



Grant Agreement No.: 101135632 | Call: HORIZON-CL4-2023-DATA-01
Topic: HORIZON-CL4-2023-DATA-01-06 | Type of action: HORIZON-CSA



D5.5 Communication & Dissemination Plan and Report

Revision: Final

Work package	WP5	Task	Task 5.1, 5.2, 5.3
Submission date	29/06/2026	Due date	30/06/2026
Deliverable lead	Martel Innovate	Version	Final
Authors	Martel Innovate, F6S		
Reviewers	OpenNebula Systems, RISE		

Abstract	This document outlines NexusForum.EU's strategic approach to communication and dissemination, aiming to enhance visibility, engage stakeholders, and maximise the project's impact.
Keywords	Communication, dissemination, events, impact, brand, EuCloudEdgeIoT

DOCUMENT REVISION HISTORY

Version	Date	Description of change	List of contributor(s)
V0.1	20/01/2024	1st version of the template for comments	Miguel Alarcón (Martel)
V0.2	27/04/2026	Table of Content	Amrita Prasad (Martel)
V0.3	01/06/2026	Inputs about events	Tajana Medakovic (F6S)
V0.4	18/06/2026	First draft sent for review	Amrita Prasad (Martel)
V0.6	24/06/2026	Addressed comments from review 1	Leonardo Tonetto (Martel), Francisco Picolini (OpenNebula Systems)
V0.7	25/06/2026	Coordinator review	Annika Strömdahl (RISE)
V0.8	26/06/2026	Addressed comments from Coordinator review	Amrita Prasad (Martel)
V1.0/final	29/06/2026	Final deliverable for submission	Maria-Angeliki Evliati (RISE)

Disclaimer

Co-funded by the European Union. Views and opinions expressed are however those of the author(s) only and do not necessarily reflect those of the European Union or the other granting authorities. Neither the European Union nor the granting authority can be held responsible for them.

Copyright notice

© 2024 - 2026 NexusForum Consortium

Project co-funded by the European Commission in the Horizon Europe Programme		
Nature of the deliverable:	R Document, report (excluding the periodic and final reports)	
Dissemination Level		
PU	Public, fully open, e.g. web	x

Executive summary

This report expands upon Deliverable D5.3, the Communication and Dissemination Plan and Reports, which was submitted to the European Commission on 27th June 2025, and the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) established prior to the project's commencement. It outlines the communication, dissemination, and community-building efforts undertaken, as well as the tools and channels employed by the NexusForum.EU consortium to enhance the project's visibility and engagement with its target audiences over the final 12 months, from the project mid-term in June 2025 to its conclusion in June 2026. The first and second versions of the "Communication and Dissemination Plan and Report", outlined the approach and activities for communication and dissemination aimed at maximising visibility, engaging a wide range of stakeholders, and ensuring the long-term impact of the project outcomes. This report aims to highlight how the NexusForum.EU consortium has worked toward achieving the following strategic objectives:

- **Create a distinct and recognisable project identity:** Build a unique visual and brand presence that enhances communication and boosts the project's visibility.
- **Involve a wide range of stakeholders to raise awareness about the project and highlight its preliminary results:** Actively engage the European Cloud-edge-IoT communities, the scientific community, industry leaders, policymakers, and citizens to promote the NexusForum.EU results with uniform and coherent communication.
- **Maximise collaboration with related initiatives:** Partner with other publicly funded projects and initiatives to increase impact, exchange knowledge, and share best practices.

The document also assesses the progress in disseminating knowledge about the project, encouraging stakeholder engagement. The cloud/edge/IoT landscape is rapidly evolving, with new opportunities and challenges emerging in various sectors. The European Commission is also focusing on fostering global collaborations and knowledge exchange specifically with Japan and South Korea. New technologies and concepts are evolving as well as merging. Associations, non-profit organizations, and HPC centers are driving multifaceted research and innovation. Given this dynamic environment, it is necessary to adapt the project's approach to better meet both the technological advancements and the strategic priorities outlined by European authorities and to provide a consolidated platform to foster synergies. This deliverable will focus on the tools, channels, and materials that have been used and developed during this phase of the project in order to achieve the overall goals of the European Cloud-Edge-IoT ecosystem.

Table of contents

1	Introduction.....	9
1.1	Purpose of the document.....	9
1.2	Structure of the document.....	9
2	Communication and Dissemination (M19-M30).....	10
2.1	Communication Strategy and Objectives.....	10
2.2	Communication and dissemination tools and channels.....	10
3	Progress tracking (communication and dissemination KPIs and milestones) 52	
4	EUCloudEdgeIoT Communication Task Force	54
5	Continuation and sustainability.....	56
	Conclusions.....	57

List of figures

Figure 1: EuCEI website analytics from 01.01.2025 – 31.12.2025	11
Figure 2: EuCEI website analytics from 01.01.2026 – 15.06.2026	11
Figure 3: Geographical distribution of users (range 01.01.2025 – 31.12.2025).....	12
Figure 4: Geographical distribution of users (range 01.01.2026 – 15.06.2026).....	12
Figure 5: EuCEI website user acquisition overview (1 Jan 2025 – 31 Dec 2025)	13
Figure 6: EuCEI website user acquisition overview (1 Jan 2026 – 15 Jun 2026)	13
Figure 7: EuCEI website user acquisition session manual source (1 Jan 2025 – 31 Dec 2025).....	14
Figure 8: EuCEI website user acquisition session manual source (1 Jan 2026 – 15 Jun 2026)	14
Figure 9: nexusforum.eu website analytics (1 May 2025 – 1 Aug 2025)	15
Figure 10: Geographical breakdown of nexusforum.eu website users	15
Figure 11: Example of data visualisation from the Research & Innovation Roadmap web page	16
Figure 12: Visualisation: EU policies vis-à-vis the NexusForum technology domains.....	17
Figure 13: Screenshot of the 'Future European Computing Continuum' web page	18
Figure 14: Interactive visualisation of EU-funded Research and Innovation projects in the Cloud, Edge, IoT domains vis-à-vis the NexusForum Working Group domains	19
Figure 15: Screenshot of the Working Groups page	20
Figure 16: Screenshot of the homepage of the EuCEI Wiki.....	21
Figure 17: Screenshot of Wiki page 'EUCloudEdgeIoT Scientific Publications Repository'	22
Figure 18: EuCEI LinkedIn page content analytics (14 June 2025 – 13 June 2026).....	23
Figure 19: EuCEI LinkedIn page	24
Figure 20: NexusForum.EU LinkedIn page	25
Figure 21: NexusForum.EU LinkedIn page content analytics (14 June 2025 – 13 June 2026).....	26
Figure 22: EuCEI Bluesky account.....	27
Figure 23: EuCEI X account	28
Figure 24: NexusForum.EU X account.....	29
Figure 25: EuCEI Youtube channel	30
Figure 26: News page at EuCEI website.....	31
Figure 27: Most recent published newsletter – May 2026.....	32
Figure 28: News digest analytics	34

Figure 29: News Digests published on EuCEI website	35
Figure 30: NexusForum.EU Research and Innovation Roadmap flyer	36
Figure 31: NexusForum.EU Working group business cards	36
Figure 32: NexusForum.EU Policy flyer	37
Figure 33: NexusForum EU-ROK Digital Convergence Week Rollup.....	37
Figure 34: Overview of the registration for the event on Tito platform	38
Figure 35: NexusForum2025 Summit sessions	39
Figure 36: NexusForum.EU consortium at NexusForum2025 Summit	40
Figure 37: Highlights from the NexusForum EU-South Korea Digital Convergence week 2026	42
Figure 38: Highlights from the NexusForum EU-South Korea Digital Convergence week 2026, JCCI event	43
Figure 39: NexusForum.EU final webinar banner	43
Figure 40: Snapshots from NexusForum.EU final webinar	44
Figure 41: NexusForum talks social media cards and banners	45
Figure 42: Participant profiling: Type of organization	47
Figure 43: Participant profiling: Headquarters location	47
Figure 44: Participant profiling: Affiliation to the different association and alliances	48
Figure 45: Participant profiling: seniority and roles	49
Figure 46: Participant profiling: Headquarter location	50
Figure 47: The EuCEI research and innovation community	55

List of tables

Table 1: List of events attended by NexusForum.EU during the last reporting period.....	50
Table 2: Communication and Dissemination KPIs for the entire duration of the project.....	52
Table 3: Communication and Dissemination Milestones	53

Abbreviations

AI	Artificial Intelligence
BDVA	Big Data Value Association
CEI	Cloud-Edge-IoT
CSA	Coordination and Support Action
DoA	Description of Action
DSSC	Data Spaces Support Center
EC	European Commission
EU	European Union
EuCEI	European Cloud-Edge-IoT Initiative
HE	Horizon Europe
HPC	High Performance Computing
IA	Innovation Action
IEEE	Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers
IoT	Internet of Things
IPCEI-CIS	Important Project of Common European Interest on Next Generation Cloud Infrastructure and Services
KPIs	Key Performance Indicators
L	LinkedIn
LSP	Large Scale Pilots
NF	NexusForum
OA	Open Access
RIA	Research and Innovation Action
ROK	Republic of Korea
SME	Small and Medium Enterprise
SRIA	Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda
WP	Work Package

1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose of the document

This document, D5.5 Communication and Dissemination Plan and Report presents on the communication and dissemination activities from July 2025 to June 2026 (the final year and reporting period of the project). It provides a thorough summary of the efforts made to promote the project's goals, inform stakeholders, and share the final results and outputs.

1.2 Structure of the document

The following sections detail the project's progress and future plans:

- Section 1 offers an introduction and sets the context and layout of this document.
- Section 2 presents the final reporting period (Months 19-30) achievements, including strategy, communication, and impact. Through targeted, strategic communication and dissemination activities, this section not only broadcasts the achievements of NexusForum.EU but also the galvanising and strategic role it has played to foster collaboration among stakeholders, and drive forward the agenda for European digital sovereignty.
- Section 3 presents the progress tracking, monitoring and milestones of the communication and dissemination efforts.
- Section 4 presents the role of NexusForum.EU in the context of the European research and innovation community, namely the EuCloudEdgeIoT initiative.
- Section 5 offers a brief note about continuation and sustainability of the communication and dissemination channels assets and presents a concluding reflection on the project's overall progress and impact.

2 Communication and Dissemination (M19-M30)

2.1 Communication Strategy and Objectives

At the project's outset, a thorough communication, dissemination, and community-building strategy was created to ensure NexusForum.EU's wide reach and significant impact. This strategy, detailed in deliverable D5.1, serves as a blueprint for all outreach efforts. Project partners have consistently followed this plan since the beginning, utilising various tools and activities, which will be further discussed. NexusForum.EU prioritised continuous communication and dissemination throughout the project to ensure its innovative solutions, technologies, and results are widely recognised and utilised.

- **Storytelling:** We translated complex technological advancements into compelling narratives that highlight their human impact and transformative potential, fostering relatability across diverse audiences.
- **Multi-channel dissemination:** We ensured widespread reach and accessibility through a blend of digital platforms, traditional media, events, and engaging visual content, maximizing the impact of our communication efforts.
- **Stakeholder engagement and target audience are crucial:** We cultivated a collaborative community by mapping stakeholders, tailoring communication, and facilitating active participation in dialogues and co-creation.

These pillars were designed to inform, inspire, and drive collaboration, advancing NexusForum.EU's vision of an open, inclusive, and innovative cognitive computing continuum.

2.2 Communication and dissemination tools and channels

2.2.1 Project Website

NexusForum.EU's presence is delivered via two websites, the main contribution towards the EUCloudEdgeIoT website and the Nexusforum.eu website, acting as the homepage of the flagship event NexusForum Summit.

The EuCEI website is a fully functional platform providing comprehensive information on the European cloud-edge-IoT ecosystems. It features an easy-to-navigate interface for accessing information and public materials generated by the projects, as well as content collected through various work package activities about ongoing projects and relevant initiatives. This website serves as the main access point for all stakeholders in the cloud, IoT, swarm, cognitive cloud, cognitive computing continuum and MetaOS communities, offering activities, services, materials, and information that the European Cloud, Edge, and IoT Continuum aims to create, collect, and share. The design of the website evolved over the years as and when the contributing CSAs have been active. The EuCEI website was launched by the two founding CSAs, namely the Unlock CEI and OpenContinuum, who consolidated the brand and the European cloud, edge, and IoT identity.

NexusForum.EU project remodelled the EuCEI website and added several new pages, which have been elaborated in detail below.

In addition, nexusforum.eu website was used solely for the announcement of the NexusForum Summits. This website domain was set up during the organisation of the 1st NexusForum Summit in October 2023 and retains the contents from the past summits (2023, 2024 and 2025). The analytics plugin was implemented for a short time between May-August 2025, the plugin was installed during the summer months to check website traffic and to foresee if some

paid campaigns were necessary or not. Hence, there are data from this period regarding the traffic on the nexusforum.eu website, presented in Figure 9.

Further in this section are some of the website analytics that have been obtained since the beginning of the NexusForum.EU project. It is clear from Figure 1 that there are about 1000 active users of the EuCEI website per year that spend approximately 3 minutes when they visit the website. The website traffic went down on EuCEI website because of the flagship event, NexusForum Summit's own website, a significant traffic for the website is directed to the summit website.



