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Table of Abbreviations and Acronyms

Abbreviation Meaning		
DEC	Dissemination, Exploitation and Communication	
D&C	Dissemination & Communication	
KPI	Key Performance Indicator	
SM	Social media	
N/A	Not Applicable	







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1 Executive Summary

This report outlines the dissemination and communication (D&C) efforts undertaken within the RuralBioUp project's WP6 – Dissemination, exploitation, and communication activities, spanning from Month 1 (October 2022) to Month 18 (March 2024). Its primary aim is to provide a comprehensive account of the D&C activities carried out during this period, detailing the materials, channels, and tools utilized and developed by the RuralBioUp consortium.

Over this timeframe, project communication progressed from creating awareness and fostering community to disseminating activities, events, and initial findings, aimed at engaging target groups with RuralBioUp. Notably, consistent application of the RuralBioUp identity across all channels and materials was emphasized. Various resources, including templates, brochures, presentations, and a roll-up, were created to support partners in disseminating project information effectively.

Key communication channels included the project website and social media networks (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn), strategically utilized to maximize reach and engagement. The website attracted significant traffic and served as a successful platform for sharing project outcomes, while social media channels garnered a substantial following and contributed to building a community.

Furthermore, project dissemination efforts included partner participation in events and the distribution of a newsletter to a wide audience. Mass mailing initiatives will be intensified in subsequent periods to further expand project visibility and collaboration opportunities.

Overall, this initial project phase marks the beginning of ongoing collaborations and outreach efforts within RuralBioUp.







2 Introduction

This report offers comprehensive insights into the activities, channels, materials, and tools utilized to enhance communication and dissemination within the RuralBioUp project from Month 1 (October 2022) to Month 18 (March 2024). Future updates on communication and dissemination efforts will be available in Month 35 through the *D6.3 Report on dissemination and communication activities*.

Additionally, the document outlines the effects of dissemination and communication efforts carried out during the specified period, showcasing the outcomes and analytics across various channels utilized. These include website statistics, social network analytics, newsletter metrics, and engagement in events.

This deliverable is divided into 7 main sections:

- Chapter 4 "Branding" presents the identity of the project.
- Chapter 5 "Channels and Tools" presents the different channels and tools used for disseminating and communicating project activities and outcomes, including the project website, social media accounts, YouTube Channel, newsletter.
- Chapter 6 "Events" outlines the events where the project has been represented and describes the communication activities undertaken in RuralBioUp to support the promotion of the events where the project partners have been involved, either as organisers, participants (i.e., speakers) or attendees.
- Chapter 7 "RuralBioUp's partners support in D&C" provides information on the dissemination and communication activities conducted by project partners.
- Chapter 8 "Liaison with networks, initiatives and other projects" describes the collaborations established with other projects and initiatives.
- Chapter 9 "Key Performance indicators and impact" provides a comparison between the key performance indicators defined in the Description of Action and refined in D6.1 Plan for the dissemination and exploitation including communication activities and the status, to assess the overall performance of the dissemination and communication activities.
- **Chapter 10 "Conclusions"** concludes the deliverable with main highlights and takeaways, alongside outlining the main steps for future progress.

Furthermore, the deliverable incorporates an Appendix section, where some materials can be found such as the Brand book of the project.







3 RuralBioUp in a nutshell

RuralBioUp "Empowering EU Rural Regions to Scale-Up and Adopt Small-Scale Bio-Based Solutions: the transition towards a sustainable, regenerative, inclusive and just circular bioeconomy" is a transformative initiative set to redefine the landscape of rural economies in Europe.

Over a span of 36 months, from October 2022 to September 2025, RuralBioUp aims to revolutionize the rural bioeconomy by fostering the adoption and scaling of innovative, bio-based solutions, being the main goal the following: support innovators to scale-up inclusive and small-scale biobased solutions in rural areas. At its core, the project is dedicated to supporting a diverse group of innovators, including farmers, foresters, policymakers, companies, business support organizations, civil society organizations and investors.

The heart of RuralBioUp's strategy lies in the establishment of nine Regional Hubs across six EU countries, which are tasked with implementing comprehensive Action Plans across eighteen value chains.

The Hubs are established through the collective efforts of Regional Facilitators, Hub Contact Points, and at least thirty local stakeholders in each region, ensuring a deeply integrated and locally relevant approach.

The chosen locations for these Regional Hubs include Lombardy, Marche, and Apulia in Italy; Charles Spa in Czechia; Pays de la Loire and Auvergne-Rhone-Alpes in France; Latvia; Ireland (with a focus on County Tipperary); and the Centru Region in Romania. Each Hub will serve as a "demonstrator" of the RuralBioUp approach, showcasing innovative support services and facilitating the transfer of expertise, practical knowledge, methodologies, and tools to other EU regions and rural areas.

By bringing together a diverse range of actors and knowledge, RuralBioUp is setting the stage for a future where rural economies thrive through innovation and sustainability.







