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## Executive Summary

This deliverable is prepared by partners in CROSSEU WP5: Societal sharing - Communication Dissemination & Exploitation; and is the first version of the ‘User adoption and engagement with the international community’ report from task T5.3.

The report outlines collaboration with relevant networks, clusters and initiatives such as other projects plus platforms at national, regional to international level. The form and nature of these collaborations grows throughout the project duration. Hence this report will be updated as project partners advance science, technical developments and increase project-related networking activities. This first version (v1) (D5.5) catalogues and describes current activities up to M17 and will be revised in M35 to v2 (D5.6), based on further collaboration with stakeholders which will take place through interactions described here, including planned workshops.

## Keywords

Stakeholder engagement, User adoption, international organisations, Regional bodies, National stakeholders, Networking, Workshops, Clustering

## Abbreviations and acronyms

Acronym	Description
CS / CSA	Case Study / Case Study Areas
DSS	Decision Support System
ECCA	European Climate Change Adaptation Conference

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ICEM	International Conference Energy & Meteorology
ICERCCCSCC	International Conference on Environmental Risk, Climate Change and Case Studies on Climate Change
ICRC	International Conference on Resilient Cities
ICUHIMS	International Conference on Urban Heat Island Mitigation Strategies
ISEE	International Society for Environmental Epidemiology
NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation
NORDIWA	Nordic Wastewater Conference
WP	Work Package



## 1. Introduction

CROSSEU is a project funded by the European Union and aims to build a framework to allow exploration and assessment of climate resilience, including a ready-to-use Decision Support System (DSS) platform. This framework will support investment decisions, adaptation and mitigation strategies, and climate resilience policy decisions.

CROSSEU gathers 15 partners from 9 countries, with UK partners funded by UK Research and Innovation (UKRI).

To meet the project’s objectives, CROSSEU is structured around 6 Work Packages (WPs). WP5 is dedicated to societal sharing, communication, dissemination, and exploitation. The main objective is to make the project and its results known to a wider audience and key stakeholders.

Deliverable 5.5 falls under WP5 and focusses specifically on user adoption and stakeholder engagement at the international level. This first version, delivered in Month 17 (May 2025), captures early engagement and plans for the future. It will be revised in a second version in Month 35 (November 2026) to reflect progress and impacts.



## 2. Purpose and Scope

### 2.1. Aim of this deliverable

This deliverable reports on early user adoption and engagement with the international community so far (to M17) in the CROSSEU project. It highlights networking activities, participation in key events, and the first steps towards gathering feedback from relevant stakeholders.

The primary objective at this stage is to support internal collaboration and begin shaping how the project shares its results and connects with external audiences. Efforts have focused on engaging the project’s current participants — consortium partners and close collaborators — while simultaneously initiating outreach activities to raise visibility and build meaningful connections beyond the consortium.

By participating in relevant conferences and dissemination events, the project has introduced its objectives — particularly the Decision Support System (DSS), identified in deliverable D5.7 as a central output and described in recent WP3 deliverable D3.1 — to target audiences and laid the groundwork for future engagement. These early interactions are helping to inform a broader stakeholder engagement strategy and guide the development of user adoption pathways.

This phased approach, starting with internal participation and gradually expanding outward, reflects CROSSEU’s commitment to sustained efforts in engagement and long-term impact.

### 2.2. Partners overview

The consortium of CROSSEU consists of 15 partners from 9 European countries.

