "Beyond AI Technophobia: Formation of Citizens and Global Education Uplifting": Article by I.Pitas "Conversations About AI -Part 1: Overcoming Technophobia Through Education", 21st Century Tech Blog and Article "Beyond AI Technophobia: Formation of Citizens and Global Education Uplifting", unite.ai,
- Promotion of AI4Media innovation interview with I. Pitas on AI with Thanasis Karagiannis on SKAI Radio,
- Promotion of AI4Media innovation interview with I. Pitas on AI with Vasiliki Chatzileri on ANT1 TV
- Promotion of AI4Media innovation article with I. Pitas "Artificial Intelligence: the nightmare is much closer than you think (referring to I. Pita's views." by G. Triantis
- Promotion of AI4Media innovation interview with I. Pitas on AI with Andreas Papastamatiou, Maria Sfyroera on "Apolitos Sxetiko" at ET1 first program
- Promotion of AI4Media innovation interview with I. Pitas on AI for the Political Barometer with Eleni Poimenidou on "Radio Thessaloniki"
- Promotion of AI4Media innovation interview with I. Pitas on Municipal Radio with Nausika Gratziou,
- Promotion of AI4Media innovation interview with I. Pitas on the Political Barometer with Eleni Poimenidou

• Promotion of Al4Media innovation interview with I. Pitas on the Political Barometer with Sotiris Kyriakidis, APE-MPE "Agency 104.9FM,"

- Promotion of AI4Media innovation interview with I. Pitas on the Political Barometer with Aspasia Vouzi on 102 fm ET3,
- Promotion of AI4Media innovation interview with I. Pitas on the Political Barometer with Antonis Antzoletos on SKAI Radio-Kathimerini
- Promotion of AI4Media article by I. Pitas "Work and Artificial Intelligence", othernews.gr
- Promotion of AI4Media innovation interview with I. Pitas on AI and LLM on the show "Sindeseis" on ET1 Television with Konstantina Vrettou
- Promotion of AI4Media lecture "What is Artificial Intelligence?" by I. Pitas in Eratyra on Estia of Sunday, echoflorina.gr, e-ptolemeos.gr, kozanilife.gr, kozanimedia.gr, oladeka.com
- Promotion of AI4Media interview with I. Pitas on Dion TV on "What is Artificial Intelligence?"
- Promotion of Al4Media interview with I. Pitas on ERA Kozani, "What is Artificial Intelligence?"
- Promotion of AI4Media interview with I. Pitas on Skai Radio, "What is Artificial Intelligence?"
- Promotion of AI4Media interview with I. Pitas on Athens FM 984, "What is Artificial Intelligence?"
- Promotion of AI4Media interview with I. Pitas on the show of Dimitris Golia, Alpha Radio
- Promotion of Al4Media interview with I. Pitas in the webcast on 'Al and new cybersecurity issues' by P. Savvidis,
- Promotion of Al4Media interview with I. Pitas on Al in the radio broadcast 'One day in Athens' by G. Apostolidis, Athens FM
- Promotion of AI4Media interview with I. Pitas on AI in the broadcast 'Connections' on National AI policies, ET1 TV
- Promotion of Al4Media interview with I. Pitas on Al in One Channel TV
- Promotion of AI4Media interview with I. Pitas on AI in the broadcast 'Atairiastoi', Sky TV,
- Promotion of Al4Media interview with I. Pitas on Al in Vergina TV
- Promotion of Al4Media interview with I. Pitas on Al in the broadcast 'ActionNow', Action24 TV

- Promotion of AI4Media interview with I. Pitas on AI in the broadcast 'Euranet', Sky radio
- Promotion of Al4Media interview with I. Pitas on Al in the broadcast 'ActionNow', Action24 TV