4 Branding

4.1 Project Identity

The project's identity was defined in the early stages (M1-M2), as outlined in deliverable *D6.1* Plan for the dissemination and exploitation including communication activities (M6).

This identity was and will be consistently applied across all communication and dissemination materials, encompassing templates, brochures, project website, one-stop-shop, posters, rollups, banners, and videos.

At the Kick-off Meeting (KoM) on October 10th and 11th, 2022, LOBA presented the visual identity proposal (refer to Appendix), structured around an introduction to the project, the creative concept, and the proposed logo, detailing its underlying concept, tone, graphics, and typography.

In preparation for the KoM, LOBA created various materials for Consortium use, including a PowerPoint template for work package presentations, a Word template for signature lists, an agenda template, and lanyards for partner identification during the meeting.

These materials allowed the Consortium to gain a practical understanding of the proposed branding and provide feedback.

The final RuralBioUp branding encompasses typography, a colour palette, and multiple logo versions (main, secondary, negative), which were refined by LOBA following the meeting.

The logo is provided below.



Figure 1: RuralBioUp main logo and claim "Grow local, go global"







4.2 Communication Toolkit

The communication toolkit created for the RuralBioUp project includes materials designed to assist the consortium in both formal and informal communication endeavours, including reporting and participation in meetings and events. Its aim is to promote the project's brand identity, making it memorable.

This kit consists of the project's stationery and promotional materials, as detailed below.

4.2.1 Stationery

The stationery produced for the project includes materials to support the communication and reporting of the project, namely:

- **Deliverable Template**: to be used for deliverable submission;
- PowerPoint template: to be used in project meetings and presentations related to the project:
- Supporting materials for participating in events such as:
 - Background images: for video calls and online meetings, during which partners showcase the project;
 - Branded Letterhead Paper: uses RuralBioUp's logo, contact details, and branding to make written correspondence formal and professional;
 - Agenda Template: to be used in the organization of events.



















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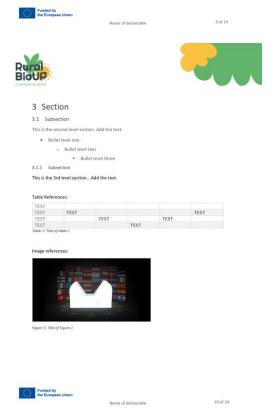




Figure 2: Word Template (deliverables)









Figure 3: PowerPoint template



Figure 4: Background image









Figure 5: Branded letterhead paper



Figure 6: Agenda template







4.2.2 Promotional materials

The promotional materials created from Month 1 to Month 18 were intended to promote the project during events and meetings with relevant stakeholders, whether through participation or organization.

- **Brochure** with information about the project's mission, what it has to offer and what the benefits for the target groups are;
- PowerPoint presentation of the project for partners to use when participating in events;
- **General Flyer**, **roll-up**, to increase the project's visibility at events.

All partners have been prompted to employ communication and promotional materials in their dissemination activities to boost project awareness and the effectiveness of dissemination actions.



Figure 7: Project Brochure







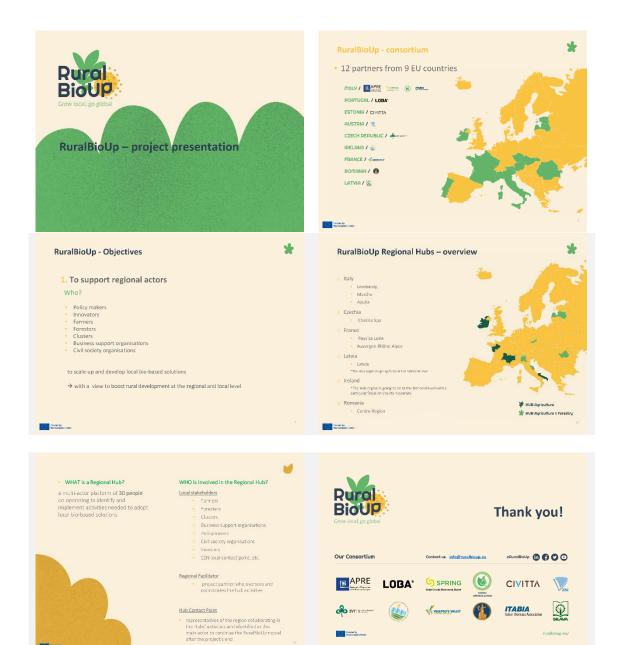


Figure 8: Project presentation PowerPoint









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Figure 9: Project Flyer



Figure 10: Project Roll Up







4.2.3 Promotional materials for Regional Hubs

In addition to the project's standard promotional materials, LOBA has assisted the Regional Hubs throughout their various stages of implementation, particularly in their establishment.

1. Invitation for Stakeholders to Join the Regional Hubs

- **Invitation Email to Join the Regional Hub:** A general invitation email was sent to encourage participation in the Hub.
- **Informative Flyer:** Partners included an informative flyer as an attachment to the email, providing recipients with more details about the project.