Figure 1: EuCEI website analytics from 01.01.2025 – 31.12.2025

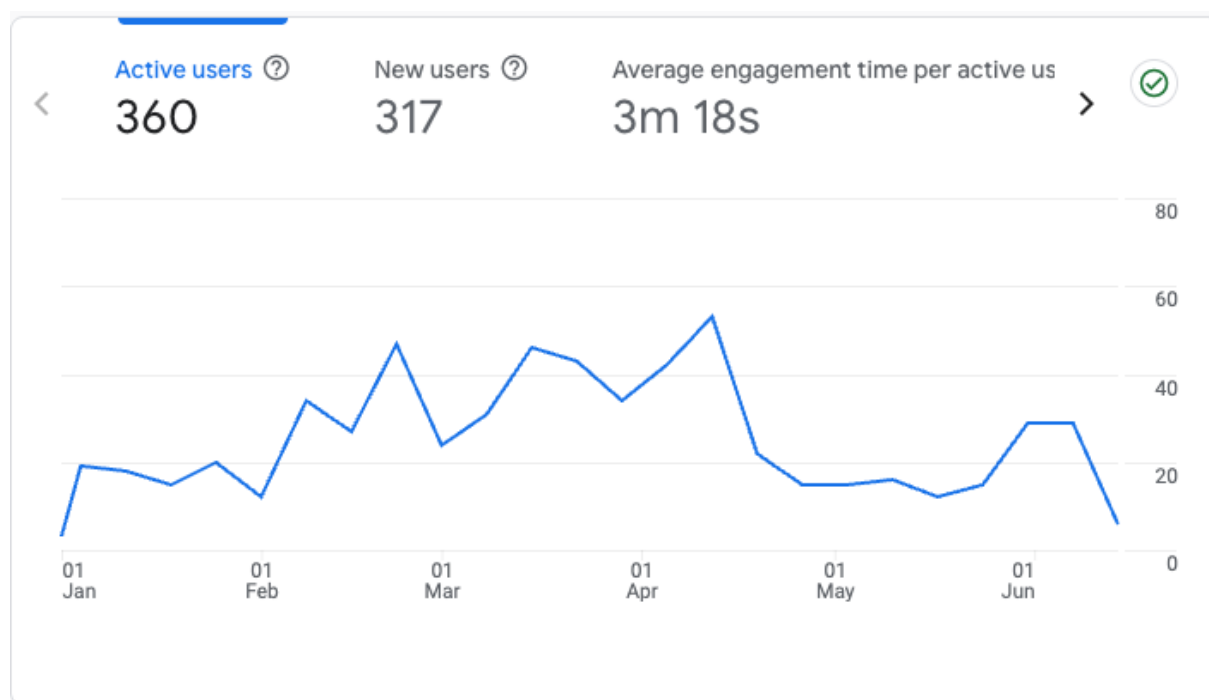


Figure 2: EuCEI website analytics from 01.01.2026 – 15.06.2026

The geographic distribution of the website visitors is well balanced with users arriving on the website from across the world, Europe, North America, India, China, South America as well as Africa, as seen in Figures 3 and 4.

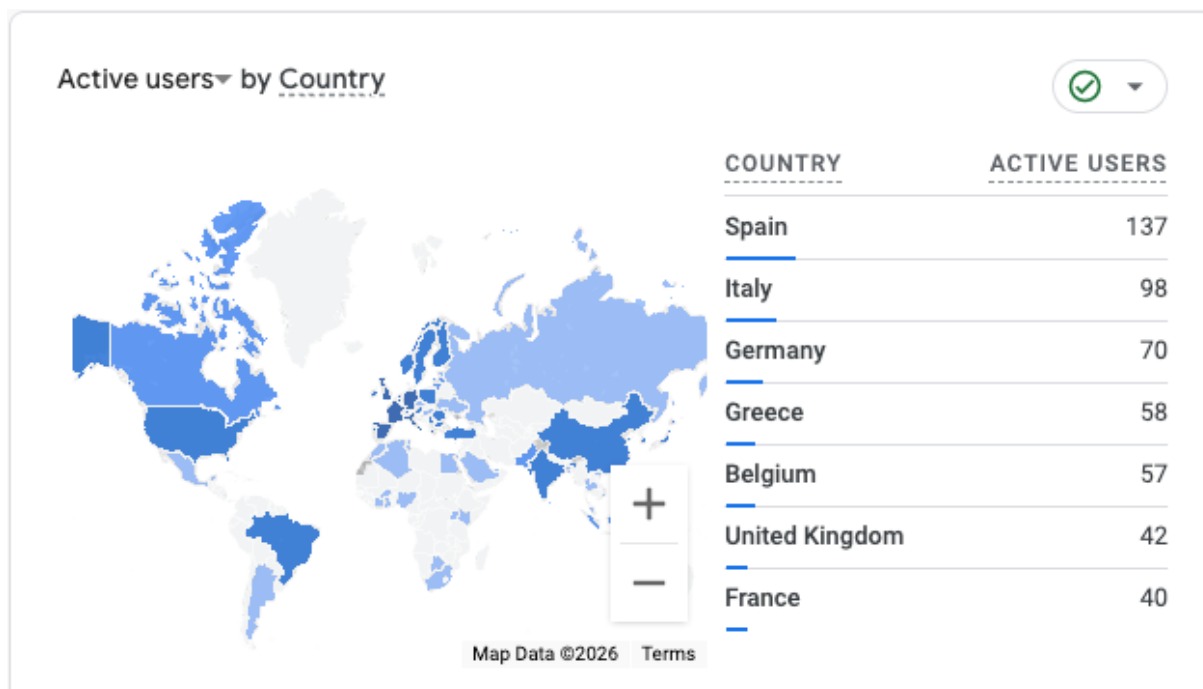


Figure 3: Geographical distribution of users (range 01.01.2025 – 31.12.2025)

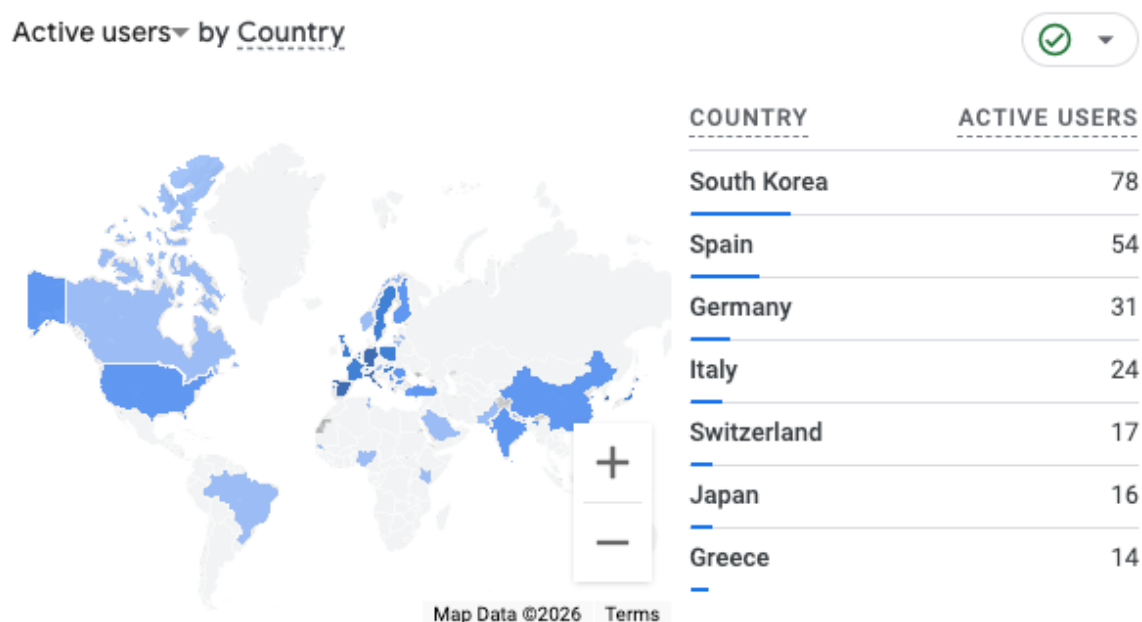


Figure 4: Geographical distribution of users (range 01.01.2026 – 15.06.2026)

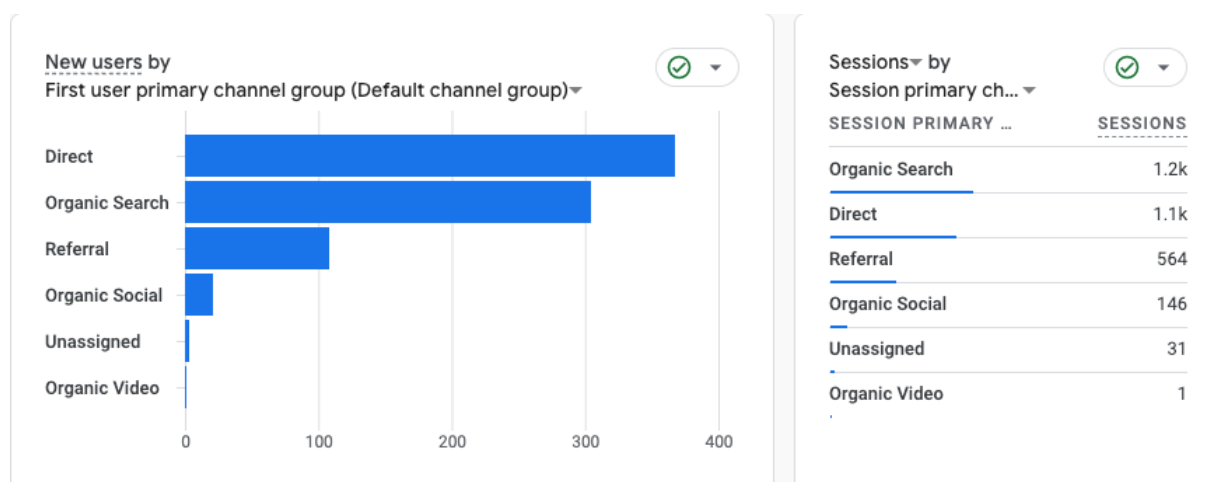


Figure 5: EuCEI website user acquisition overview (1 Jan 2025 – 31 Dec 2025)

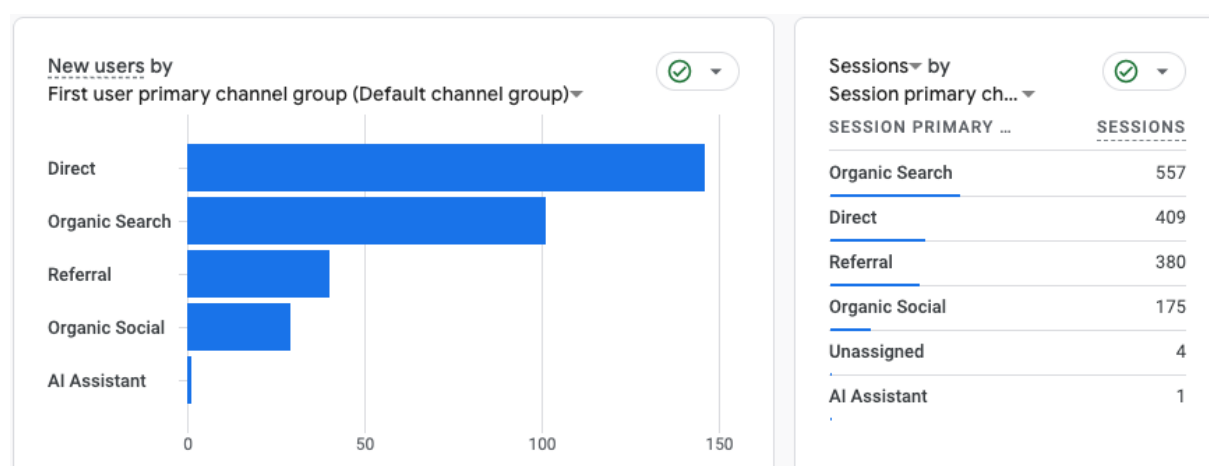


Figure 6: EuCEI website user acquisition overview (1 Jan 2026 – 15 Jun 2026)

In Figure 5 and 6, the graphs show that majority of the traffic on the website is arriving via direct and organic search. In Figures 7 and 8, we see that amongst the social media channels, the most used platform to bring traffic on the website has been LinkedIn.

Both EuCEI and NexusForum.EU LinkedIn channels have been used extensively for promotion, announcement, publicity of activities and output of the project.

Sessions▼ by Session manual so... ▼ ✓ ▼

SESSION MANUAL ...	SESSIONS
google	1.1k
bing	92
mail.google.com	83
linkedin.com	82
nexusforum.eu	81
ceisphere.eu	75
digital-strategy.ec.eu...	72

Figure 7: EuCEI website user acquisition session manual source (1 Jan 2025 – 31 Dec 2025)

Sessions▼ by Session manual so... ▼ ✓ ▼

SESSION MANUAL ...	SESSIONS
google	531
linkedin.com	165
nexusforum.eu	162
preview.mailerlite.io	70
mail.google.com	22
k-erc.eu	18
snu.gov-dooray.com	16

Figure 8: EuCEI website user acquisition session manual source (1 Jan 2026 – 15 Jun 2026)

For the nexusforum.eu website, the plugin to generate user traffic analytics was installed for a brief period, therefore we have data from 1 May – 1 Aug 2025. In the short period of 3 months time, the website generated over **1800 views**, where the users spent over **4 mins on the website**.

May 1-Aug 1 2025					
URL Path	Page Views	Returning users	Views per session	Avg eng p/user	Bounce rate
1 /nexusforum	1,754 (95.69%)	77 (97.47%)	1,45	4m 14s	29,37%
2 /nexusforum2024/	55 (3%)	8 (10.13%)	1,02	20s	27,78%
3 /nexusforum2023/	23 (1.25%)	3 (3.8%)	1,1	35s	23,81%
4 /2023	1 (0.05%)	0 (0%)	1	1s	0%
TOTAL	1 833	79	1,48	4m 10s	30,32%

Figure 9: nexusforum.eu website analytics (1 May 2025 – 1 Aug 2025)

Figure 10, show the geographical breakdown of the visitors.

	Country	Page Views	Returning users	Engagement rate	Bounce rate
1	United States	1,208 (65.9%)	1 (1.27%)	91,25%	8,75%
2	Spain	132 (7.2%)	24 (30.38%)	48,15%	51,85%
3	Sweden	62 (3.38%)	9 (11.39%)	56,25%	43,75%
4	Germany	61 (3.33%)	10 (12.66%)	40,32%	59,68%
5	Italy	61 (3.33%)	7 (8.86%)	39,62%	60,38%
6	Japan	34 (1.85%)	5 (6.33%)	40%	60%
7	Netherlands	34 (1.85%)	1 (1.27%)	32,35%	67,65%
8	Switzerland	33 (1.8%)	1 (1.27%)	68%	32%
9	South Korea	25 (1.36%)	3 (3.8%)	54,17%	45,83%
10	Ireland	20 (1.09%)	1 (1.27%)	52,63%	47,37%
11	Greece	19 (1.04%)	0 (0%)	40%	60%
12	Portugal	19 (1.04%)	3 (3.8%)	47,06%	52,94%
13	Belgium	18 (0.98%)	4 (5.06%)	63,16%	36,84%
14	Serbia	18 (0.98%)	2 (2.53%)	25%	75%
15	United Kingdom	13 (0.71%)	3 (3.8%)	38,46%	61,54%
16	Poland	9 (0.49%)	3 (3.8%)	58,33%	41,67%
17	France	8 (0.44%)	0 (0%)	42,86%	57,14%
18	(not set)	7 (0.38%)	0 (0%)	0%	100%
19	Bulgaria	7 (0.38%)	1 (1.27%)	33,33%	66,67%
20	Croatia	7 (0.38%)	2 (2.53%)	50%	50%
21	Norway	7 (0.38%)	0 (0%)	28,57%	71,43%
22	Australia	5 (0.27%)	1 (1.27%)	25%	75%
23	Singapore	5 (0.27%)	0 (0%)	50%	50%
24	Luxembourg	4 (0.22%)	0 (0%)	25%	75%
25	Austria	2 (0.11%)	1 (1.27%)	100%	0%
	Total	1 833	79	69,68%	30,32%

Figure 10: Geographical breakdown of nexusforum.eu website users

After the commencement of the NexusForum.EU project, a significant emphasis was given in consolidating the European cognitive computing continuum ecosystems with respect to research and policies framework.