Table 1 CROSSEU Consortium

Participant No.	Participant organisation name	Country
1	ADMINISTRATIA NATIONALA DE METEOROLOGIE R.A. (MeteoRo)	Romania
2	UNIVERSITY OF EAST ANGLIA (UEA)	United Kingdom
3	WORLD ENERGY & METEOROLOGY COUNCIL (WEMC)	United Kingdom
4	UNIVERSITA' DEGLI STUDI DI PADOVA (UNIPD)	Italy

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5	UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON (UCL)	United Kingdom
6	CONOSCENZA E INNOVAZIONE SOCIETA A RESPONSABILITA LIMITATA SEMPLIFICATA (K&I)	Italy
7	HELMHOLTZ-ZENTRUM HEREON GMBH (HEREON)	Germany
8	LGI SUSTAINABLE INNOVATION (LGI)	France
9	ELECTRICITE DE FRANCE (EDF)	France
10	UNIVERSITAET FUER BODENKULTUR WIEN (BOKU)	Austria
11	DANMARKS TEKNISKE UNIVERSITET (DTU)	Denmark
12	WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION (WMO)	Switzerland
13	UNITED KINGDOM RESEARCH AND INNOVATION (UKRI)	United Kingdom
14	UNIVERSITATEA DIN BUCURESTI (UB)	Romania
15	CESKA ZEMEDELSKA UNIVERZITA V PRAZE (CZU)	Czech Republic

Each partner plays a role in fostering internal engagement and supporting the dissemination of early outputs and feedback collection processes.

### 2.3. Internal engagement

Within the framework of CROSSEU, the primary focus is on engaging the project’s core group of stakeholders — namely, the consortium partners and close collaborators. The goal is to:

- Strengthen internal communication.
- Common ways of working together where appropriate, co-develop early input into project outcomes such as the DSS through interactive processes.

Key internal activities include:

- Regular Meetings & Workshops Co-design & interaction
- Internal Communication Tools: CROSSEU Sharepoint

These are expanded further in section 2 of the deliverable.

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To reinforce collaboration, a shared engagement calendar and partner feedback loop have been introduced, enabling transparent documentation of contributions and engagement touchpoints.

### Next steps for Internal Engagement

Moving forward, internal engagement will remain a priority. Feedback from partners will continue to shape outputs, ensuring all contributions are considered for integration into project results such as from the CS the DSS and other products. Ongoing support will also be provided for future engagement and adoption.

## 2.4. Initial external engagement

Expanding the internal engagement, external outreach will focus on the international, regional and national level including a wide range of interested parties, and involve other relevant projects beyond CROSSEU.

Early external engagement has started with key activities such as:

- First Stakeholder Meeting (M4) CROSSEU Stakeholder Engagement Co-Design Workshop introduced the CROSSEU project to European stakeholders from a range of sectors. It set up the framework for their involvement in the project and the development of a ready-to-use DSS.
- Initial Participation in Conferences & Dissemination Events: Several partners have already presented the project's objectives and early results at relevant events outside of the consortium. They showcased the project's goals and its potential impact, particularly focussing on the DSS. Specifics will be mentioned in section 3 of this report.
- Building External Networks: Initial networking has helped raise awareness and build a foundation of external stakeholders who are interested in and can benefit from the project's outputs. Partners have made initial connections with external actors in relevant sectors and have laid the foundation for future partnerships and piloting opportunities as well as to play a role in the later stages/phase of the project. Information on progress for individual case studies who have already begun this process can be found in CROSSEU deliverable D3.1.



### 3. Internal engagement approach

This section outlines the internal stakeholder engagement strategy, which focuses on coordination and collaboration across project partners.

Internal engagement plays a key role in shaping the co-development, testing, and refinement of the DSS and other project tools, ensuring they reflect shared insights and are fit for adoption by the consortium.

Through this we aim to:

- Ensure internal alignment and quality assurance of outputs before broader engagement;
- Foster stakeholder ownership and meaningful participation;
- Guide strategic engagement aligned with the objectives of WP5 tasks, specifically:
  - T5.1 – Stakeholder mapping and engagement plan
  - T5.2 – Public communication
  - T5.3 – Dissemination, use, adoption & engagement with the international community
  - T5.4 – Exploitation of results

#### 3.1. Objectives of internal engagement

The internal engagement strategy focusses on effective collaboration within the consortium and associated work packages (WPs).