The informative flyer, aimed at inviting stakeholders, was translated into local languages by partners to ensure accessibility. LOBA adjusted the design.

Flyers are available in all Regional Hub Languages: English, Latvian, French, Czech, Romanian, and Italian.







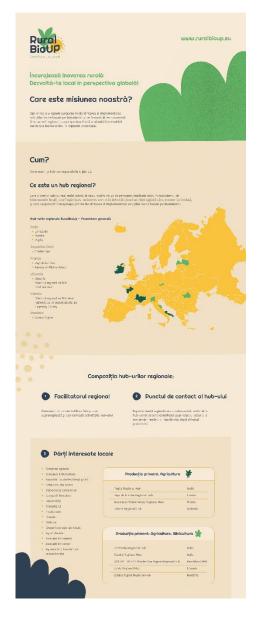




Figure 11 – Example of Digital Flyer in Romanian

2. For Kick-off Meetings of Regional Hubs

- Value Chain Overview Poster: Intended for utilization at Kick-off Meetings if this approach is selected.
- Activity Poster: Intended for utilization at Kick-off Meetings if this approach is selected.









Figure 12- Value Chain Overview Poster



Figure 13-Activity Poster







- 3. After the kick-off meetings and the establishment of Regional Hubs
 - A digital brochure featuring hub members: to be sent via email to hub members in English or their native language, if this approach is selected.

























Figure 14 - Example of Digital Brochure presenting the Hub Members

A template is available in the project repository for Regional Facilitators who are interested in crafting brochures for their Regional Hubs. LOBA will subsequently modify the design, if needed.

4. Support in sharing knowledge activities: Study Visit Kit

LOBA worked with IBF to supply partners with a range of communication materials for the Study Visit.

These materials are designed for use before, during, and after the Study Visit.

- Agenda
- Brochure
- Report
- Name Tag
- Sign-in sheet













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Figure 15- Agenda for Study visit





























Figure 16- Brochure for Study Visit in Italy

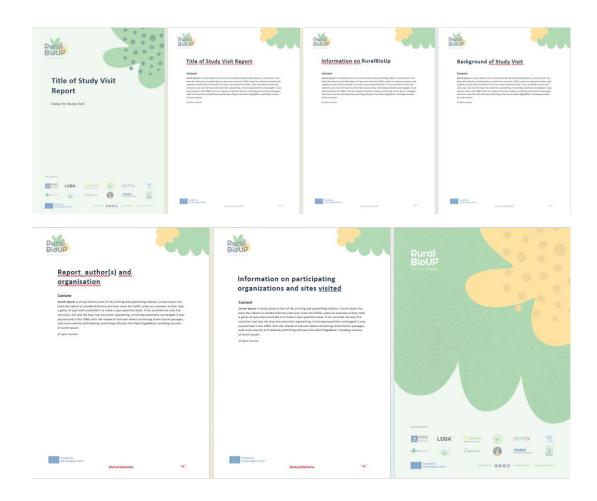








Figure 17 - Study visit Report

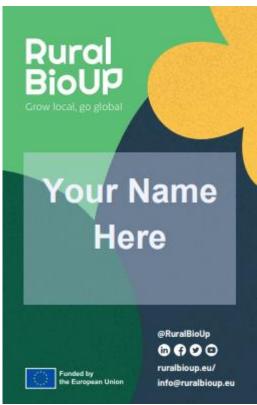


Figure 18 - Name tag for Study Visit



Figure 19 - Study Visit Sig-in sheet







5. Goodies

We've created and disseminated among the RuralBioUp partners promotional materials to raise awareness of RuralBioUp, opting for eco-friendly alternatives:

- Notebook
 - o Hard Cover made from recycled milk cartons.
- Eternal pencil
 - o Made from recycled paper and with a wheat straw cap.
- Tote bag
 - o 100% cotton.



Figure 20 - Tote bag | Merchandising of the project



Figure 21 - Carton Milk Notebook | Merchandising of the project









Figure 22- Design of the Eternal Pencil | Merchandising of the project







5 Channels and tools

5.1 Website

LOBA followed the structure laid out in *D6.1 Plan for the dissemination and exploitation including communication activities*, which provided detailed instructions for communication activities, including design and development specifics.

The splash page was implemented in month 4, followed by the official website in month 6 at ruralbioup.eu.





















Figure 23 - Home Page of ruralbioup.eu

5.1.1 Website performance

All social media posts have aimed to drive traffic to the project website, increasing awareness of RuralBioUp's online presence.

Below are the website statistics for the period from Month 4 to Month 18.