The following new webpages have been added on the EuCEI website that showcase strategic elements of the European cognitive computing ecosystems.

Research and Innovation Roadmap

The EUCloudEdgelot.EU website hosts a specific page dedicated to one of the main results from the NexusForum.EU project, namely the ‘Research & Innovation Roadmap’.

The dedicated webpage provides a snapshot, summarising the contents of the report to provide a quick overview of the key findings. The page includes information on the main insights in the Report as well as data visualisations and an overview of the technological domains analysed.

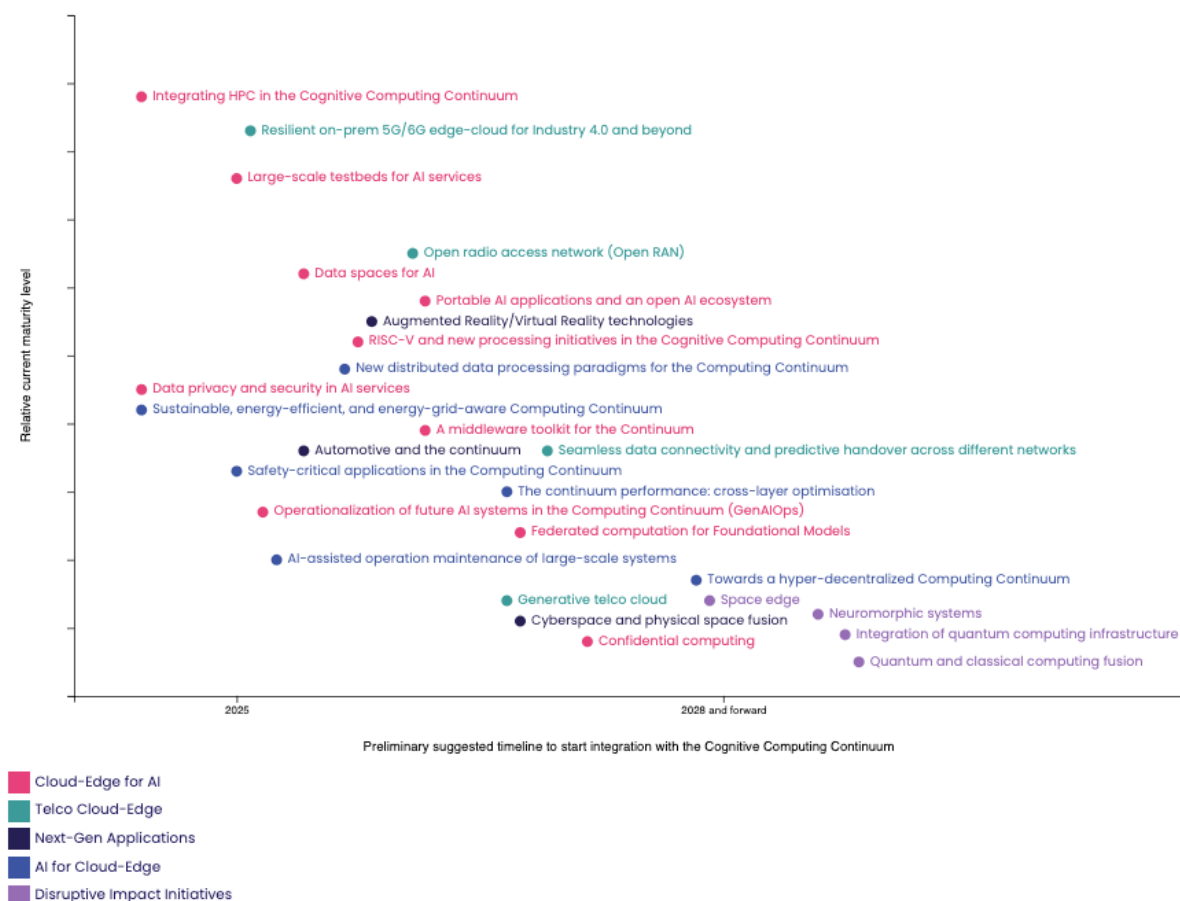


Figure 11: Example of data visualisation from the Research & Innovation Roadmap web page

The page targets EU- and member state-level policy makers, as well as actors operating in the EU, cloud and internet of things domains, both in the industry and in academia.

Policies and Governance

This section of the website is composed of four sub-sections, namely ‘Participatory actions’, ‘Policies & Initiatives’, ‘Future outlook’ and ‘Future European Continuum’.

Tailor-made for actors in the wider European digital ecosystem, the four sections explore different facets of the European policy and governance landscape in the Cloud, Edge and IoT domains, providing a comprehensive overview of the key strategies, orientations and legislative actions at European level.

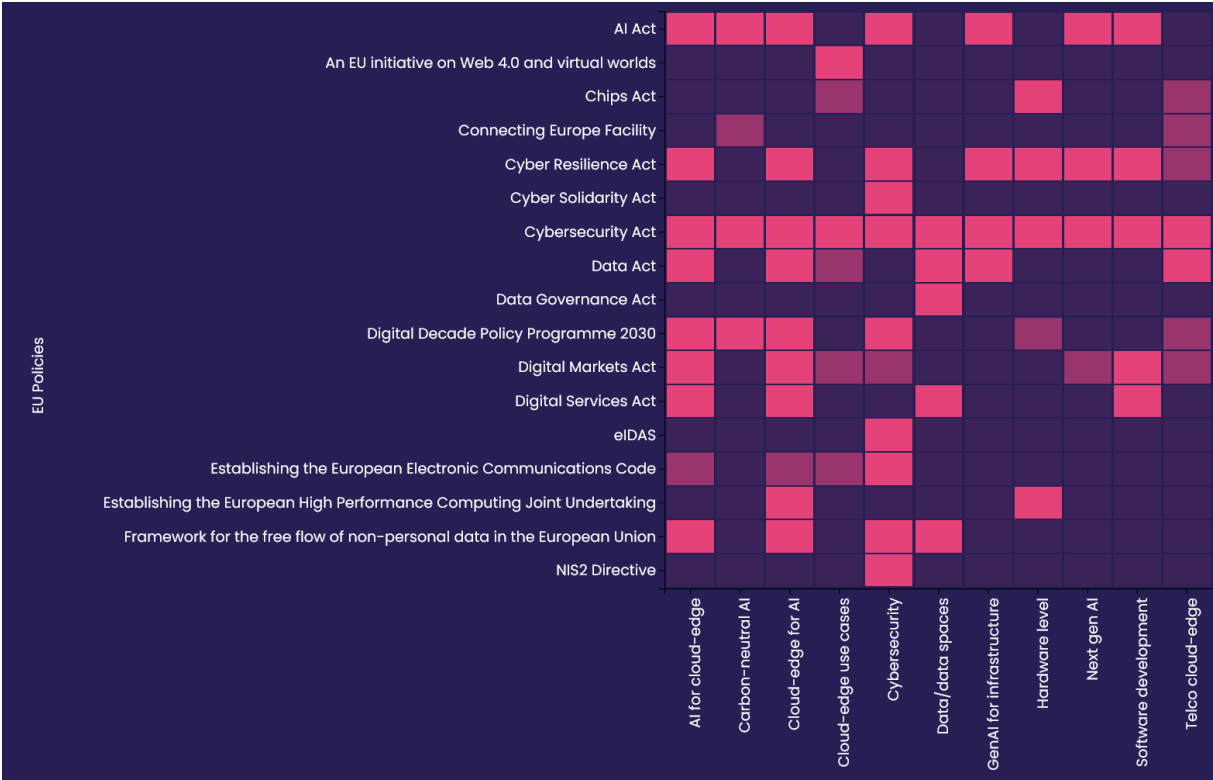


Figure 12: Visualisation: EU policies vis-à-vis the NexusForum technology domains

Additionally, the ‘Future outlook’ and ‘Future European Continuum’ pages provide insights on potential future evolutions of the European digital ecosystem. The ‘Participatory actions’ page encourages stakeholders to engage in the EU legislative process, supporting the project’s actions on Public Consultations, and encouraging engagement at community level.

Factors

+ FACTOR 1: TECHNOLOGY, INNOVATION AND RESEARCH CAPABILITIES

– FACTOR 2: FRAMEWORK CONDITIONS (policies, strategies, plans and regulations)

These are the boundary conditions in the context of a country's policies, strategies, plans and regulations, and refer to the general circumstances or conditions in which a technology or industry develops.

Objective: Identification of gaps that must be covered to establish the context of the continuum from regulatory and policy aspects.

S

1. Europe's leadership in climate policy and action positions it well to leverage these technologies for sustainable development.
2. AI Act sets a framework for ethical AI, balancing technological advancement with societal values.
3. European Values build trust and credibility both within Europe and globally: data protection, environmental sustainability, Digital inclusion, cybersecurity, and ethical AI, etc.
4. Data Sovereignty: data regulation and protection is a strength in terms of trust and security

W

1. Absence of a True Capital Markets Union limits the ability to finance large-scale projects in digital technology.
2. Insufficient control over compliance with regulations.
3. Fragmented and excessive Regulation making it difficult to have a solution that is valid for all EU member states
4. Administrative and bureaucratic burden.
5. Difficulty Complying with the Cyber Resilience Act in Open Source.
6. European Users' Concerns about trust and use of digital services.

Figure 13: Screenshot of the 'Future European Computing Continuum' web page

The pages also provide a visual representation of EU-funded projects vis-à-vis the NexusForum's Working Groups technology domains.



Figure 14: Interactive visualisation of EU-funded Research and Innovation projects in the Cloud, Edge, IoT domains vis-à-vis the NexusForum Working Group domains

Working groups

The 'working groups' is an entry point to the activities of the NexusForum.EU working groups. The page lists the working groups and provides a summary of their key domains. The page also provides information on the alignment with the activities of the IPCEI-CIS, and a link to access the Whaller community space.



WORKING GROUPS



European Alliance for Industrial Data, Edge and Cloud

IPCEI-CIS

EU

Industry-Research WG Coordinators

OpenHubs Systems

RISE

T-Systems

RISE

IONOS

Technalia

Arthur's Legal

RISE

Engineering

Univ. of Pavia

E-Group

RISE

OpenHubs Systems

RISE

Telefonica

RISE

Pagitz

IMUJ

TBA soon

Yoroi

Research & Innovation Roadmap Advisory Board

The main objective of these Working Groups is to **collect contributions and feedback** to the roadmap from relevant **EU industry experts and researchers**. The NexusForum.EU thematic Working Groups are based on the main sections of the **Research and Innovation roadmap**. These working groups are aligned with two European strategic initiatives: the European Alliance for Industrial Data, Edge and Cloud and the Important Project of Common European Interest on Next Generation Cloud Infrastructure and Services (IPCEI-CIS).

Take Action Now – Your Voice Matters!

Be part of the conversation that will shape the future of European policy on the Cognitive Computing Continuum.

[Join the NexusForum Community](#)

Figure 15: Screenshot of the Working Groups page

EuCEI Wiki

As described on the Main Page of the platform, the EUCloudEdgeIoT Wiki collects detailed information on the EUCloudEdgeIoT research and innovation projects, their research outputs and reusable assets as well as the NexusForum.EU Working Groups, including participating members, research papers and references to delve deeper.

Welcome to the EUCloudEdgeIoT Wiki



This Wiki collects detailed information on the EUCloudEdgeIoT research and innovation projects, their research outputs and reusable assets as well as the NexusForum.EU Working Groups, including the members taking part, research papers and references to delve deeper.



What can I do on the EUCloudEdgeIoT Wiki?



EUCloudEdgeIoT.eu

The Wiki is a tool to explore the activities and outputs of the [EUCloudEdgeIoT](#) initiative.

You can explore:

- the [EUCloudEdgeIoT Scientific Publications Repository](#) listing outputs generated by the [Research and Innovation Actions](#) under the EUCloudEdgeIoT umbrella
- the [Research and Innovation Actions](#) funded by the European Commission's [Horizon 2020](#) and [Horizon Europe](#) programmes under the EUCloudEdgeIoT umbrella
- the [IPCEI-CIS Reference Architecture](#)
- the [NexusForum.EU Working Groups](#)
- a repository of [Researchers](#) active in the Cloud, Edge and IoT domains in Europe

Figure 16: Screenshot of the homepage of the EuCEI Wiki

On top of listing Research and Innovation actions funded by the Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe programmes, in the domains of Cloud, Edge and IoT, the Wiki provides a comprehensive repository of the research outputs generated by the projects (https://wiki.eucloudedgeiot.eu/index.php/EUCloudEdgeIoT_Scientific_Publications_Repository), as well as a listing of the EU researchers contributing to the publications (<https://wiki.eucloudedgeiot.eu/index.php/Researchers>). Full-text search is available, as well as sorting by category, year of publication and project.

EUCloudEdgeIoT Scientific Publications Repository



This page provides a comprehensive list of research outputs generated by Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe Research and Innovation projects in the domains of Cloud, Edge and IoT, under the EUCloudEdgeIoT umbrella.

The publications listed below have been categorised, can be filtered and a full text search is available at the top of the listing.

The categories are:

1. Cloud, Edge, and Continuum Computing
2. Hardware Architecture and High-Performance Computing (HPC)
3. Cybersecurity, Privacy, and Trust
4. Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning Systems
5. Networking, 5G/6G, and Communications
6. Software Engineering, Testing, and DevOps
7. IoT, Robotics, and Autonomous Swarms
8. Data Science, Analytics, and Data Processing

20 rows

Search

EU Project	Title	Category	Type	Year	DOI
AC3	XAI-enabled fine granular vertical resources autoscaler	Networking, 5G/6G, and Communications	Conference proceedings	2023	https://doi.org/10.1109/NetSoft57336.2023.10175438
AC3	Dynamic deployment prediction and configuration in hybrid cloud / edge computing environments using influence-based learning	Networking, 5G/6G, and Communications	Conference proceedings	2023	https://doi.org/10.1109/EECSI59885.2023.10295768

Figure 17: Screenshot of Wiki page 'EUCloudEdgeIoT Scientific Publications Repository'

The Wiki also provide information on the Working Groups, including the Working Group co-leaders.