Key objectives include:

- Share early results and align progress: Ensuring partners stay informed about progress, including the development of the DSS and other key deliverables.
- Promote coordination across WPs and relevant institutions: Maintaining a shared understanding of the project's vision, goals and methodologies to support smooth coordination.
- Gather useful feedback to improve tools and strategies: Facilitating constructive exchanges that help improve outputs and keep activities relevant to stakeholder needs.
- Support the co-design of the DSS through iterative input.

The internal engagement approach is centered on building a common understanding of project goals, collecting interdisciplinary insights, and ensuring aligned development of key outputs such as datasets, models and the DSS.

## 3.2. Internal communication channels and tools

To support collaboration and knowledge-sharing, the project uses a combination of tools and formats for internal communication.

## 3.3. Ongoing Communication Tools

- **Emails:** Regular updates and bilateral exchanges among WP leaders and consortium members to maintain progress and address emerging needs.
- **Meetings:** From the start of the project, regular online meetings for each WP were initiated, and others for sub-tasks such as case studies, topical, and cross-WP meetings. Broader project meetings such as General Assemblies and milestone reviews have also been held and serve as opportunities for updates, joint decisions, and cross-WP coordination.
- **Shared Drives & Collaborative Platforms:** Digital platforms such as Microsoft Teams (with video conferencing), chat forums for discussion, and shared storage for documents and tasks tracking facilitate real-time collaboration. Read AI and similar platforms are used to support meetings with transcripts and minutes, which helps with internal dissemination and discussion.
- **Webinars:** Webinars provide detailed demonstrations and updates which allow for deeper debates.
- **Surveys and Templates:** Used to collect feedback or input systematically from partners (e.g., during the design of visuals, stakeholder identification, or collation of case study information). This also includes preparing engagement templates, such as surveys for stakeholder requirements. A stakeholder survey was developed in the first year of the project (2024) across WPs to send out as part of the initial engagement activities.

## 3.4. Structured Internal Engagement: Workshops and Meetings

To ensure coordination across work packages and foster internal knowledge exchange, CROSSEU partners held a series of structured engagement activities. These included technical and strategic workshops as well as the kick-off and 1st Annual Meeting. The workshops provided a platform for in-depth thematic discussions, tool demonstrations and strategy development. They also served as an opportunity to align on key project outputs such as the DSS and stakeholder engagement plans.



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### Workshops

Thematic internal webinars and interactive sessions were organised to address specific technical and strategic priorities, summarised in table 2 below. These sessions allowed for knowledge sharing across partners and supported collaboration around core project components.

*Table 2 Workshops held since the beginning of the project*

Workshop Type	Date/Format	Organised by	Main topic
Technical	M15 /virtually	WP1	Tools and data: DAFNI platform as data repository
Technical	M15 /virtually	WP3	Tools involved in the DSS: Teal and DAFNI demonstrations and Q&A session
Exploitation	M13/in-person (Prague)	WP5	Focus on exploitation strategies, stakeholder engagement, and communication planning.

#### Highlight: Exploitation Workshop (M13, Prague)

As part of the 1st Annual Meeting in Prague (M13), a dedicated exploitation workshop was held to explore future use cases for CROSSEU outcomes. This session provided a space for initial reflection on post-project exploitation and laid the groundwork for the stakeholder engagement strategy planned for year 3.

Key elements of the session included:

- A brainstorming exercise to shape the value proposition of projects outputs (including the DSS);
- Preliminary identification of key stakeholders as potential DSS users;
- Reference to Deliverable D5.1, which mapped relevant EU and international institutions that may support future uptake through their roles in data provision and policy framing.

Previous work contributed to the discussions in this workshop:

- The Stakeholder Mapping and Engagement plan (D5.1, M3)
- CS-led engagement activities to date

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- An initial stakeholder workshop held in M4

Additional information can be found in D5.7, which offers further details on this workshop and stakeholders identified.