KPIs	Statistics at M18	Target M18
Website users	5 150	> 1500
No. of total page views	14 468	> 300
Countries Reached	47	> 10

Table 1- Website analytics ruralbioup.eu

Top 10 Countries:

- 1º Ukraine | 1 878 views







- 3º United States | 442 views
- 4º Italy | 372 views
- 5º Portugal | 318 views
- 6º Albania | 132 views
- 7º Spain | 131 views
- 8º Ireland | 122 views
- 9º Germany | 115 views
- 10º Romania | 106 views

Top acquisition channels:

Acquisition analytics show data about how users arrive on your website. The traffic sources can be:

- Direct: any traffic where the referrer or source is unknown,
- Organic search: traffic from search engine results that is the result of paid advertising;
- Organic social: Traffic from a social network, such as Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram;
- Referral: traffic that occurs when a user finds the website through a site other than a major search engine;
- Email: Traffic from email marketing that has been properly tagged with an email parameter;
- 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 following table shows the acquisition channels applied to RuralBioUp's website:

Table 2- Top acquisition channels

Channel	Triggered sessions
Organic social	2 339
Direct	2 298
Organic search	1 483
Referral	760
Other	486

Most visited pages

Page	Page views
Newsletter	4 257
Home	2 820
RuralBioUp -Support innovators small-scale	1 300
biobased solution	
About	1 029
Regional Hubs	872
Consortium	706







Table 3: Most visited pages of ruralbioup.eu

5.1.2 RuralSpot

The <u>RuralSpot</u> platform is an extension of the RuralBioUp project, and it supports innovators, policymakers, and local businesses by providing information on bioeconomy in a regional, national, and European context.

The platform was designed considering the visual identity of the project used in the project's main website, using only a distinctive logo to represent the platform.

Ruralspot gathers bioeconomy information across six categories: Biomass, Soil, Knowledge, Financial support, Technologies, and BM & market applications.

You can access RuralSpot in 2 ways: through RuralBioUp website or through a direct search of the URL: ruralspot.eu

Progress Update on RuralSpot:

Launch and Promotion (October 2022- June 2023)

RuralBioUp partners (SPRING, ITABIA, IBF, and CIVITTA) collected, organised, and structured the data collected. In June, the first set of resources was finalised by partners in the template.

- April 2023 - October 2023

LOBA defined technical specifications to support data collection analysis of the template. The team included web project manager, designers, web developers, and IT support. The first version of the platform was launched in October M13.

- November 2023

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Separate meetings were set to check each Resource page for each of the 6 categories. The 2nd version of RuralSpot was launched after updates and reorganised and structured in November 2023

November 2023 - March 2024

Focus Group in lasi (T2.4) with external stakeholders for platform development Validation and feedback. Revised features implemented in response to stakeholder input from the Focus Group in lasi (T2.4).

3rd Platform launched with updates reflecting the feedback from the focus group in March 2024, namely the addition of a new filter (Target groups), an addition of tool tips to facilitate the user experience, as well as a glossary with general terms important to understand the content of the resources. A way for users to submit their own resources was also developed in this period.

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5.2 Social Media

RuralBioUp's official social media pages were established in January 2023, during Month 4, including Twitter, Facebook, and LinkedIn.

Additionally, a YouTube channel was created. The establishment of these social media channels involved:

- Establishing a suitable handle @RuralBioUp and project hashtag #RuralBioUp
- Creating and uploading cover and profile images
- Developing frame templates for incorporating images into publications
- Creating frame templates for headline posts
- Designing frame templates for posts related to RuralBioUp events

Commencing from Month 4, the project's social media pages are regularly updated every week with posts covering the latest project updates, Regional Hubs activities, relevant news, and articles related to project outcomes and pertinent themes.

To facilitate this, LOBA devises a monthly social media plan encompassing the copy, hashtags, mentions, and accompanying images/videos for each post. While the social media plan is typically prepared one month in advance, additional posts can always be incorporated as needed.

The content shared on social media has evolved in alignment with the project's progression, transitioning from raising awareness about RuralBioUp and its offerings to disseminating specific activities, events, and outcomes.

Thus, social media has focused on the following communication objectives:

- Informing about RuralBioUp, its objectives, and primary activities
- Offering updates on the project's status, including:
 - Overview of the project (background, objectives, activities, results);
 - o Introduction of the consortium and partners;
 - Presentation of each Regional Hub;
 - Updates to the project website;
 - News and articles.
 - Announcements of events;
 - Dissemination of results and newsletters;
 - Collaboration with other projects (to support the communication of activities and events from other sister projects);
 - To involve our audience in specific project activities (citizens, researchers) through dedicated sections, for example:
 - RuralSpotlight: showcasing each month's highlighted resource from the project platform RuralSpot at <u>ruralspot.eu</u>
 - To distribute the RuralBioUp Newsletter and promote sign-ups for the project's mailing list.