2.2.2 Social media

NexusForum.EU continues the strong presence on social media via two channels: NexusForum.EU's own channels on LinkedIn and X, and via the EuCEI's channels on LinkedIn, X, Bluesky and YouTube. The EuCEI channels are considered as the main communication and dissemination channels for NexusForum.EU and CEI-Sphere projects, as well as for amplifying the dissemination and communication efforts of the research and innovation projects of the EuCEI community.

NexusForum.EU's channels on LinkedIn and X are used for promoting and informing of the events organised by NexusForum.EU.

Both channels are updated frequently with diverse content, such as updates on both (NexusForum.EU and CEI-Sphere) partners' participation in events and webinars, publishing of relevant and important documents like the "Research and Innovation Roadmap" and news articles linking back to the website. LinkedIn posts tag partner handles to enhance outreach and sharing potential. Additionally, relevant hashtags like #digitalsovereignty, #cloudedgeiot, #opensource, and #EU are frequently used.

Recent evaluations have raised concerns about the compatibility of X with the project's values, particularly regarding data privacy, user autonomy, and the spread of misinformation. In response, the editorial lead of EuCEI (NexusForum.EU and CEI-Sphere communication and dissemination teams) decided to create an account on Bluesky, a platform that prioritises user-centred design, transparency, and ethical standards in communication. This move was also guided by the fact that many Research and Innovation Projects of the EuCEI community have moved to Bluesky or Mastodon from X. The idea was to try and see if the EuCEI Bluesky account gathers enough momentum and if it was possible to slowly phase out the X platform. Both channels (X and Bluesky) are still active, and their continuity and handover is under discussion as per the scope of the CEI-Sphere and a follow-up CSA, elaborated in section 5 below.

2.2.2.1 LinkedIn

NexusForum.EU contributes and co-manages the EuCEI LinkedIn page together with the CSA stemming from a similar field, CEI-Sphere. NexusForum.EU also runs its own LinkedIn page which is mostly used as a shadow account to echo the posts shared by the EuCEI LinkedIn page as well as those of the Research and Innovation projects. NexusForum.EU's own LinkedIn promotes the announcements of the NexusForum Summits, and will continue serving the summits even after the project has concluded.

Both LinkedIn accounts showcase key project milestones and keep followers updated on the latest developments. The EuCEI page currently stands at **1535 followers (213 new followers in this reporting period June 2025 – June 2026)**.

During this reporting period, this page shows a total of over **88,051 page impressions**.



Figure 18: EuCEI LinkedIn page content analytics (14 June 2025 – 13 June 2026)

The account has been used to highlight the project's progress, amplify key messages from the website, and share relevant news from project as well as echo the activities of the RIAs in the community, important participatory actions of the European Commission with respect to cloud-edge-IoT policies, feedback etc. The EuCEI LinkedIn page is followed by a global audience involved in fields such as education, business development, research, program and project management, engineering, information technology, community and social services, media and communication, sales, and consulting.

In Figure 19, a screenshot of the EuCEI LinkedIn page is shown.

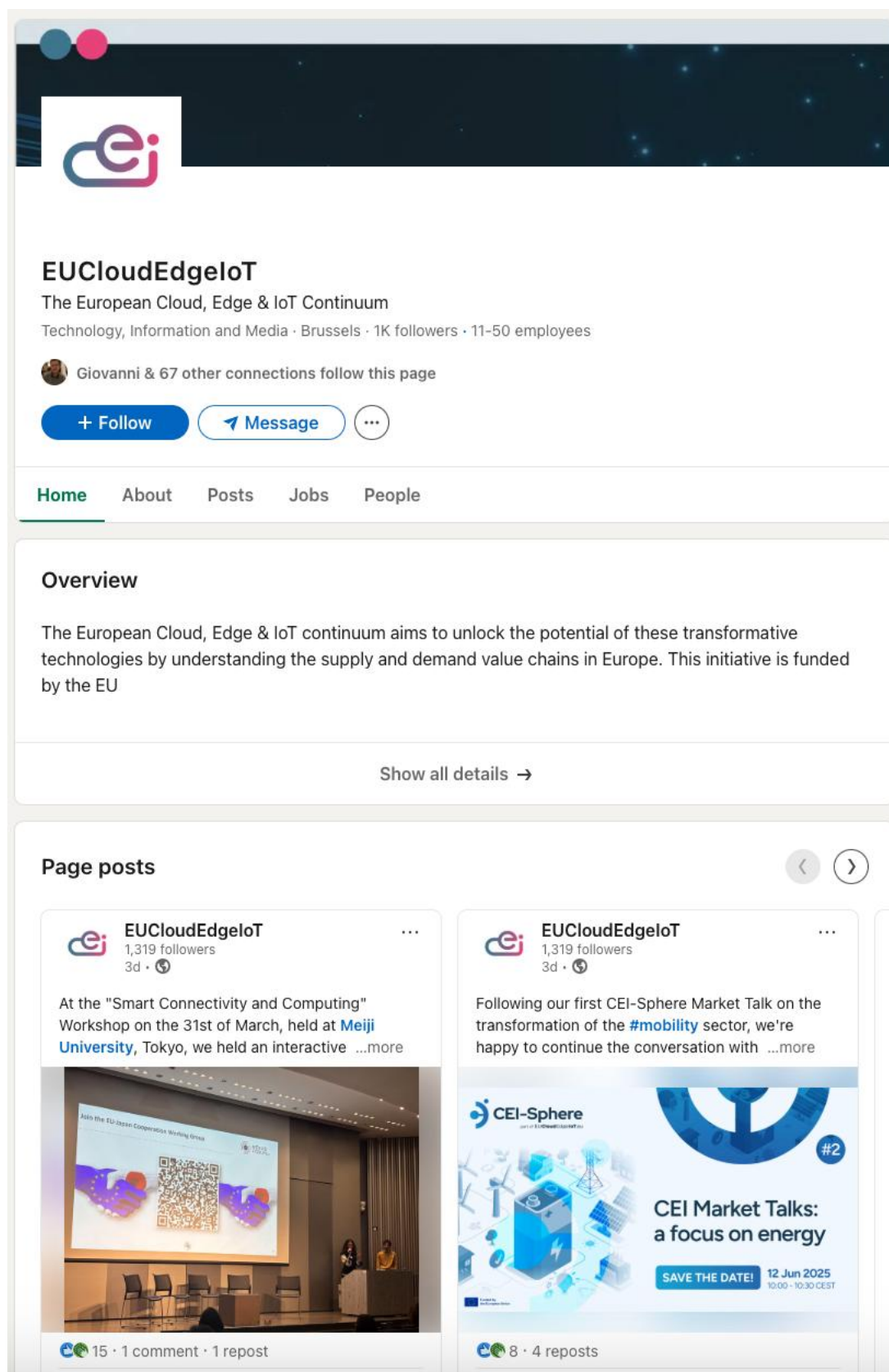


Figure 19: EuCEI LinkedIn page

The NexusForum.EU LinkedIn page has 890 followers and is the main page to publish the results and activities of the NexusForum.EU project.

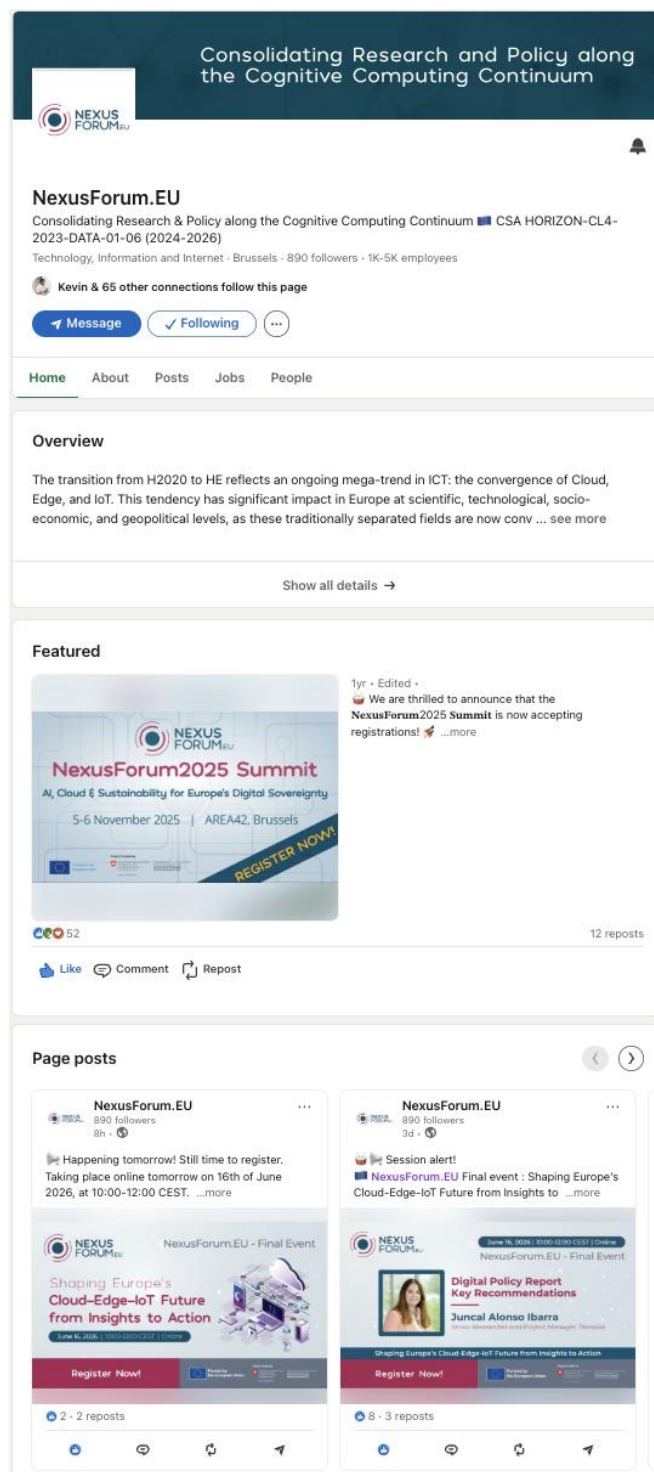


Figure 20: NexusForum.EU LinkedIn page

During the last reporting period, the NexusForum.EU LinkedIn page has generated an astounding **194,647 impressions**, a direct correlation with the strategic events and outputs produced by the project.

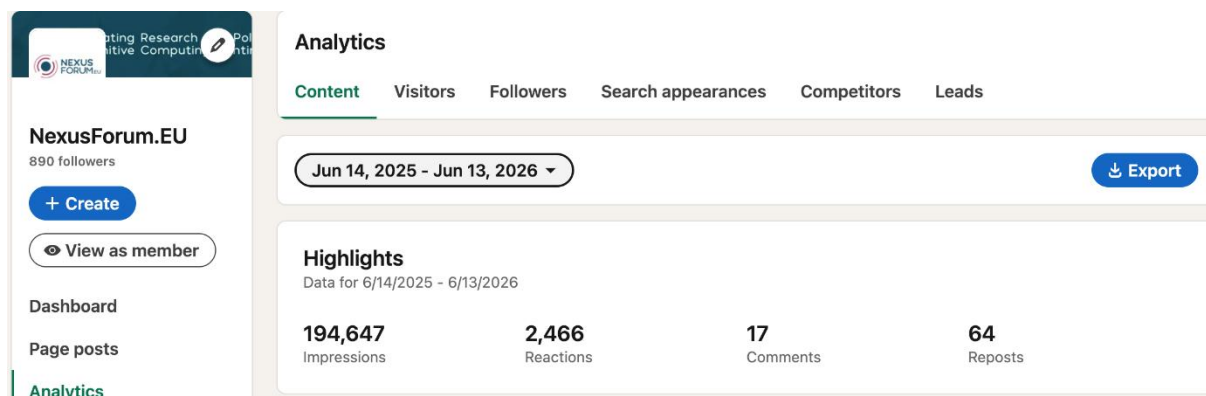


Figure 21: NexusForum.EU LinkedIn page content analytics (14 June 2025 – 13 June 2026)

2.2.2.2 X and Bluesky

NexusForum.EU co-manages the X account for EuCEI and manages entirely the NexusForum.EU X channel. However, the trust and popularity of the platform have drastically reduced due to global events since the start of the project, and the channels are no longer as impactful, especially in the European context.

NexusForum.EU, CEI Sphere and the RIAs of the EuCEI community therefore agreed to start a channel on Bluesky, which is more inclusive, open and adhering to European data protection policies. A EuCEI account was created on Bluesky with the intention to expand the community there.

EuCEI and NexusForum.EU's main activities are still being posted on X but the platform will be phased out as soon as the community is established on Bluesky.

Below we have the snapshot of the EuCEI and NexusForum.EU X accounts, and EuCEI's Bluesky account.

At the time of the writing this document, the numbers are:

- **EuCEI X:** 690 followers
- **NexusForum.EU X:** 54 followers
- **EuCEI Bluesky:** 42 followers



Figure 22: EuCEI Bluesky account



Figure 23: EuCEI X account



Figure 24: NexusForum.EU X account

2.2.2.3 YouTube

NexusForum.EU maintains the YouTube channel of EuCEI, together with CEI-Sphere, to disseminate the project's vision, concepts, and objectives by sharing project videos, such as recorded project events/sessions and expert interviews.

The EuCEI YouTube channel has **92 videos** in total out of which **34 are generated by NexusForum.EU project** at the time of writing this report. There are **127 subscribers** to the EuCEI YouTube channel. All videos curated by NexusForum.EU are also published on the EuCEI website as part of the respective news item, on the News page.

Figure 25 shows the EuCEI youtube channel.

