COST Action CA18221

# Review of communication strategy and discussion on next steps

Second General Meeting

22 September 2022







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# 1. Introduction



### **Science Communication Committee:**

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## 1. Introduction



### <u>Dissemination and Communication Objectives (DCO)</u>

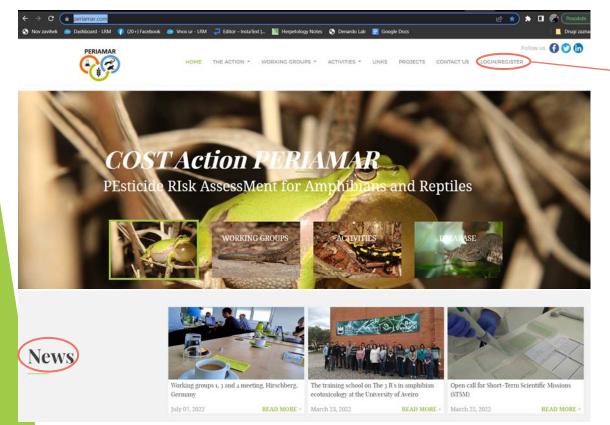
- DCO1: disseminate research results and proposal for a new ERA strategy (receptor: contributing stakeholders and EU agencies)
- DCO2: stimulate formation of consortia to elaborate project proposals to address knowledge gaps or develop ring-tests for validation of new test methods and protocols (receptor: contributing stakeholders)
- **DCO3**: export the European ERA strategy for herpetofauna to Near Neighbour or International Partner Countries (NNC or IPC) (receptor: non-European registration agencies)
- **DCO4**: influence policymakers to incorporate innovative strategies to ERA (receptor: risk managers)
- ▶ DCO5: identify ways of increased sensitivity of non-target species to pesticides to be avoided in the development of new products (receptor: industry)
- ▶ DCO6: raise public awareness on the importance of protecting wildlife in general, and herpetofauna in particular, against undesired pesticide impacts (receptor: laypersons)
- ▶ DCO7: use herpetofaunal ecosystem services as environmental education models to raise farmers' awareness on the importance of sustainable agricultural practice (receptors: farmers)
- **DCO8**: enhance the importance of herpetofaunal communities inhabiting farmland habitats to promote further studies and programs focused on these communities (receptor: academia and NGOs).







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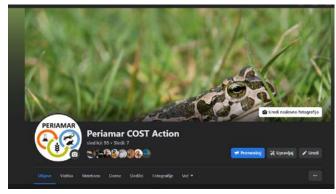
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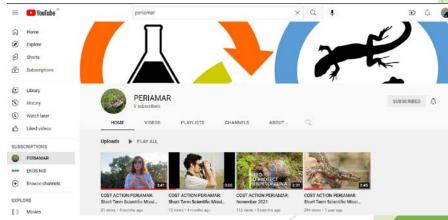






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  - Periamar Communication (new!)











### VIDEOS

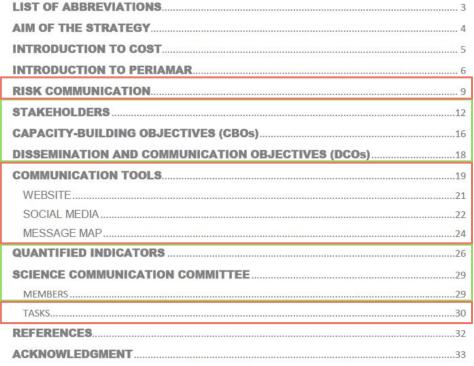
- Need to protect herpetofauna
- ► STSM: Bruno Bekić visiting NIB, Slovenia
- STSM: Raluca I. Bancila visiting Spatial Biology Lab, Portugal
- ▶ STSM: Matteo Lattuada visiting Spatial Biology Lab, Portugal
- ▶ Lizard Telemetry study at Rifcon and STSM: Giulia Simbula visiting Rifcon
- ► Two more videos in video-editing stage:
- ▶ STSM: Miruna Vizireanu visiting CIBIO InBio, Portugal
- ▶ Using mesocosms in herpetofauna studies and their application to ERA of pesticides





- ▶ 1 Nov 2021 (V. 2021.11)
- Science Communication Committe

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### RISK COMMUNICATION

Risk communication is an integral part of the risk assessment. In the normal communication process, organizations inform the public about various aspects of their work or the results of their work. In risk communication, communication is about persuading the stakeholders, including the public, to act in a certain way when a danger or risk occurs.

According to Lundgren (2018), there are three types of risk communication:

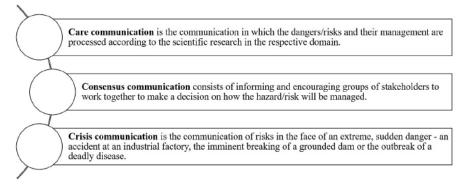


Figure 3 - Various types of risk communication, adapted from Lundgren (2018)







Channels	Tools
Online	Websites (COST Action, university, conferences, etc.), social media, blogs, e-newsletters, e-books, online scientific journals, magazines targeting industry, articles in scientific magazines, videos, citizen science projects
Events	Meetings, conferences, workshops, seminars, exhibitions, conferences, workshops, seminars, congresses, videos, posters, brochures etc.
Online/Print/T V/Radio	Articles for EU policy/research websites & magazines, in national/local media, press releases, videos, e-books, white papers, interviews, articles for national and/or regional/local press, dailies, weeklies, television, videos.
Other	Scientific publishing houses, peer reviewed journals, Universities (e.g. press releases), specialised media target niches, i.e. research communities and industry associations, not-for-profit organisations, scientific libraries COST (website, newsletter and social media accounts).











### Sci Commun Comm TASKS:

- ▶ Strategic communication on website, social networks and other communication channels
- Preparation of press dosiers
- Quality control of communication
- ▶ Creation of a bank of images, standard communication, stakeholder & media database
- Requesting infomration from partners
- Measurement of results
- Media-relations work
- ► Conference/events attendances to present the project work
- Plan events



# 3. Communication strategy - current version

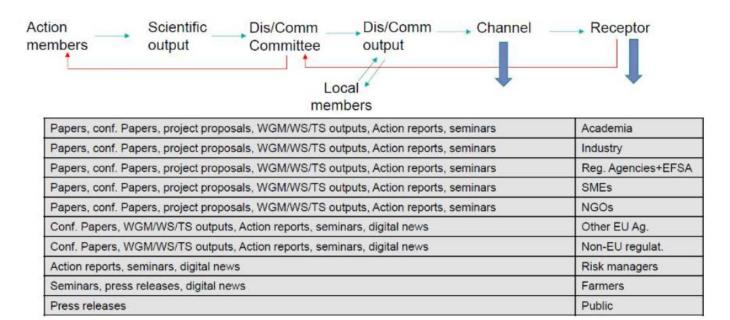


Figure 6 – The role of Science Communication Committee









- ▶ <u>Deliver date of the Revised version</u>: <u>End of October</u>
  - ► Can still be edited and improved afterwards







- ▶ Potential improvements:
  - ▶ Identification of key messages of the project (could be used from the general video)
  - ► Link key messages with specific stakeholders
  - ► How to get information for dissemination? WG leaders could ask participants for results and transfer them to communication team
  - ▶ More ideas...









- Outputs of the project to be disseminated send to my e-mail anamarija.zagar@nib.si
- Ask STSM participants to either do a VIDEO or a POSTER (to represent it on a conference or just for our dissemination use)
- Buy photos to use them in dissemination (approx 300 eur)