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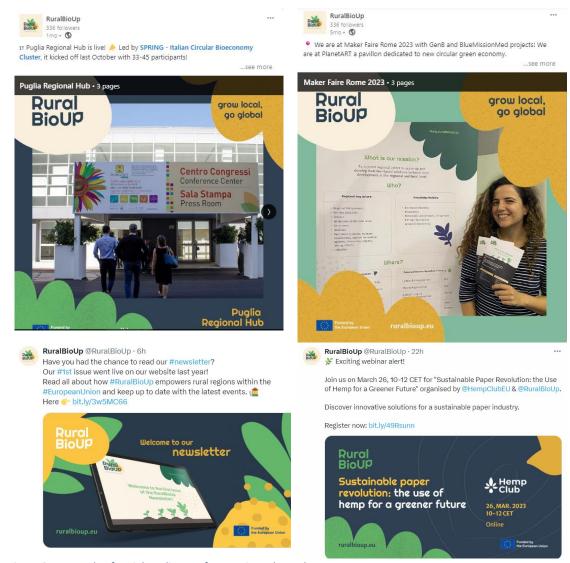


Figure 24- Example of social media post from various channels

5.2.1 Social media performance

Since the creation of the social media networks, RuralBioUp has published 117 posts on X/Twitter (total of 318 posts considering retweets), 98 posts on Facebook, 97 posts on LinkedIn, an average of 7 posts per month.

KPI	Facebook	X/Twitter	LinkedIn
No.	24	77	305
Members/Followers			
No. of posts	98	117	97

Figure 25 - Social media analytics







5.3 Youtube Channel

The RuralBioUp YouTube channel was established in Month 4 (January 2023) and primarily serves as a repository for hosting project promotion videos rather than attracting subscribers. Currently, the RuralBioUp YouTube channel has 3 subscribers, 2 videos, and a total of 118 views. The videos created by RuralBioUp, which are available on the YouTube channel and have also been promoted on social media, include:

- RuralBioUp: Our Visual Identity
- RuralBioUp | Grow Local, Go Global

Table 5 contains the list of videos along with their respective number of views.

Videos	Link	Views
RuralBioUp: Our Visual Identity	Play	53 views
RuralBioUp Grow Local, Go Global	Play	65 views

Table 4 - Videos from RuralBioUp project on Youtube Channel

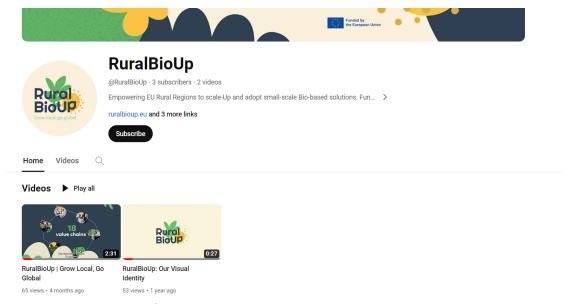


Figure 26 - Youtube channel of RuralBioUp

5.4 Newsletters and subscribers

Over the duration spanning from Month 1 to Month 18, a single newsletter was compiled and circulated among the project's mailing list (including subscribers then) endorsed across RuralBioUp's channels and disseminated by partners through their respective networks/channels.

Following the promotion of the newsletter, each article was also separately promoted on social media channels.







Newsletter issue 1 – October 2023

The first newsletter was launched in October 2023. Its primary aim was to provide information about the project, including its main objectives, activities, and both upcoming and past events.

Consequently, the newsletter contained the following articles:

- Welcome to RuralBioUp!
- Upcoming events: RuralBioUp event in Iasi (Romania)
- In case you've missed it:
 - IFIB, the International Forum on Industrial Biotechnology and Bioeconomy
 - Italy Bioeconomy Pilot Study Visit

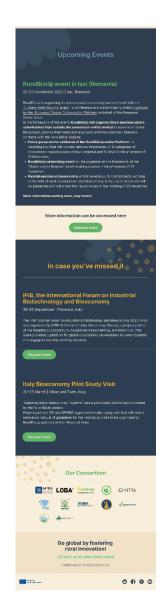








Figure 27- Newsletter #1



The <u>first newsletter</u> of RuralBioUp was released on 3 October 2023, and distributed to contacts 53 (With an open rate of 25%) and promoted on RuralBioUp website and social media channels. The newsletter can be found on the website, where the webpage garnered 4,257 views during this period.

The current number of subscribers to the RuralBioUp newsletter stands at 74.

The next newsletter is planned for May 2024.







6 Events

This section delineates the communication endeavours undertaken within RuralBioUp to bolster the promotion of events in which project partners have played various roles, be it as organizers, participants (e.g., speakers), or attendees. Additionally, it outlines the roster of events where RuralBioUp has been actively engaged and the corresponding participant count for each event.

Communication strategies preceding the event include:

- Uploading event details on the website
- Designing cover images, banners, or other multimedia materials
- Launching social media campaigns
- Featuring in the Newsletter (if applicable)
- Issuing press releases (if applicable)
- Conducting mass mailings to RuralBioUp's mailing list
- Disseminating through partners' networks and channels

During the event, communication efforts entail:

- Providing social media coverage (photos/quotes shared with LOBA for posting)
- Networking and distributing promotional materials

Post-event communication strategies include:

- Uploading articles on the website (inclusive of conclusions, photos, presentations, recordings, etc.)
- Posting event recordings on the YouTube channel (about online events, where applicable)
- Continuing social media campaigns
- Featuring in the Newsletter







These measures are implemented to advertise events according to their relevance, depending on the role played by project partners (e.g., organizer, participant, attendee).