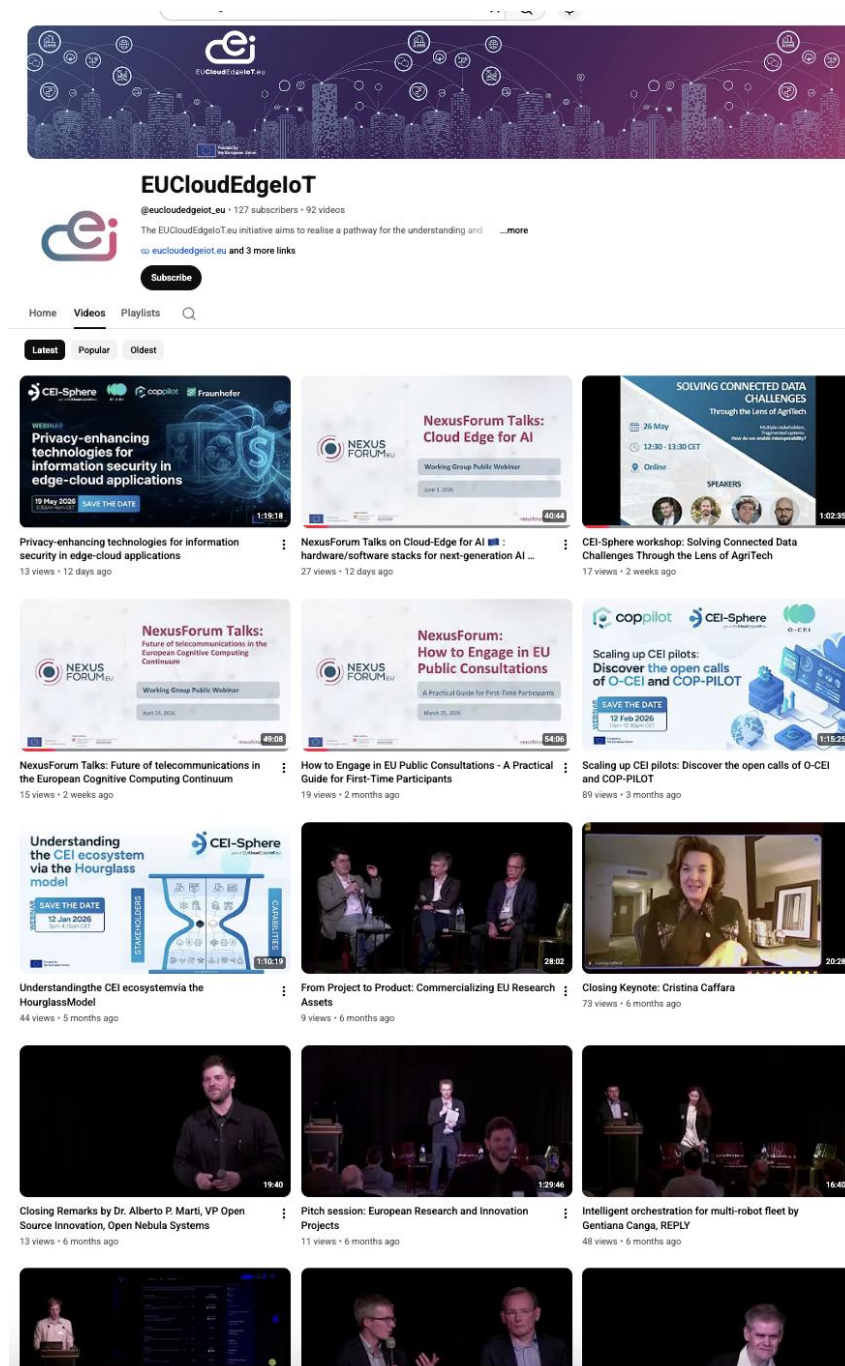


Figure 25: EuCEI Youtube channel

2.2.3 Content Production

The NexusForum.EU consortium promotes its activities by publishing news articles that showcase significant initiatives, achievements, milestones and events. The project has released 7 news articles in this period. All news items are available on the EuCEI website and have been shared via social media and the EuCEI newsletter reaching **637 recipients**.

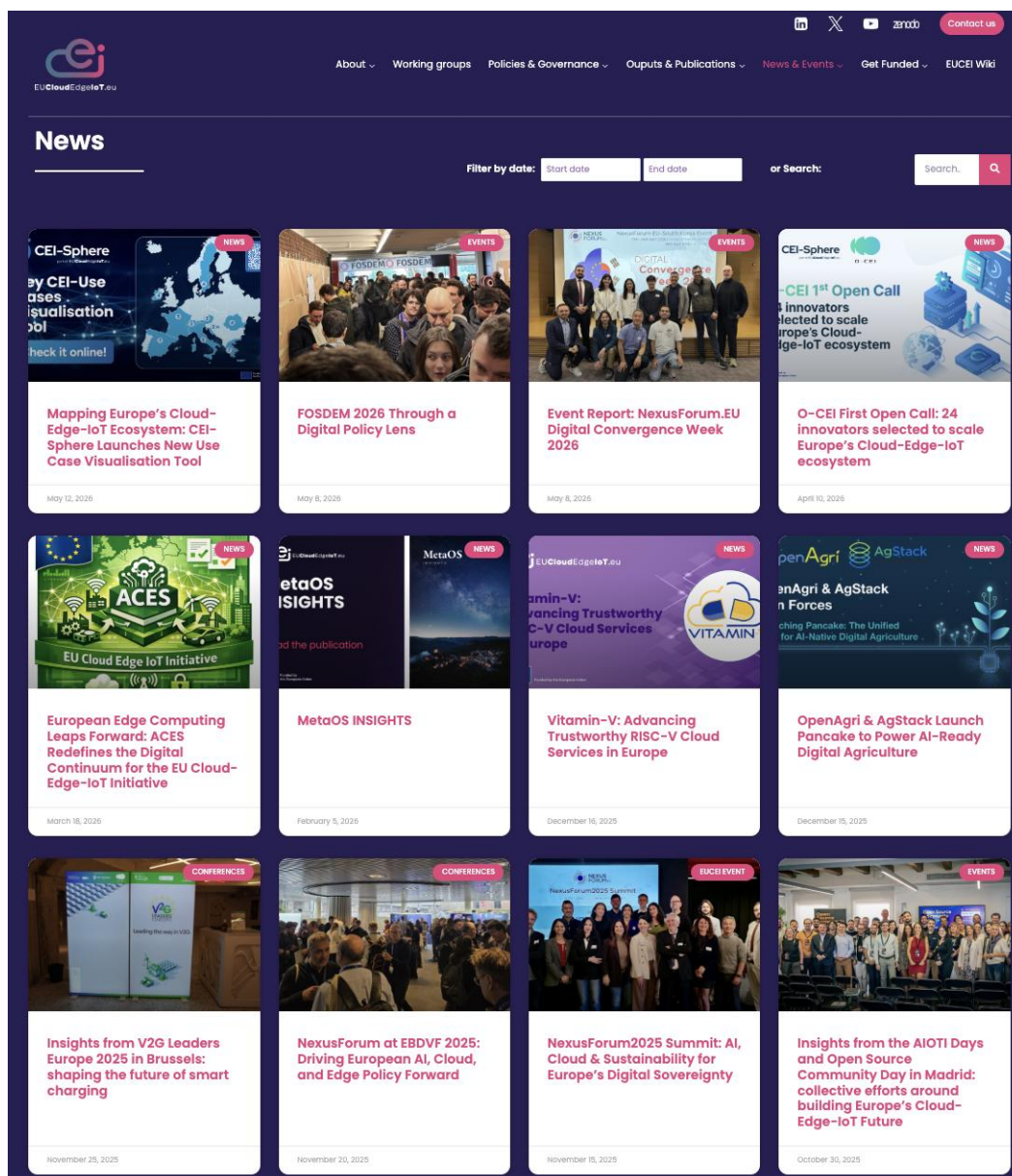


Figure 26: News page at EuCEI website

2.2.4 News digest and newsflash

NexusForum.EU, with the contribution from CEI-Sphere produces a monthly news digest for the EuCEI community. The structure of the news digest consists of a main or editorial article, announcements, news items, event report and upcoming events. Following this section are the announcements from the EuCEI community of research and innovation projects, including news items, upcoming events, open call results, surveys, etc. All the e-newsletter issues are uploaded on the project website.

Currently there are **637 subscribers** to the EuCEI news digest. Following is the outreach of some of the published news digests and Figure 27 showing the appearance of the last newsletter.

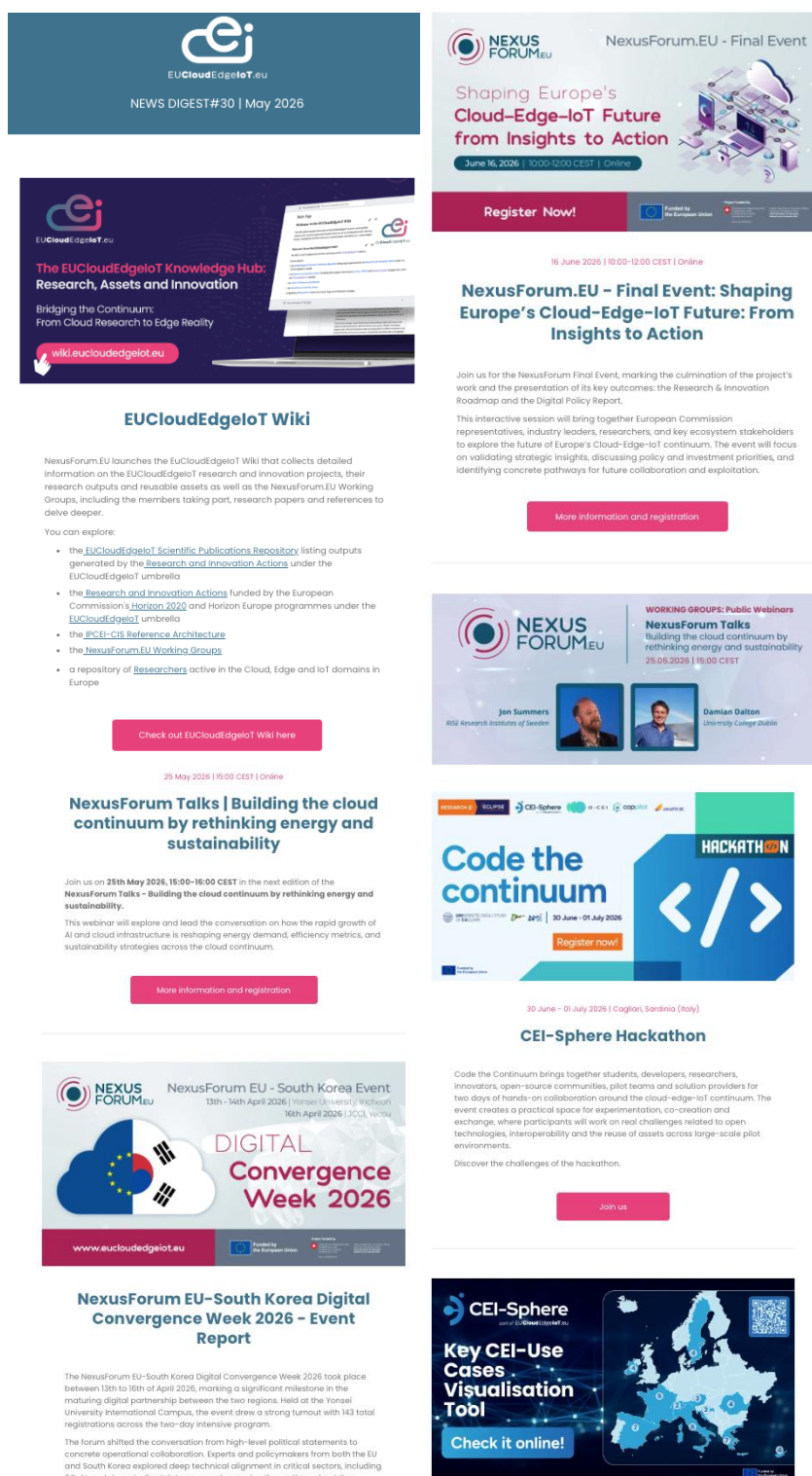


Figure 27: Most recent published newsletter – May 2026

Figure 28 shows the news digest outreach. The first number “Recipient” is the number of people the news digest has been sent to. The next number is “Opened” which is the percentage of people who opened the email which contained the news digest. This number is relatively

lower than the average thematic newsletters¹, one reason is that the EuCEI community comprises mostly of the HE research and innovation projects under the EuCEI coordination and support. All these projects have their own newsletter, and via the EuCEI communication task force, every upcoming activity of the NexusForum.EU or CEI-Sphere projects are already reported. News digest is not the only source of information, rather a compilation of various activities.

The next number is “clicked” which means of the people who opened the email, clicked on the news digest’s news items, or engaged. The EuCEI newsletter performs well (see reference 1).

The last number is “CTOR” which is Click to Open Rate. This number shows the effectiveness of the news digest’s content. A good CTOR number is anything from 6-17% (reference 1). However, the EuCEI news digest shows a high CTOR which means the content of the news digest is relevant to the community.

¹ <https://www.campaignmonitor.com/resources/knowledge-base/what-are-good-email-metrics/>

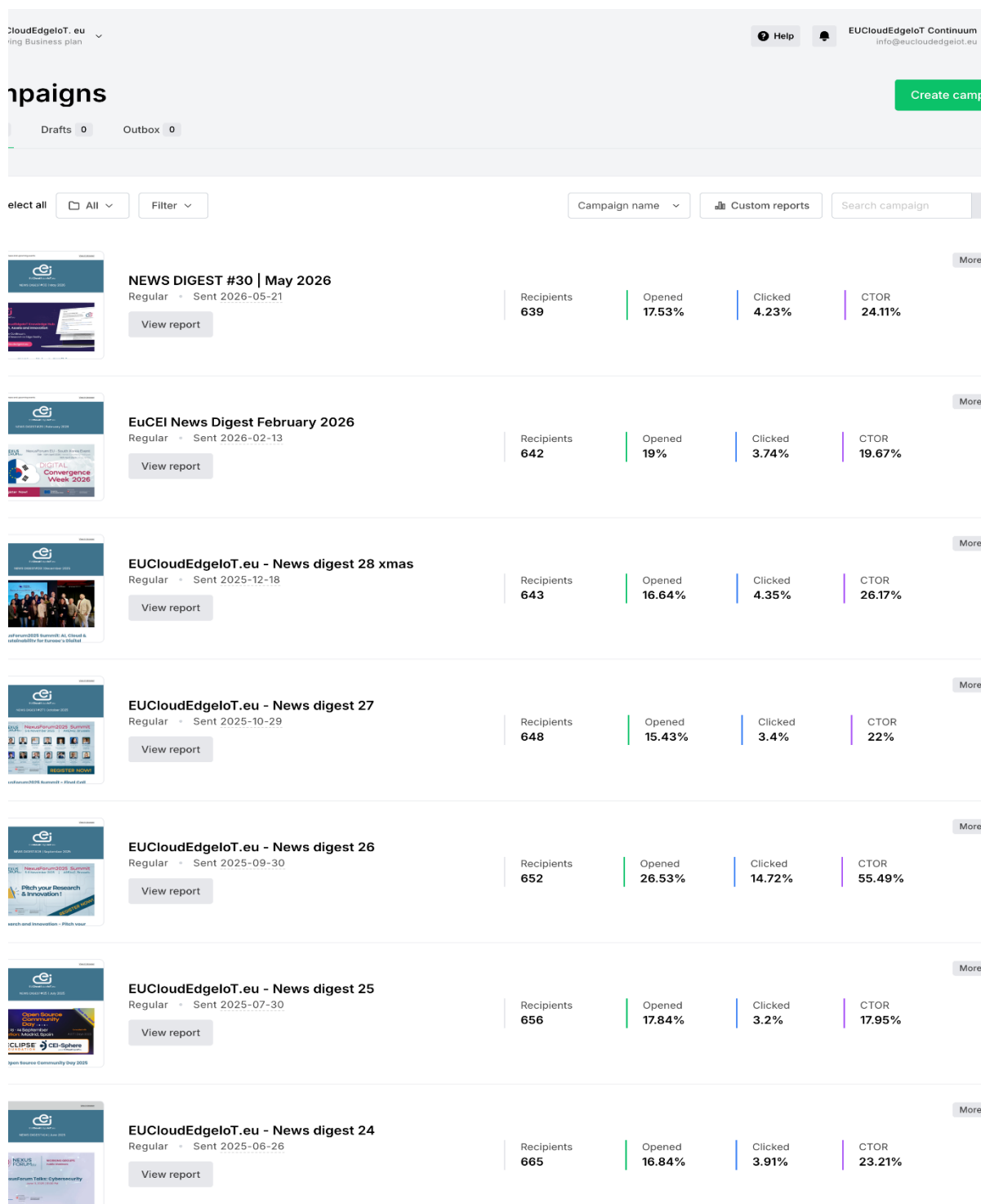


Figure 28: News digest analytics

During this final phase of the project, several research and innovation actions were also in their final stages (MetaOS, Swarm computing, Cognitive cloud, open source) and the EuCEI newsletter was used by the projects to disseminate their final news items, outputs, deliverables as well as final newsletters. EuCEI newsletters are a compilation of activities from NexusForum.EU, CEI-Sphere and news from the community (including initiatives like HiPEAC).