### Annual Meeting

The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting was held in person in Bucharest (M1) and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting in Prague (M13), bringing together all CROSSEU partners. The second meeting served to exchange more detailed progress updates and strengthen collaboration across work packages. This included more in-depth discussions on the DSS and enabled on-boarding of case studies. The exploitation workshop was a timely opportunity to help internal discussions be translated into actionable engagement strategies.



## 4. External engagement approach

This section focuses on the connections of the project beyond the consortium. These are with relevant networks, clusters, initiatives, and platforms operating at European, international, national, and regional levels. As outlined in the Grant Agreement, these efforts are essential to strengthen the project’s positioning within the broader research and innovation landscape on climate adaptation and mitigation.

This section sets out the actions taken and planned to be taken so that CROSSEU can establish strategic collaborations and synergies with related organisations that are working on projects and initiatives close to the CROSSEU mission. These connections will support the flow of knowledge, ensure consistency with complementary efforts, and promote coordinated responses to climate-related socio-economic risks.

Objectives of external engagement approach is to:

- Spread science-based knowledge-gained developed within CROSSEU to a wider community.
- Share information and insights to strengthen collective understanding of climate risks and responses.
- Exploit synergies and establish close collaboration with other EU-funded projects working on related topics.

To support this external engagement approach, CROSSEU has undertaken a mapping of key actors, initiatives, and platforms working on related challenges at different levels. This helps ensure that outreach efforts are well targeted and can lead to meaningful collaboration.

### 4.1. Mapping of relevant Networks, Clusters, and Projects

A structured identification and ranking process was applied to select key actors with relevance at European, international, national and regional levels. This includes EU-funded projects, research networks, policy bodies, and thematic platforms focused on climate adaptation and socio-economic risk mitigation.

Table 3 below provides an overview of selected stakeholders, detailing their type, thematic relevance, geographic level, and any existing or potential connection with CROSSEU.



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Table 3 Existing/ Potential collaboration/ stakeholders

	Level	Type of organisation	Focal Topic	Existing link/ Relevant CS
ACCREU <sup>1</sup>	European	HORIZON Europe RIA project	Climate risk and resilience, urban planning	Featured in last CROSSEU newsletter
ARSINOE <sup>2</sup>	European	Horizon H2020 innovation action programme project	Systemic innovative solutions for climate adaptation and resilience	Thematic alignment; potential workshop synergy
Climateurope2 <sup>3</sup>	European	EU Horizon Europe research and innovation programme project	Climate services, data interoperability, and standardisation	Potential for data sharing and mutual visibility
European Commission's Joint Research Centre	European	EU body	Scientific research to inform policy	Potential to use data and results from interdisciplinary studies
Forest Europe <sup>4</sup>	European	Regional policy process forum	Protect and sustainably manage forests	CS2,5,6
Pathways2Resilience <sup>5</sup>	European	Horizon Europe research and	Regional climate resilience	Strong thematic overlap;

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.accreu.eu/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://arsinoe-project.eu/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://climateurope2.eu/>

<sup>4</sup> <https://foresteurope.org/>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.pathways2resilience.eu/>

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		innovation programme project	pathways and capacity-building	opportunities for joint outreach
UN Environment Programme (UNEP)	International	International agency (United Nations)	Aiding national adaptation and mitigation efforts	Data to inform policy decisions
Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)	International	International agency (United Nations)	resilience-building for sustainable agriculture	CS2
United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)	European	Regional commission	Climate Resilience	CS8 spillover effects
World Meteorological Organisation (WMO)	International	International agency (United Nations)	Capacity building	Relationship-Building and Mutual Visibility
<b>Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)</b>	International	International Agency	Aiding national adaptation and mitigation efforts	Data to inform policy decisions
<b>City of Prague</b>	National	Regional government	Aiding national adaptation and mitigation efforts	Data to inform policy decisions, and a new heat action plan for the city