Throughout this period, project partners have participated in 23 events, potentially disseminating information about the project's activities and discoveries. Please refer to the table below for a detailed list of events and their respective participant counts.

Date	Event title Location	Partners involved	No. Participants (approx.)
24-26/10/2022	Planetiers World Gathering 2022 Lisboa, Portugal	LOBA	~ 4000 in-person attendees in the event
06-07/12/2022	EU CAP Network Seminar 'Smart circular farming to address high energy and fertiliser prices' Porto, Portugal	SILAVA	Not available
15/02/2023	Circular Bioeconomy Conference Milan, Italy	SPRING and LGCA	70
20/02/2023	Vidzeme Innovation Week 2023 Vidzeme, Latvia	SILAVA	Not available
09-11/05/2023	RuralBioUp Study visit Hybrid: Angers, France + online	VEGEPOLYS and SPRING	19
30/05/2023	Circular Economy Hotspot Dublin 2023 Dublin, Ireland	IBF	100
31/05/ 2023	COOPID Bioeconomy Conference and launch of Rural Bioeconomy Alliance (RBA) Brussels, Belgium	APRE	130
22/06/2023	Joint webinar on stakeholder engagement coorganised by BIOMODEL4REGIONS and CEE2ACT	APRE	37
28/09/2023	Biocircularcities unlocked – The Brussels stop	APRE and CIVITTA	at least 110







28-29/09/2023	Rethinking Clusters, The Paradox of Sustainability Innovation: Local or Global,VI International Congress on Cluster Research València,	IPE	~>100
13/10/2023	Spain Launch event of the Regional Innovation Valleys for Bioeconomy and Food Systems Programme of the European Commission Stand Together with the RuralBioeconomy Alliance Plovdiv, Bulgaria	APRE	100
30/10/2023	Sister Project Meeting online	APRE	40
30-31/10/2023	Planetiers World Gathering 2023 Aveiro, Portugal	LOBA	~ 4000 in-person attendees in the event
07/11/2023	Poster Presentation of RuralBioUp at Bioeconomy Austria Summit 2023	ZSI	100
10/11/2023	ECOMONDO - The Green Technology Expo Rimini, Italy	APRE	~130.000 attendees in the event
21-23/11/2023	RuralBioUp networking event in lasi lasi, Romenia	APRE	200
30/10/2023	Participation to the bioeconomy biannual meeting of the Pays de la Loire region.	VEGEPOLYS	15
01/03/2024	Webinar Rural Revival: Empowered Communities and Sustainable Energy in a Changing Climate in collaboration with	SILAVA	No exact number available





07/03/2024	RENOVERTY and RURALITIES projects Online Co-creation in bioeconomy rural development with Engage4BIO project Online	ZSI	No exact number available
12/03/2024	All Island Bioeconomy Summit	IBF	Several people were potentially reached during the duration of the event
13-14/03/2024	"Next generation bioeconomy policies — Achieving the green and fair transition through competitive sustainability" as part of Bioeconomy Changemakers Festival (* with Rural Bioeconomy Alliance) Brussels, Belgium	APRE	All participants of the satellite event of the high-level event of Bioeconomy Changemakers Festival were reached through a exhibit area of the RBA, where the project was present







7 RuralBioUp's partners support in D&C

Throughout this period, RuralBioUp's partners have actively contributed to the dissemination and communication of the project through various actions conducted via their channels and networks, including:

- Publishing RuralBioUp content on their websites.
- Promoting and distributing the RuralBioUp newsletter on their website and through their networks.
- Sharing RuralBioUp content on their social media channels.
- Publishing content relevant to RuralBioUp audiences, which is then shared by the project.
- Participating in or organizing events on behalf of the RuralBioUp project.
- Promoting the project's promotional video.
- Spreading word-of-mouth about the project during meetings and other activities to raise awareness.
- Distributing flyers, posters, and other materials in community places and households.







8 Liaison with networks, initiatives, and other projects

During this period, RuralBioUp has cultivated collaborations with various projects and initiatives.

A common approach to engage with our sister projects involves reciprocal promotion on both social media platforms and project websites.

Here are the projects we have collaborated with, either directly or indirectly:

- BioRural
- MainstreamBIO
- P2GreeN
- RELIEF
- AgriLoop
- BIO2REG
- BioGov.net
- ROBIN
- CEE2ACT
- ShapingBio
- BIOMODEL4REGIONS
- SCALE-UP
- RENOVERTY
- Porto Energy Hub
- Sun4All
- REVERTER
- ComAct
- dRural
- DigiBUILD
- WELLBASED
- ENPOR
- build EST
- INVEST Wärmewende
- BuildUPspeed
- EU Energy Poverty Advisory Hub
- Bio Balance
- Central Eastern European Sustainable Energy Network
- JUSTEM
- oPEN Lab
- Green Home
- STEP
- Eva







- LocalRES
- SHAPE European Affordable Housing Consortium
- Ruralities
- PROSPECT +
- COOLtorise
- POWERPOOR
- PEnTrEn
- ENSMOV Plus
- SCEPA
- DRIVE
- Rural Bioeconomy Alliance (RBA)

8.1 Rural Bioeconomy Alliance (RBA)

In 2023, RuraBioUp joined Rural Bioeconomy Alliance (RBA), a cluster of European funded projects that supports the transition to a rural circular bioeconomy in the EU.