Figure 29 shows all the published news digests on the EuCEI website.



Figure 29: News Digests published on EuCEI website

2.2.5 Promotional materials

NexusForum.EU has produced a variety of dedicated promotional materials presenting the initiative and its achievements, e.g., slide-based presentations, multimedia content, videos, flyers/brochures, posters, roll-ups, and giveaways. All materials are tailored to specific target groups and types of events. All promotional materials follow the visual identity of the initiative and have been published on the website (<https://eucloudedgeiot.eu/communication-materials/>).

Figures 30, 31, 32 and 33 are some examples of the promo materials prepared in this reporting period ahead of the different events NexusForum.EU organised and attended.

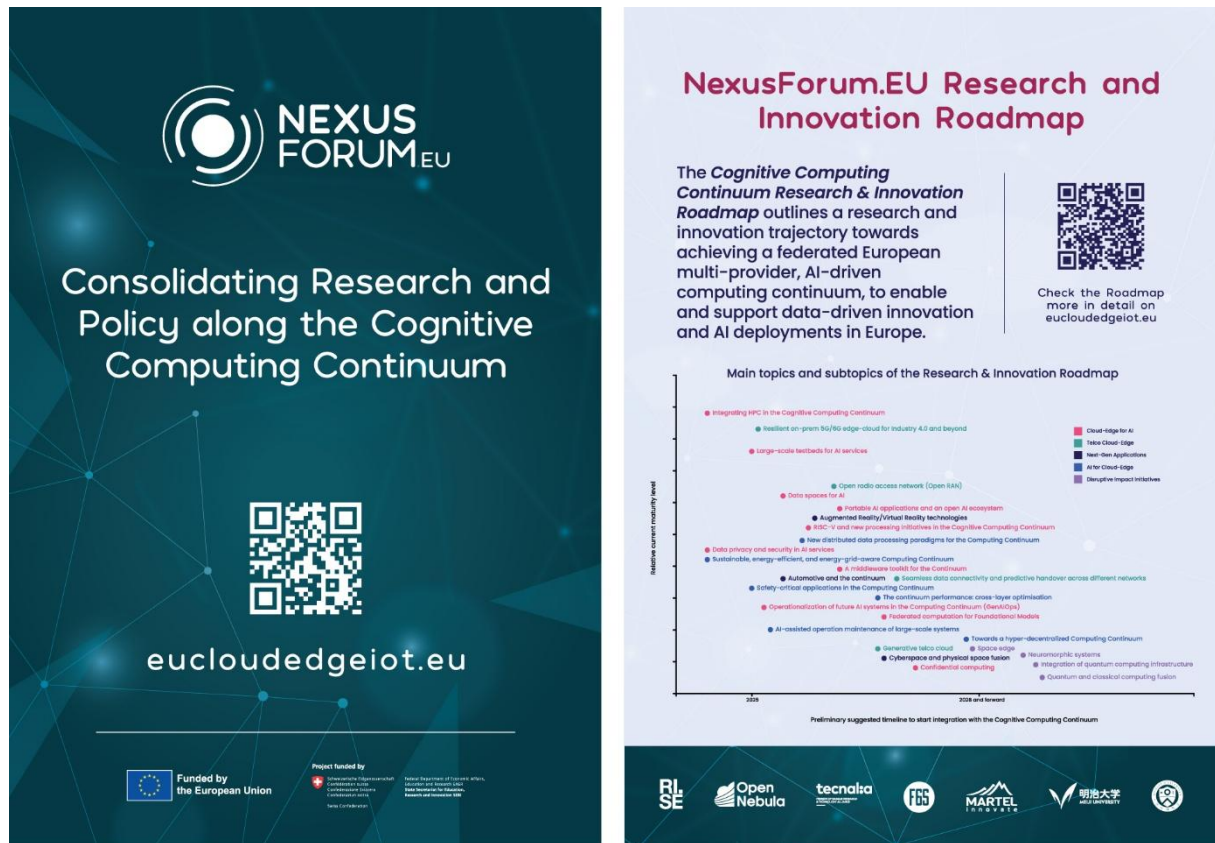


Figure 30: NexusForum.EU Research and Innovation Roadmap flyer



Figure 31: NexusForum.EU Working group business cards



Figure 32: NexusForum.EU Policy flyer



Figure 33: NexusForum EU-ROK Digital Convergence Week Rollup

All promotional materials were created while minimizing paper waste, which is quite common at events. NexusForum.EU has therefore focused on recycled materials and promotional items that are easy for the recipients to carry.

2.2.6 Events

Over the second half of the project, the NexusForum.EU project has continued to grow its ecosystem by delivering and attending key events with international stakeholders, bridging research, industry, and policy-making sectors.

More specifically, through targeted formats such as summits, thematic workshops, and community-building actions, the project delivered valuable insights and allowed for the exchanges that contribute directly to knowledge valorisation, technology uptake, and strategic alignment with broader digital policy priorities. This section presents all events organized by the project.

2.2.6.1 Events organised

NexusForum2025 Summit (Brussels, November 05-06, 2025)

The NexusForum2025 Summit², held on 5-6 of November at AREA42 in Brussels, has been a third a final summit (organised by NexusForum.EU project) in the scope of the project.

The NexusForum2025 Summit served as a high-level platform for bringing together policymakers, researchers, industry leaders, and innovators to address the convergence of Artificial Intelligence, cloud-edge infrastructure, sustainability, and digital sovereignty in Europe. The event focused on how Europe can strengthen its technological autonomy through interoperable, federated, and sustainable digital infrastructures while accelerating trustworthy AI innovation across the HPC-Cloud-Edge-IoT continuum.

The event had **203 registrations in total** and an average of **110 participants** during both days.

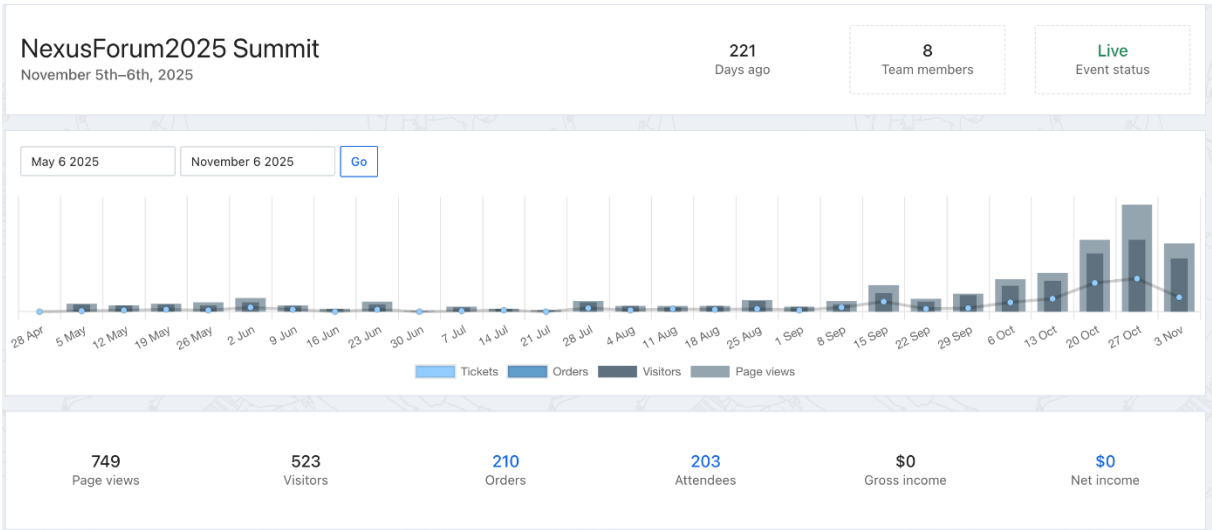


Figure 34: Overview of the registration for the event on Tito platform

² <https://nexusforum.eu/>

The Summit served as a strategic forum for consolidating stakeholder perspectives that fed into the next iterations of the NexusForum Strategic Research and Innovation Roadmap, particularly in the areas of AI-enabled cloud infrastructures, interoperability, federated cloud-edge ecosystems, sustainability, and Europe's digital sovereignty ambitions. The discussions highlighted the need for stronger alignment between research, industrial deployment, open-source ecosystems, and European policy initiatives such as EuroHPC and IPCEI-CIS, while identifying interoperability, infrastructure fragmentation, and access to sovereign AI computing capacity as key challenges for Europe's competitiveness.

Day 1 of the Summit focused on the strategic foundations of Europe's digital sovereignty, exploring the intersection of Artificial Intelligence, cloud-edge infrastructure, interoperability, sustainability, and industrial competitiveness. Discussions emphasized Europe's continued dependence on non-European hyperscalers, the fragmentation of the European digital market, and the urgent need for interoperable, federated, and sovereign cloud-edge infrastructures capable of supporting next-generation AI applications and public services.

Day 2 of the NexusForum2025 Summit was focussed more on concrete projects and platforms. Experts from organisations and projects like AI-on-Demand, CISERO, 5GMEC4EU, FACT8RA, presented their platforms and key innovations in the European cloud-edge-IoT ecosystem. A number of Horizon Europe Research and Innovation projects participated in the pitch session where they presented their key exploitable results. The experts presented disruptive tech, emphasized the importance of cross-border partnerships and building the future of cloud & edge ecosystems.

The participating projects were: IPCEI-CIS project: Phoenix-RTOS operating system, EMPYREAN, COGNIFOG, SovereignEdge.Cognit, DECICE, SEDIMARK - SEcure Decentralised Intelligent Data MARkeTplace, INTEND, TaRDIS, P2CODE.

In addition, event venue has provided like in 2024 an opportunity to present additional projects and initiatives in the exhibition area: DISCOVER-US, EU-Japan Business Centre, 5GMEC4EU, CISERO, AI-on-Demand, P2CODE, Oktawave, SovereignEdge.Cognit, DECICE, Reply, ENACT.



Figure 35: NexusForum2025 Summit sessions

A dedicated interactive workshop was organised as part of the Summit to support the development and validation of the NexusForum Strategic Research and Innovation Roadmap. The workshop brought together representatives from research organisations, industry, academia, policy initiatives, and digital infrastructure providers to discuss the technological, regulatory, and industrial priorities shaping Europe's Cognitive Computing Continuum.

The session focused on collecting stakeholder feedback on key roadmap dimensions, including interoperability, federated cloud-edge infrastructures, AI-enabled services, sustainability, digital sovereignty, and Europe's strategic dependencies in critical digital technologies. Through collaborative discussions and consultation exercises, participants identified major barriers to adoption, gaps in the current European ecosystem, and priority actions needed to strengthen Europe's competitiveness and technological resilience.

A key outcome of the workshop was the consolidation of stakeholder recommendations that will contribute to future roadmap iterations and policy discussions, while also reinforcing collaboration opportunities across projects, organisations, and European initiatives working on next-generation cloud-edge and AI infrastructures.



Figure 36: NexusForum.EU consortium at NexusForum2025 Summit

Event recordings and presentations are public on both EUCloudEdgeIoT³ website (<https://eucloudedgeiot.eu/nexusforum2025-summit-ai-cloud-sustainability-for-europes-digital-sovereignty/>) and social media including YouTube.⁴

NexusForum EU-ROK Digital Convergence Week 2026 (Republic of Korea, 13-16 April 2026)

From 13 to 16 of April 2026, the NexusForum.EU project organised the EU–South Korea Digital Convergence Week 2026 in Incheon, Republic of Korea, as part of its international engagement and roadmap validation activities. The initiative drew a strong turnout with 143

³ <https://eucloudedgeiot.eu/nexusforum2025-summit-ai-cloud-sustainability-for-europes-digital-sovereignty/>

⁴ <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLh3RULoaxLxbHmGei-Z3f0tA17jeGN13h>

registered participants across the two-day programme at Yonsei University International Campus and further expanded its outreach through participation at the Joint Conference on Communications and Information (JCCI) in Yeosu.

The Digital Convergence Week served as a strategic platform for strengthening collaboration between European and South Korean stakeholders in the domains of Artificial Intelligence, cloud-edge infrastructures, semiconductors, quantum technologies, 6G, cybersecurity, and digital sovereignty. The activities brought together policymakers, researchers, universities, industry representatives, open-source communities, and Horizon Europe projects to explore common priorities and concrete opportunities for future EU–ROK cooperation. The event was organised in alignment with the EU–ROK Digital Partnership and South Korea’s recent association to Horizon Europe Pillar II.

Discussions throughout the week highlighted several shared strategic priorities between Europe and South Korea:

- Strengthening interoperable and federated cloud-edge infrastructures capable of supporting AI-native services and trusted data ecosystems.
- Reducing technological dependencies through sovereign AI, semiconductor resilience, open-source ecosystems, and international standards cooperation.
- Accelerating operational collaboration and market deployment in areas such as 6G, quantum-HPC convergence, decentralized orchestration, and cybersecurity.
- Supporting alignment between the EU AI Act and the Korean AI Basic Act as a foundation for trusted and human-centric AI governance.