During the Prague workshop, the following stakeholder groups were identified as key for uptake and use of the CROSSEU DSS:

- Climate resilience consultants
- CROSSEU project partners
- NGOs and farmers
- Approved users and case study participants
- Government agencies (e.g. meteorological services, infrastructure bodies)

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- Research and academic institutions
- Policymakers, practitioners, and risk managers across sectors

Further institutional actors highlighted in Deliverable D5.1 include:

- United Nations agencies: FAO, UNECE, WMO, UNEP
- International climate councils and networks
- European Commission directorates: DG ENV, DG AGRI, DG CLIMA, DG ENTR
- Joint Research Centre (JRC)
- European Space Agency (ESA)
- European Environment Agency (EEA)
- International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC)
- European Investment Bank (EIB)
- European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
- Forest Europe
- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

These actors could be progressively involved in CROSSEU's future engagement activities and are expected to contribute both through strategic input and the amplification of project results across relevant networks.

### 3.2 Engagement and dissemination efforts by partners

Several consortium members have already undertaken initial external outreach activities to increase visibility and foster early stakeholder interest. These actions aim to increase the project's visibility, involve stakeholders and create networking.

Some of the information below is summarised from other project deliverables, i.e. D5.1 Stakeholder Mapping and Engagement Plan (M3) and D5.3 Dissemination and Communication Plan V2 (M17).

#### Participation in External Events and Conferences

While these activities may be classified under dissemination and outreach, attending high-level conferences and international events offers a valuable opportunity for CROSSEU to strengthen its network and visibility across different sectors. These events not only help raise awareness of the project's goals and outputs, but also foster relationships with academics, policymakers, and practitioners, paving the way for meaningful collaboration, stakeholder engagement, and future adoption of the project's tools and results.

CROSSEU has been showcased at several events focused on climate, energy, and resilience, allowing for early visibility and stakeholder engagement



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Table 4 Known events attended by partners

Event	Date	CROSSEU Partner Attending	Relevant Organisations/ Stakeholders
European Meteorological Society Conference	September 2024	MeteoRo <a href="#">team</a> , <a href="#">CZU team</a>	Meteorological community, potential DSS users
AGU24 annual meeting	December 2024	Falak Naz (CZU)	American Geophysical Union; scientists, researchers
EGU General Assembly 2025	27 April–2 May 2025	Shreya Some (DTU) Alice Ludvig (BOKU) <sup>6</sup> Falak Naz, Aleš Urban (CZU)	European Geosciences Union; scientists, researchers
2 <sup>nd</sup> Impetus4Change ADAPTALAB	11–13 March, 2025	Aleš Urban (CZU)	Presentation of the CSI stakeholder workshop results to researchers and stakeholders from 4 cities participating in the Impetus4Change project
King’s College London – Presentation on CROSSEU-related topics	20 March 2025	Nicholas Vasilakos (UEA)	Academic community, London-based researchers

<sup>6</sup> <https://meetingorganizer.copernicus.org/EGU25/EGU25-12378.html>

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Workshop Horizon Project MAGDA	31 March 2025	Sorin Cheval, Zenaida Chitu (MeteoRo)	Presentation of the Project CROSSEU
Lancaster University – Presentation targeting academics and policymakers	15 May 2025	Nicholas Vasilakos (UEA)	Academic and policy stakeholders

### Other Relevant Conferences (pending confirmation)

These have been identified based on strategic alignment:

- International Conference on Environmental Risk, Climate Change and Case Studies on Climate Change ([CERCCCSCC](#))
- Nordic Wastewater Conference ([NORDIWA](#))
- International Conference on Urban Heat Island Mitigation Strategies ([ICUHIMS](#))
- International Conference on Resilient Cities ([ICRC](#))
- International Society for Environmental Epidemiology ([ISEE](#))
- International Conference Energy & Meteorology (ICEM)

Note: Listing conferences here does not guarantee participation but reflects the consortium’s strategic interest in these events. CROSSEU aims to participate in at least 12 key events across the project lifespan. A reporting form was developed by WP5 to allow consortium members in a structured way to report planned or past attendance. Reporting planned attendance allows other consortium members to be made aware of opportunities and aid collaboration on submission of abstracts and reporting past attendance documents for CROSSEU-related participation at conferences.