The alliance includes projects:

- BioRural
- MainstreamBIO
- P2Green
- RELIEF
- SCALE-UP
- COOPID
- BioModel4Regions
- ShapingBio
- CEE2ACT
- ROBIN

Within the framework of the Rural Bioeconomy Alliance, RuralBioUp has:

- Participated in meetings of the alliance
- Participated in the definition of criteria for the inclusion of new projects into its network
- Participated in joint events of the RBA:
 - COOPID Bioeconomy Conference and launch of Rural Bioeconomy Alliance (RBA) - May 31, 2023 at Brussels, Belgium
 - Regional Innovation Valleys for Bioeconomy & #FoodSystems» event- October
 13, 2023 at Agricultural University of Plovdiv, Bulgaria
 - EU Commission Bioeconomy Changemakers Festival Rural Bioeconomy Alliance EXHIBITION-13-14 March 2024, Brussels, Belgium
- Creating a dedicated section on RuralBioUps' website to showcase other projects (accessible HERE).
- Tagging and mentioning other projects on social media platforms.







9 Key Performance Indicators and Impact

9.1 Communication performance against the evaluation criteria

The project's Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), as outlined in the Description of Action (DoA) and in D6.1 Plan for dissemination and exploitation, including communication activities (Month 6), have been regularly monitored. The latest update and current status, including indicators that have already been achieved or exceeded, as well as those that require further attention, are detailed below:

Tools & Channels	KPI	Current Status (M18)	Target (M18)
Website	Website users	5 150	>1 500
	No. of total page views	14 468	>3 000
	Countries reached	47	>10
Promotional Materials	No. of brochures and flyers distributed	Under construction	>1000
Social Media	No. of followers on RuralBioUp social media channels	Twitter: 133 LinkedIn: 339 Facebook: 40	Twitter: >100 LinkedIn: >50 Facebook: >150
Press Releases	Number of press releases distributed	0	2
Newsletters & Mailing lists	No. of subscribers in mailing list	74	>80
	No. of newsletter views through the website	4 257	150
Promotional Videos	No. of videos	2	10
	No. of views	106	YouTube >50 Social Media >200 Website: >50
Participation in Events & meetings	Number of events attended to disseminate the project	23	15
Liaison with projects & initiatives	Numbers of project liased with	42	20
	Collaboration with EIP-AGRI Operational Groups	11	5







10 Conclusions

10.1 Progress Report: M18's Milestones

In this section, we review the key milestones and indicators that have been achieved or exceeded by Month 18 of the project.

Some of the notable achievements include exceeding all Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) related to:

- 1. Website- total number of website users, total page views, and countries reached.
- 2. Social Media- Exceeded the number of followers on Twitter and LinkedIn.
- 3. Participation in Events & meetings: Number of events attended for project dissemination
- 4. Liaison with projects & initiatives

10.2 Roadmap Ahead: Next 18-Month Strategy

Looking forward, the RuralBioUp project will focus on the next phase of activities and developments. The following indicators require further attention and will be the focus of the upcoming 18-month strategy:

Promotional Videos

- Scheduled are 9 videos outlining the 9 Regional hubs. These videos will be released later as we awaited the kick-off meetings of all hubs, as well as the definition of the 2 value chains they will be working on. Below is an initial script:
 - Introduction: Introduce the main concept: the hub and its purpose
 - Problem Statement: Highlight the problem or challenge that the hub addresses
 - **Solution**: Present the hub as the solution to the problem. Explain how the hub works and its key features.
 - Benefits: Enumerate the benefits and advantages of using the hub. Show how the hub can improve the lives or situations of the target audience. Use testimonials or success stories if applicable.
 - How to Use: Provide a step-by-step guide on how to use the hub.
 Highlight any user-friendly aspects.
 - Case Studies Showcase real-life examples or case studies of individuals or businesses that have benefited from the hub.
 - Call to action and Closing: Encourage the audience to take action
 - End with a memorable and positive message about the hub.

Press Releases

We envision press releases as suitable for the following events:

Promoting videos from 9 Regional Hubs







o Communication of the RuralSpot and its updates.

To improve the project's communication and dissemination activities, it is essential to focus on increasing engagement on social media, expanding the reach of promotional materials, enhancing press release distribution, growing the mailing list subscribers, and strengthening collaborations with relevant stakeholders.



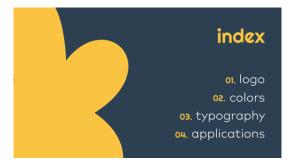




11Appendix

11.1 Brand Book of RuralBioUp







Raise your region with ideas that grow.
Start with your feet on the ground.
Grow local with
Bio-based solutions.