The event also showcased several Horizon Europe and international collaboration projects working across the Cognitive Computing Continuum ecosystem, including HyperAI, Swarmchestrade, GRASP, AIOLIA, and INPACE. The project showcases demonstrated concrete collaboration models between European and South Korean partners in areas such as decentralized orchestration, AI governance, semiconductors, open-source ecosystems, and interoperability standards.

An important part of the agenda, like in the previous events the project has organised was collecting international stakeholder feedback for the ongoing development of the NexusForum Strategic Research and Innovation Roadmap. Discussions contributed perspectives on AI-native infrastructures, interoperability frameworks, edge intelligence, trusted data spaces, quantum-HPC integration, cybersecurity resilience, and sustainable digital infrastructures. The sessions reinforced the importance of moving beyond high-level policy dialogue toward operational collaboration, pilot deployment, industrial cooperation, and shared experimentation frameworks between the EU and South Korea.



Figure 37: Highlights from the NexusForum EU-South Korea Digital Convergence week 2026

The final leg of the Digital Convergence Week included the participation of NexusForum.EU at the 36th Joint Conference on Communications and Information (JCCI) in Yeosu on 16 April 2026, where the project presented its roadmap activities, policy recommendations, and broader ecosystem-building efforts related to the European Cognitive Computing Continuum. The participation further strengthened the visibility of the project within the South Korean research and innovation ecosystem and created additional networking opportunities with academic and industrial stakeholders active in next-generation digital infrastructures and communication technologies. The full event report can be accessed via the EuCEI website.⁵

⁵ <https://eucloudedgeiot.eu/event-report-nexusforum-eu-digital-convergence-week-2026/>



Figure 38: Highlights from the NexusForum EU-South Korea Digital Convergence week 2026, JCCI event

NexusForum.EU – Final Event: Shaping Europe’s Cloud-Edge-IoT Future: From Insights to Action (online, June 16th, 2026)

On 16th June 2026, NexusForum.EU organised its final webinar. The 2 hour webinar showcased the final outputs of the project: the research and innovation roadmap, the digital policy recommendation, the exploitation and sustainability plan, keynotes and a round table discussion on turning strategy into implementation.

The webinar had 30 registered participants. The interactive session brought together European Commission representatives, industry leaders, researchers, and key ecosystem stakeholders to explore the future of Europe’s Cloud-Edge-IoT continuum. The event focussed on validating strategic insights, discussing policy and investment priorities, and identifying concrete pathways for future collaboration and exploitation.



**NEXUS
FORUM.EU**

NexusForum.EU - Final Event

Shaping Europe's Cloud-Edge-IoT Future from Insights to Action

June 16, 2026 | 10:00-12:00 CEST | Online

Register Now!

 **Funded by
the European Union**

Project funded by
 Schweizerische Eidgenossenschaft
Confédération suisse
Confederazione Svizzera
Confederaziun svizra
Swiss Confederation

 Federal Department of Economic Affairs,
Education and Research EA08
State Secretariat for Education,
Research and Innovation SERI

Figure 39: NexusForum.EU final webinar banner



Figure 40: Snapshots from NexusForum.EU final webinar

NexusForum.EU webinars

To deepen engagement with expert communities and enhance visibility of thematic priorities, NexusForum.EU has continued the Working Group Webinar Series with few adaptations and additions. This is a structured format to present the insights and contributions of the project's ten Working Groups (WGs), as well as to lay out the challenges and questions that arose within each WG and discuss it with the external audience.

Each webinar in the series follows a concise 30-minute format, featuring a moderated discussion between selected WG representatives and guided by 3-5 pre-arranged questions shared in advance.

List of NexusForum.EU organised webinars:

1. **NexusForum Talks: Cybersecurity | Working Group Public Webinar**, 11.06.2025 | 13:30
Link: <https://eucloudedgeiot.eu/event/nexusforum-talks-cybersecurity-working-group-public-webinar/>
2. **NexusForum Talks: Sovereignty & Open Source | Working Group Public Webinar**, 23.06.2025 | 17:00
Link: <https://eucloudedgeiot.eu/event/nexusforum-talks-sovereignty-open-source-working-group-public-webinar/>
3. **How to Engage in EU Public Consultations – A Practical Guide for First-Time Participants**, 25.03.2026 | 14:00
Link: <https://eucloudedgeiot.eu/event/how-to-engage-in-eu-public-consultations-a-practical-guide-for-first-time-participants/>
4. **NexusForum Talks: Future of telecommunications in the European Cognitive Computing Continuum**, 23.04.2026 | 15:00
Link: <https://eucloudedgeiot.eu/event/nexusforum-talks-future-of-telecommunications-in-the-european-cognitive-computing-continuum/>
5. **NexusForum Talks: Cloud-Edge for AI: hardware/software stacks for next-generation AI workloads**, 03.06.2026 | 14:00
Link: <https://eucloudedgeiot.eu/event/nexusforum-talk-cloud-edge-for-ai-hardware-software-stacks-for-next-generation-ai-workloads/>
6. **NexusForum Talks: Bridging Horizons in Quantum Innovation: EU-Japan R&D**

Cooperation, 10.06.2026 | 15:00

Link: <https://eucloudedgeiot.eu/event/nexusforum-talks-bridging-horizons-in-quantum-innovation-eu-japan-rd-cooperation/>

7. **NexusForum Talks: From Interoperability to Impact: Enabling Real-World Cloud-Edge Adoption in Europe, 12.06.2026 | 11:00**

Link: <https://eucloudedgeiot.eu/event/nexusforum-talks-from-interoperability-to-impact-enabling-real-world-cloud-edge-adoption-in-europe/>

8. **NexusForum Talks: High Value Datasets for Europe, 29.06.2026 | 13:00**

Figure 41 show a snapshot of some of the graphical assets that was created to promote the public webinars.



Figure 41: NexusForum talks social media cards and banners

The session recordings have been made available via the EuCEI website and YouTube channel.⁶

2.2.6.2 Engaged stakeholders

Participant Profile – NexusForum2025 Summit

In Figures 42, 43 and 44, we present the participants profiles with respect to different parameters, e.g., the headquarter location, affiliation to different associations and alliances, and type/size of organization.

These metrics are important for the project to know because they inform us about the outreach of the project and its activities, as well as the relevance of the content.

⁶ <https://eucloudedgeiot.eu/nexusforum-talks-cybersecurity/>

From Figure 42 it is clear that the most attended participants in NexusForum2025 summit came from the SMEs. About 50% of the participants coming from European SMEs give a direct highlight about both parameters, relevance of content and outreach of the project.

When focusing on the relevance of the content, we see the following factors at play:

Direct Market Alignment: The content addresses real-world, bottom-up market needs, rather than just top-down policy or enterprise-level agendas.

Empowering the Underrepresented: European digital sovereignty heavily relies on reducing dependencies for SMEs, which usually lack the resources of hyper-scalers. High SME attendance proved the agenda resonated with the exact demographic that needs sovereign AI and cloud frameworks.

Actionable Solutions: It highlights that the panels (e.g., discussing the AI Act, open-source infrastructure, and public procurement) provided practical value that SMEs felt was worth their time.

When focusing on the outreach of the project, we see the following factors at play:

Inclusivity and Community Building: SMEs are notoriously difficult to engage in policy-driven tech summits due to constrained time and resources. Reaching a 50% threshold demonstrates highly effective marketing, mobilization, and ecosystem accessibility. It frames the NexusForum.EU as an inclusive ecosystem developer, fostering true public-private dialogue by bringing grassroots innovation directly to policymakers.

Democratic Representation: Because SMEs make up over 99%⁷ of businesses in the EU, having them represent half the audience shows that the event achieved a highly representative cross-section of the European digital economy.

⁷ <https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/products-eurostat-news/w/ddn-20241025-1>

Type of organization

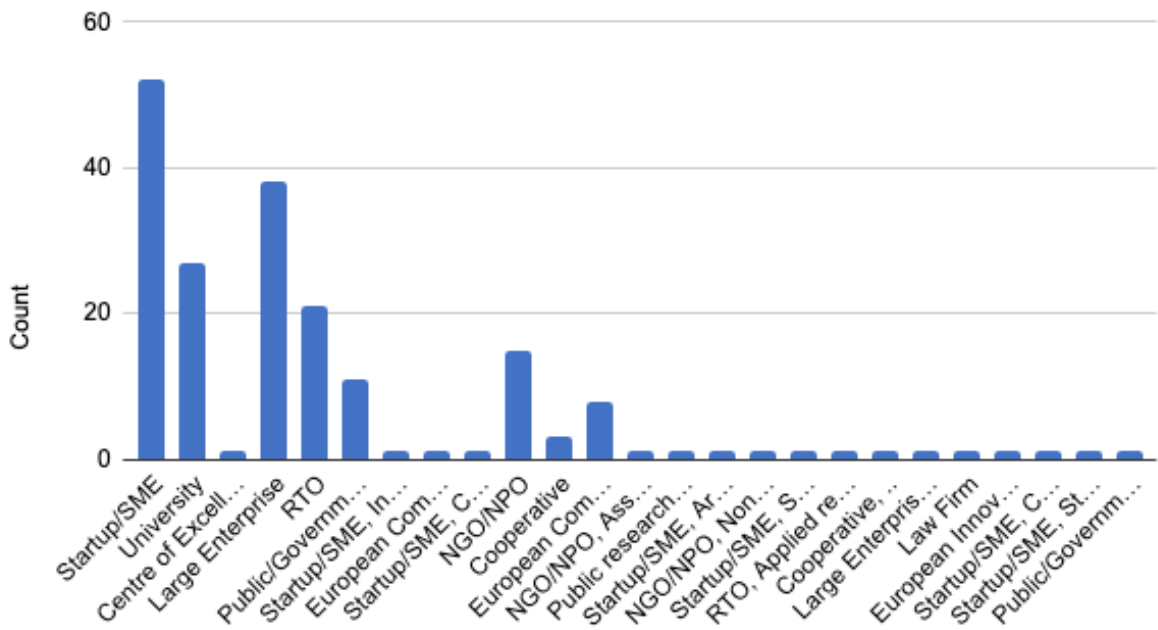


Figure 42: Participant profiling: Type of organization

Looking at Figure 43, one thing was clear: the event attracted participants from companies headquartered in Europe.

HQ Location

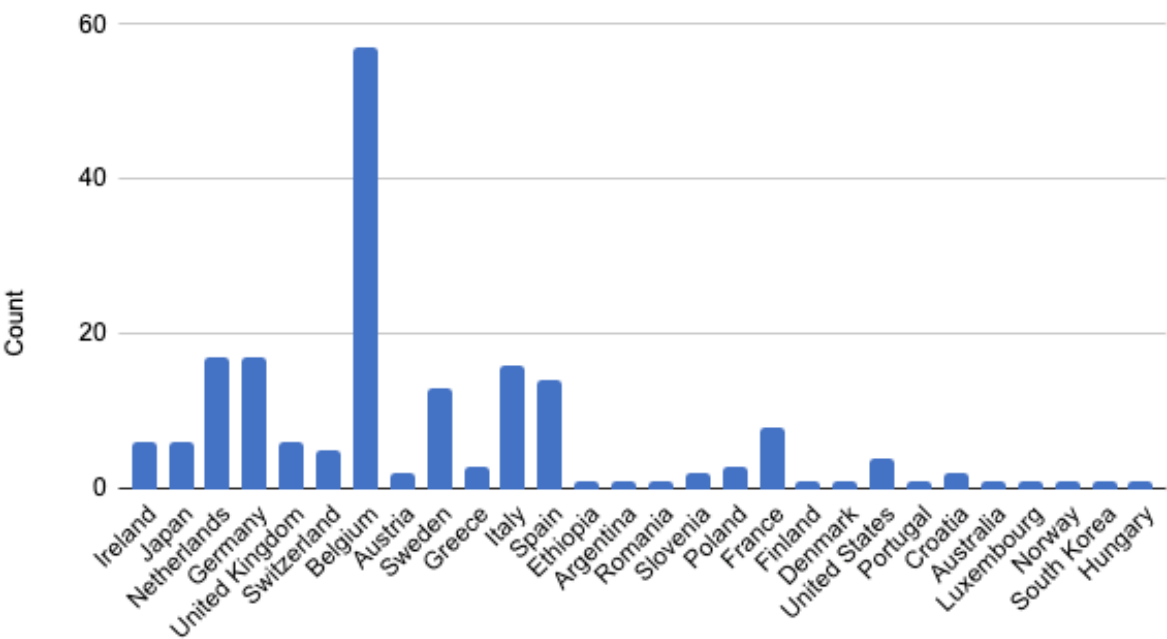


Figure 43: Participant profiling: Headquarters location

The graph in Figure 44 has been added here to show that the participants (this was not a mandatory question, so not everyone answered this question) are associated with one or more associations or alliances. This highlights the importance of the role that these associations and alliances play in Europe as unifying bodies that bring together individuals and organizations from different sectors, topics, and interests. Being part of associations is one of the surest ways to be included in the larger ecosystem and learn about the current and upcoming trends.

Affiliations

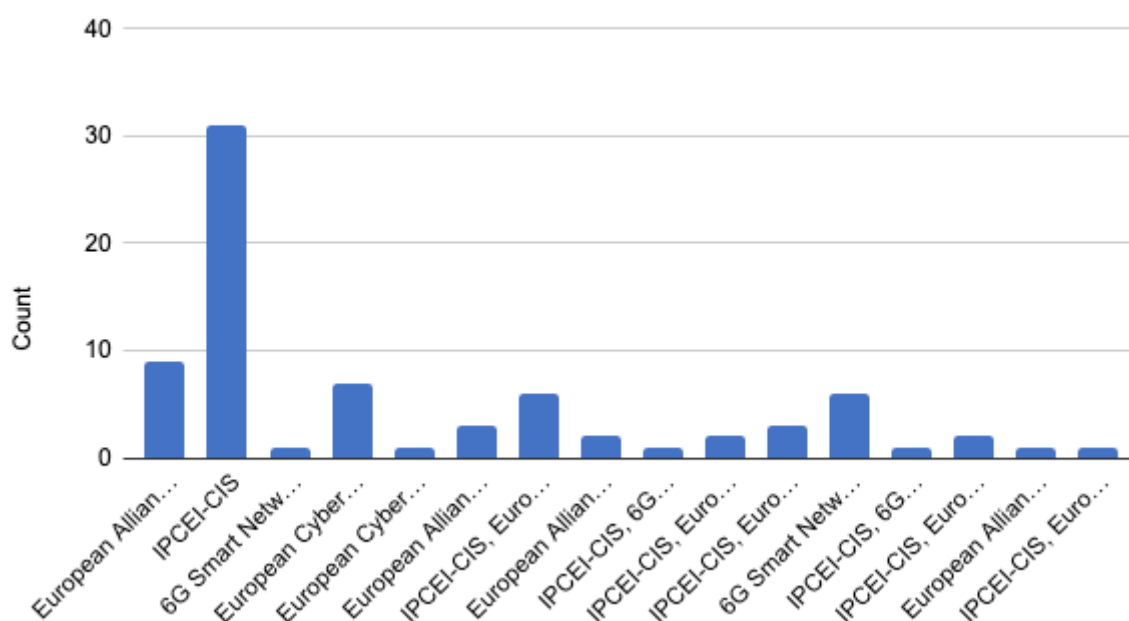


Figure 44: Participant profiling: Affiliation to the different association and alliances

Participant Profile – NexusForum EU-South Korea Digital Convergence Week 2026

The NexusForum EU-South Korea Digital Convergence Week was split into 3 days. The first and second days were organised by NexusForum.EU and the final day was as a participant at the JCCI event.