### Informal Networking and Bilateral Engagements

Some partners have also initiated informal dialogues with key stakeholders such as public authorities, research bodies, and local actors. Two case studies’ engagement activities are summarised in D3.1. These dialogues allow partners to test concepts, build trust, and prepare for formal outreach.

### Leveraging European Dissemination Platforms

CROSSEU will use established European Commission channels to disseminate results:

- Horizon Results Platform
- Innovation Radar
- Other relevant EC publication channels

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- Support Materials for Outreach

### Outreach Support Materials

To enhance partner visibility at external engagements, CROSSEU has prepared a set of branded materials and communication assets, including:

- Printed brochures and flyers
- Recent newsletters (featuring active partner involvement)
- Branded presentation materials such as Powerpoint slides

These materials will support upcoming speaking engagements and help ensure a professional and coherent presence at external events.

*Note:* While this deliverable focuses on the project's *core engagement strategy*, it also reflects continuity with prior deliverables such as D5.1 and D5.3 by showcasing early external actions and laying the groundwork for broader collaboration moving forward.



## 5. Stakeholder engagement activities

In line with the project’s communication and dissemination strategy, several activities can be used to meaningfully engage stakeholders across different regions and sectors. These efforts go beyond simply sharing information – they aim to build relationships, foster collaboration, and ensure that stakeholders are actively involved in the project’s development and outcomes.

Activities are grouped into three key categories of case study-based engagement, thematic workshops and relationship-building, described in the following sections.

### 5.1. Case Study–Based Engagement

The CROSSEU case studies are central to stakeholder engagement activities, providing concrete context for interaction with relevant actors at local, regional and international level and sectorial levels. While common methodology for stakeholder mapping and engagement was defined early in the project, its implementation has been adapted by each case study team based on their specific context and progress.

Details on the stakeholder mapping and early engagement activities by case study are available in deliverables D5.1 and D3.1. In this deliverable (D5.5) we focus on how case studies will continue to serve as a foundation for engagement in the next phase of the project.

Building on the case study advancements, the project will pursue the following engagement activities:

- Workshops tailored to case study themes, involving targeted stakeholders to discuss findings, gather feedback, and co-develop insights. There is a dedicated section for workshops.
- Factsheets and other materials developed from case study results, used as tools to communicate key messages and maintain dialogue with stakeholders.
- Newsletter features that highlight developments in each case study and recognise stakeholder contributions.

This approach ensures that engagement remains context-specific, stakeholder-driven, and closely tied to the scientific and applicable developments within each case study.

## 5.2. Thematic Workshops

As part of the proposal’s dissemination and engagement plan, a series of at least three stakeholder workshops will be organised by M33, either in person or online, to promote the programme, support networking, and engage stakeholders at all levels.

A primary aim of these workshops is to present the CROSSEU DSS and selected project results to external stakeholders and gather feedback from potential end users. This process is essential to ensure the relevance, usability, and eventual uptake of the DSS. By spacing these workshops over several months this feedback can be integrated in improving and developing project outputs.

These workshops will:

- Introduce CROSSEU products - the DSS features and functionalities tailored to stakeholders’ needs;
- Demonstrate how project outputs can support evidence-based decision-making;
- Provide an interactive way for feedback for stakeholders to share insights, and recommendations;
- Facilitate two-way engagement to enhance trust and future collaboration.