Look up for opportunities. Go global by fostering rural innovation.
Scale up the future ahead with a community to grow with.















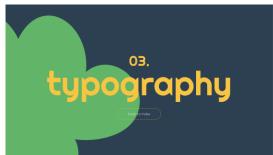
















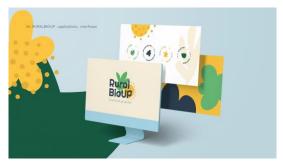




















11.2 Newsletter









11.4 Informative Flyer in CZ, EN, IT, FR, LI and RO

























11.5 Template for reporting







Title of Study Visit Report











Information on RuralBioUp

Background of Study Visit

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Report author(s) and organisation

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11.6 Brochure in French Auvergne Rhone Alpes





















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Catégorie d'acteur	Recherche & innovation/éducation
Taille	11 permanents (2 PR, 6 MCF, 1 IR, 1 IE, 1 TCH) 11 non permanents (5 Pb0, 1 TCH, 5 POSTDOC)
Localisation	Metars, St. Etienne Faculté de Sciences et Tachniques
Site Internet	https://www.univ-st-etienne.fr/fr/fbupam.html
Médias sociaux	https://www.factook.com/shiversite/lean, Moraret.Saint.tsienne https://www.factook.com/shiv_st_ https://www.shiv.bom/shiv.filenene https://www.shiv.bom/shiv.filenenee https://www.shiv.bom/shiv.bom/shiv.filenenee https://www.linkodi.com/shiv.bom/shiv.fileneee https://www.linkodi.com/shiv.bom/shiv.fileneee https://www.linkodi.com/shiv.pom-reserts*
Activités principales	Recherche en Biodiversité, biosynthèse et sécrétion des composés végétaux volutils (COV) Ingénierie et biologie de synthèse chez les plantes
Objectifs liés aux co-produits	Les objectifs du laboratoire sont d'effectuer des recherches sur les substances volatiles végétales et de collaborer avec des partenaires indistrieles pour amerir la recherche à une utilisation "féélée".













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Catégorie d'acteur	- PME
Taille	30 salariés
Localisation	Siège Social à Marcigny en Saône et Loire, Département BioGemme à Biscarrosse (Landes)
Site Internet	https://www.holiste.com
Médias sociaux	https://www.linkedin.com/company/ halistst/originals.bubdemain-fr https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsqy,ahiJo6/NY36T-ahqlbQ
Activités principales	that d'air jacquierr appareit d'usygépastion fonctionnant avec Hulle Essentielle de l'in Maritime . #Récube et commercialisation de la révise de pin, de la téréteré della Pare Cammer de la colophane grâce à la méthode BloGerme.
Objectifs liés aux co-produits	- Vaterisation de la Colophane qui est une résine Thermo-Plastique naturelle contenue à environ 70 % dans la résine de join laute nature Re-valorisation du mérider outlour du de gemmeur et surveillance de la forêt contre les incondiesi

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Catégorie d'acteur	- Société Anonyme
Taille	zó employés
Localisation	Saint-Ignat (63720)
Site Internet	https://www.invers-groupe.fr
Médias sociaux	https://www.facebook.com/ times/Protone-Durables/ https://www.stagam.com/moverstropattes/ https://wwww.stagam.com/moverstropattes/ https:
Activitės principales	Création complète et innovante d'une fillère de production à la ferme de protéines d'Insectes locales et durables pour l'alimentation animale.
Objectifs liés aux co-produits	+ Valorisation de co-produits pouvant être inclus dans l'alimentation des innectes + Valorisation de nos co-produits d'élevage : déjections (fertilisant) et carcasses d'innectes (chrime, chisoanne)











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Localisation	Clermont-Fd
Site Internet	 https://www.clermont.inrae.fr/umr1095/ http://www.institutpascal.uca.fr/index.php/
Médias sociaux	- https://www.flackbook.com/ Lahoustoverstatt/Parcal - https://www.flackbook.com/ Lahoustoverstatt/Parcal - https://www.flackbook.com/ - https://www.flackgook.com/ - https://www.flackgook.co
Activités principales	Recherche et développement, innovation dans le domaine de la bisstimulation des plantes par l'Utilisation de polymères naturels.
Objectifs liés aux co-produits	Researches and industrial for the developement of a start-up



















11.7 Brochure in English Auvergne Rhone Alpes















































Main Activities

















11.8 Brochure in French Pays de la Loire & Bretagne

























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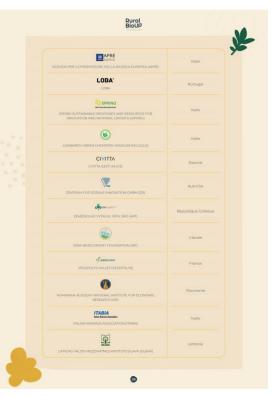












11.9 Brochure in English Pays de la Loire & Bretagne























































































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