- Promotion of Al4Media invited lecture with I. Pitas on What is Al? in the Journalists' Union of Macedonia-Thrace,
- Promotion of Al4Media interview with I. Pitas on 'Al and Mass Media' in the broadcast 'Agency FM' by Mr. S. Kyriakidis, ANA-MPA radio
- Promotion of Al4Media interview with I. Pitas on 'Deep fakes and youngster undressing' in the broadcast of Action24 TV
- Promotion of Al4Media interview with I. Pitas on 'Al development' in the broadcast of Mr. P. Kiriklis, SKY 100.3 FM radio,
- Promotion of Al4Media interview with I. Pitas on 'Artificial General Intelligence' in the in the broadcast of Mr. T. Spiliopoulos, Naftemporiki TV
- Promotion of Al4Media invited lecture with I. Pitas on What is Al? in the Journalists' Union of Greece
- Promotion of Al4Media interview with I. Pitas on the Al Act in the broadcast of Mr. G. Apostolidis, 984 FM radio,
- Promotion of Al4Media invited lecture with I. Pitas on What is Al? in the Journalists' Union of Macedonia-Thrace
- Promotion of Al4Media interview with I. Pitas on 'Al and Mass Media' in the broadcast 'Agency FM' by Mr. S. Kyriakidis, ANA-MPA radio
- Promotion of AI4Media interview with I. Pitas on the AI and employment to Ms. A. Vouzi, 102 FM ET3
- Promotion of Al4Media interview with I. Pitas on the Al and employment to Ms. Th. Apota, Vergina TV
- Promotion of Al4Media interview with I. Pitas on the Al and Fake Identities, in ERA 1 radio broadcast 'Morning itineraries in ERA 1 radio
- Promotion of AI4Media interview with I. Pitas on the AI Act on APE-MPE, .amna.gr, ot.gr, onlarissa.gr, .paraskhnio.gr, matrix24.g
- Promotion of Al4Media interview with I. Pitas on the Al Act to Mr. G. Magkriotis, Flash FM
- Promotion of AI4Media interview with I. Pitas on Generative AI in Vergina TV

• Promotion of Al4Media with I. Pitas invited panelist 'Al in Medicine: ethics and legal issues' 7th Greek Pulmonology conference

- Promotion of AI4Media with I. Pitas invited panelist on 'AI and Books' 20th International Book Fair, Thessaloniki, Greece Political barometer and Euro-elections
- Promotion of Al4Media innovation article on Greece Political barometer and Euroelections by I. Pitas on amna.gr, parapolitika.gr, makthes.gr, ictplus.gr, vetonews.gr, ertnews.gr, anixneuseis.gr
- Promotion of Al4Media interview with I. Pitas on 'Political barometer and Euroelections' at Parapolitika FM
- Promotion of AI4Media interview with I. Pitas on 'Political barometer and Euroelections' at ERT3 102 FM Radio
- Promotion of AI4Media interview with I. Pitas on 'Political barometer and Euroelections' at Sky FM
- Promotion of Al4Media interview with I. Pitas on 'Political barometer and Euroelections' at Talk FM Radio
- Promotion of Al4Media interview with I. Pitas on 'Political barometer and Euroelections' at ERT1 Radio
- Promotion of AI4Media interview with I. Pitas on 'Political barometer and Euroelections' at ANA-MPA Praktoreio 104.9FM Radio
- Promotion of AI4Media interview with I. Pitas on 'Political barometer and Euroelections' at Naftemporiki TV
- Promotion of AI4Media interview with I. Pitas on 'Political barometer and Euroelections' at ERT3 TV
- Promotion of AI4Media interview with I. Pitas on 'Political barometer and Euroelections' at Ertnews TV
- Promotion of AI4Media interview with I. Pitas on 'Political barometer and Euroelections' at Vergina TV
- Promotion of Al4Media interview with I. Pitas on 'Political barometer and Euroelections' at Dion TV
- Promotion of Al4Media interview with I. Pitas on 'Political barometer and Euroelections' again at ANA-MPA Praktoreio 104.9FM Radio
- Promotion of AI4Media interview with I. Pitas on 'Political barometer and Euroelections' at 102.5FM Radio Ena

• Promotion of AI4Media interview with I. Pitas on 'Political barometer and Euroelections' again at ERT1 Radio

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- Promotion of AI4Media interview with I. Pitas on 'AI and call centers' at Alpha Radio 989 FM
- Promotion of AI4Media invited lecture with I. Pitas on 'AI in Medical Imaging' at the summer school "Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning in Biomedical Engineering", Kalandra, Greece
- Promotion of AI4Media innovation article "For or against pollsters" by I.Pitas on Ethnos.gr
- Promotion of AI4Media innovation article "Reliability of opinion polls" by I.Pitas on Magnesia News, Anixneuseis.gr







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