Proposed themes for these events would be on sectorial lines, and all will feature the DSS, relevant results and datasets. Final content of the workshops will be defined as participants are confirmed, but potentially focused sessions on these topics:

- Water management, forestry and agriculture sectors: snow, flooding and drought CS
- Energy, infrastructure sectors: storms, energy and indirect impacts CS
- Health, tourism sectors: heat and drought CS

A proposed outline of the planning timetable for these workshops is presented in table 5, with WP5, CS and WP leads active in stakeholder engagement and contributing to workshop programmes throughout the period. Engagement mapped out here will be a continuation from previous planned effort from M18 with WP3/WP5 collaboration to involve stakeholders with the testing of and feedback from the beta-DSS system due in M21. Discussions begin in June 2025 (M18) between WPs to facilitate stakeholder participation, to get feedback and providing early demonstrations of the project outcomes.

The exact timings of workshops will depend on availability of CS workflows and results for integration into the DSS.



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Table 5 Provisional timetable for project year 3 stakeholder workshops

Timeline		Objective	Partners/ CS
<b>M25</b>	Jan 2026 (potentially at 2nd annual meeting)	<b>Initial planning:</b> assign tasks/ confirm timetable	WP5 T5.3 partners, plus all other partners involved
<b>M27/28</b>	Mar/Apr 2026	<b>Planning engagement</b> – external participants	All partners
<b>M28</b>	Apr 2026	<b>Send invitations</b> – dates, programme etc for stakeholders invited	WP5
<b>M29</b>	May 2026	<b>Finalise content</b>	WP5/ WP3/ Case Study leads
<b>M30</b>	Jun 2026 - to be decided	<b>FIRST WORKSHOP</b>	
<b>M31</b>	Early Jul 2026 - to be decided	<b>SECOND WORKSHOP</b>	
<b>M33</b>	By end Sep 2026	<b>THIRD WORKSHOP</b>	

### 5.3. Relationship-Building and Mutual Visibility

Sustained engagement often grows from informal but strategic actions that nurture connections over time. These strategic actions include:

- Maintaining active communication with key stakeholders, including through personalised updates and direct contact when appropriate.
- Acknowledging stakeholder contributions by featuring them in engagement materials (e.g., case study documents, workshop summaries).
- Monitoring and following stakeholders’ work, identifying opportunities for alignment, collaboration or mutual support.

Many partners are already involved in existing networks and clusters, enabling synergies that strengthen both CROSSEU and the wider community working on climate resilience. The World Meteorological Organization (WMO), a CROSSEU partner, builds international relationships by coordinating global cooperation among its Member States and

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Territories through standardized data sharing, joint scientific initiatives, and intergovernmental dialogue. It fosters partnerships with UN agencies, governments, and other stakeholders to enhance global resilience to weather, climate, and water-related challenges. Additionally, the CROSSEU project (Coordinator MeteoRomania and LGI) joined the MIP4 Adapt platform and participated in the Mission’s Projects Communications Working Group Meetings.

Connections will be developed with sister projects under the Adaptation Mission to identify opportunities for coordinated or joint exploitation strategies. Initial contact has already been made with projects such as CARMINE, SPARCCE, and ACCREU, and these collaborations will be further explored as the project progresses. In addition, completed initiatives like COACCH (ended in 2021) and JRC PESETA IV has been examined for relevant insights and synergies.

Related projects will be highlighted in newsletters, social media posts and potentially - where opportunities for closer collaboration are seen - could be invited to meetings and other events.



## 6. Conclusion

This deliverable is prepared by partners in CROSSEU work package 5 ‘Societal sharing - Communication Dissemination & Exploitation’ and is the first version of the ‘User adoption and engagement with the international community’ report from task T5.3. This v1 (D5.5) catalogues and describes current activities to M17 and will be revised in v2 (D5.6) in M35 based on further collaboration with stakeholders.

The report describes collaboration with relevant networks, clusters and initiatives and platforms at national, regional and international level. The extent of collaboration will grow throughout the project and when this report is updated, it will reflect the increase in collaborative effort as project partners advance both results and external CROSSEU activities.

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