The first day, 13th April, EU-ROK Digital Policy and Industry Convergence, a high-profile event for policy and funding aspects discussions, was focused more on executives and senior level officials and experts. There were keynotes from the EU Delegation, the head of AI strategy in South Korea (from the Ministry of Science and Technology) and representatives from Euraxess, Korean National Contact Point were invited for presentations and discussions. Therefore, the focus was to engage with high level professionals who are in the decision making roles, who can insights about the upcoming funding opportunities and insights about policies in order to influence their strategic direction.

The 2nd day, 14th April, EU-ROK Fostering Research Beyond Borders, an in-depth analysis on research topics covering both geographies (EU and South Korea), focused on exploring deeper the digital topics, e.g. quantum, AI, chips, semi conductors etc. The keynotes were from high-level professionals from South Korean universities.

It was not asked directly what the level of the participant's position was; however, from Figure 45, one can measure the higher percentage of Executives, senior management, professors/associate professors, senior researchers etc. The goal was to get insights about the direction and digital priorities of the South Korean digital ecosystem and how one can leverage their positioning for future collaborations between these 2 geographies.

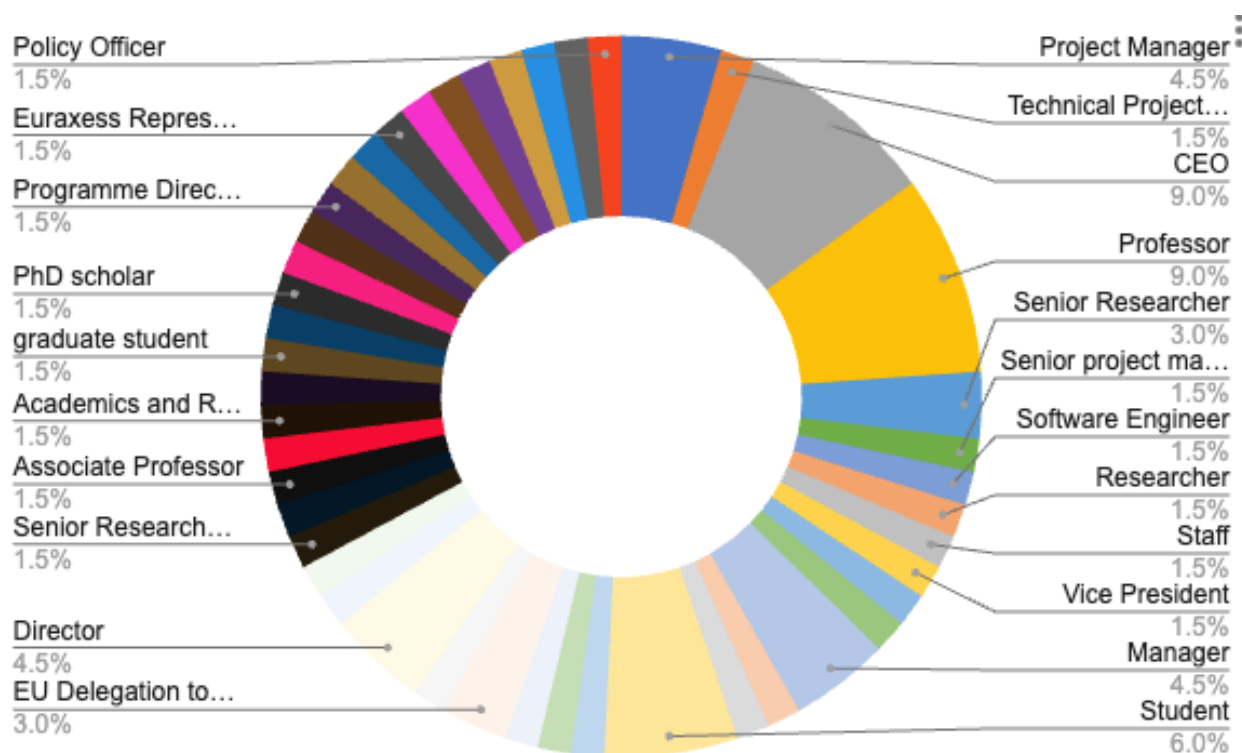


Figure 45: Participant profiling: seniority and roles

Figure 46 is included in this report to show the high participation from the local ecosystem. It was clear during the organization of the event that the focus is to target as many participants from the South Korean organizations as possible. This emphasizes the outreach efforts of the project in getting a critical mass in a foreign landscape.

HQ Location

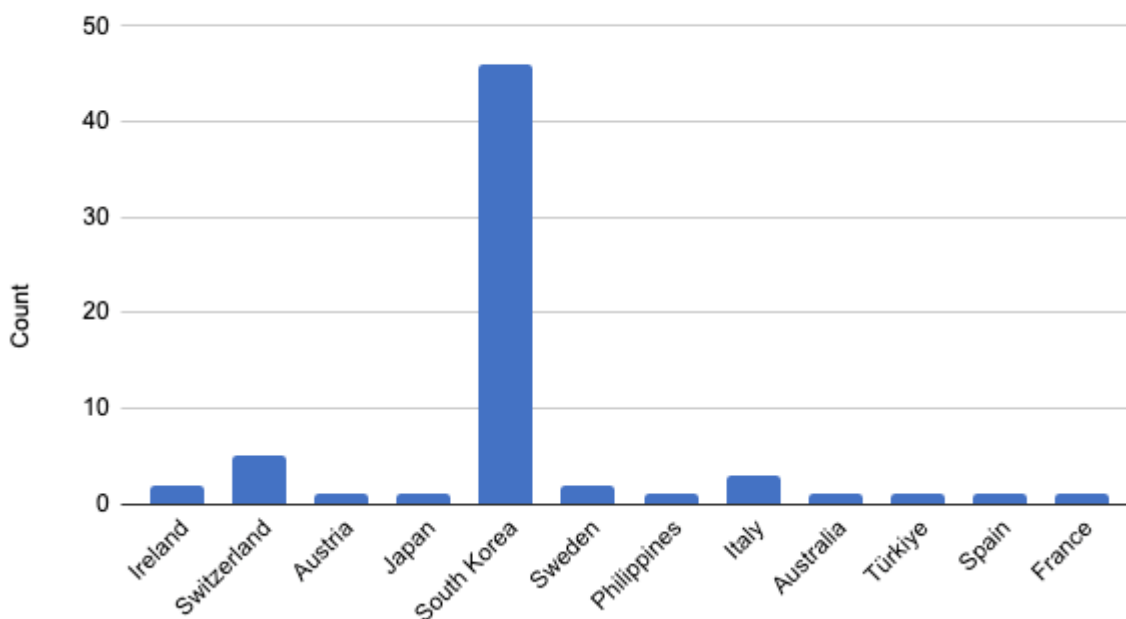


Figure 46: Participant profiling: Headquarter location

2.2.6.3 Events attended

Table 1 presents the list of events where NexusForum.EU partners have been present and participated in various modalities in the final phase of the project.

Table 1: List of events attended by NexusForum.EU during the last reporting period

Name of the event	Format	Date, Location	Website	Target stakeholder	Presence
CISERO Workshop - Roadmaps for Europe's Cloud-Edge Future: Synergies and Opportunities	Workshop	7th July 2025, 14h30-17h30	Cisero Workshop: Roadmaps for Europe's Cloud-Edge Future: Synergies and Opportunities	EC, industry, research, policy makers	Panel, presentation, session lead
Gaia-X summit 2025	Conference	20th-21st Nov 2025 (Porto)	Gaia-X Summit 2025 - Gaia-X: A Federated Secure Data Infrastructure	Industry, academia, policy makers	Panel session organiser
Innovation Day: EU-Japan Projects in AI and Quantum Technology	Symposium	10th Dec 2025, Tokyo	https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/worldwide/japan/events/innovation-day-eu-japan-projects-ai-and-quantum-technology	EC, policy makers, industry, academia	attending
EBDVF 2025	Conference	12-14 Nov 2025, Copenhagen	https://european-big-data-value-forum.eu/	EC, industry, research, policy makers	Attending

Name of the event	Format	Date, Location	Website	Target stakeholder	Presence
Data Spaces Symposium 2026	Symposium	10-11 February 2026, Madrid	https://www.data-spaces-symposium.eu/	EU delegation, universities, HE projects, companies	Presentation
JCCI 2026	Conference	16 April 2026, South Korea	https://jcci.kr/	South Korean industries and academia	Booth
Facis Connect 2026	Conference	09-10 June 2026, Berlin, Germany	https://www.facis.eu/event/facis-connect-2026/#agenda	CSPs/Data Spaces	Presentation followed by Q&A
The 25th Biennial Conference of the International Telecommunications Society	Conference	June 28 - July 1, 2026, Tokyo	https://www.its2026.tokyo.org/	EC, industry, research, policy makers	Presentation
European AI infrastructure ready for the future (Framtidens europeiska AI-infrastruktur: Behov, hinder och möjligheter)	Workshop and seminar	12 may, 2026, Stockholm, Sweden	n/a	EC, industry, research, policy makers	Attending

3 Progress tracking (communication and dissemination KPIs and milestones)

The project has defined a comprehensive set of communication and dissemination KPIs (see Table 2) and milestones (see Table 3) to monitor the progress achieved across online and offline outreach and impact creation channels.

Table 2: Communication and Dissemination KPIs for the entire duration of the project

Measures	Indicators	Target	Total
Flyers Posters/Rollups	No. of Flyers No. of Posters/Rollups	>4 >4	Flyers : 5 Rollups : 4 (3 versions of rollups and 1 media wall)
Website	Unique visitors	>2500/year	3144 active users
Social Media	X new followers LinkedIn (L) new followers	>500/year >200/year	X (EuCEI) 690 X (NF) 54 L (EuCEI) 1535 L (NF) 890
Monthly Newsletter	No. of subscribers	>800	637
Videos	Videos published on the YouTube channel and number of views	20 videos, 200 views /video	34 (NexusForum.EU produced) 92 total in EuCEI
Community Forum	Average number of participants	> 500	2829 (LinkedIn community, 125 on whaller, 279 community mailing list subscribers)
Participation in events & presentations	Participation in external events to present the project.	> 15 events	26
Webinars (at least 1 per WG/yr)	Average number of participants	> 30 attendees	8 (20 participants on average)
Publications	Research papers (OA) Special Issue (OA) Executive summaries (in Japanese or Korean)	At least 3 At least 1 At least 6	7 (2 executive summaries in Japanese & Korean; 5 international landscapes)

Milestones and Deliverables

Table 3 presents the Communications and Dissemination milestones.

Table 3: Communication and Dissemination Milestones

Name	Leader	Due
D5.1 Communication & Dissemination Plan & Report – a	Martel	M6, submitted
D5.2 Exploitation & Sustainability Plan - a	OpenNebula Systems	M18 (draft in M6), submitted
D5.3 Communication & Dissemination Plan & Report - b	Martel	M18, submitted
D5.4 Exploitation & Sustainability Plan - b	OpenNebula Systems	M30, in progress at the time of writing this document
D5.5 Communication & Dissemination Plan & Report - c	Martel	M30, this document

4 EUCloudEdgeIoT Communication Task Force

In this second phase of the NexusForum.EU project, the EuCloudEdgeIoT community went through an intense period due to the final phase of 33 RIAs in the community of 40 RIAs and 2 IAs. This phase saw the final events of all these projects including 2 joint final events of the clusters MetaOS and Swarm computing. NexusForum.EU supported the community in expanding the outreach. We supported the projects in echoing their dissemination efforts across all our channels. NexusForum.EU manages the mailing list of the EuCEI community and along with the website, the social media channels, and the newsletter supporting the community reach their impact creation goals.

NexusForum.EU led the EuCEI communication task force, engaging not only in dissemination activities but also inviting the projects to participate in our flagship events and showcase the results. There were dedicated sessions in NexusForum summits 2024 and 2025 for the HE projects to showcase their results and lessons learnt as well as dedicated sessions on both days of the EU-ROK Digital Convergence Week in 2026 in South Korea. In the South Korean event, on the first day of the event, the projects from the cluster “Cognitive computing continuum” were specifically targeted who have South Korean partners and 3 projects from this cluster participated and presented their project’s key findings.

At the beginning, NexusForum.EU joined together with OpenContinuum and UnlockCEI in managing the EuCEI initiative and the communication task force. Upon the conclusion of OpenContinuum and UnlockCEI and start of CEISphere, NexusForum.EU maintained smooth transition so that the continuity of the activities were seamless.

Starting October 2025, CEISphere launched their own task force on “Stakeholder forum and Outreach”, which was targeted only to the 2 LSPs (O-CEI and COP-Pilot). Therefore since October 2025 the leadership of EuCEI communication task force has been entirely on NexusForum.EU.

The EuCEI communication task force meets monthly where NexusForum.EU and CEISphere present their upcoming activities and then open up the floor for the projects to share their updates.

A minutes document is also shared with the participants and content of which are taken into the EuCEI newsletter, if there are some announcements from the projects.

To facilitate the communication with the Task Force members, there are 2 mailing lists that are used:

- community-projects@eucloudedgeiot.eu: Currently has **279 members**.
- taskforce6@eucloudedgeiot.eu: Currently has **132 members**.

The “Taskforce6” mailing list comprises of communication representatives from the projects and for some of the project’s coordinators are also present. The “community-projects” mailing list comprises of everyone who was part of all the “historic” taskforces: during OpenContinuum and UnlockCEI project lifetime, including architecture, opensource, standardization etc.

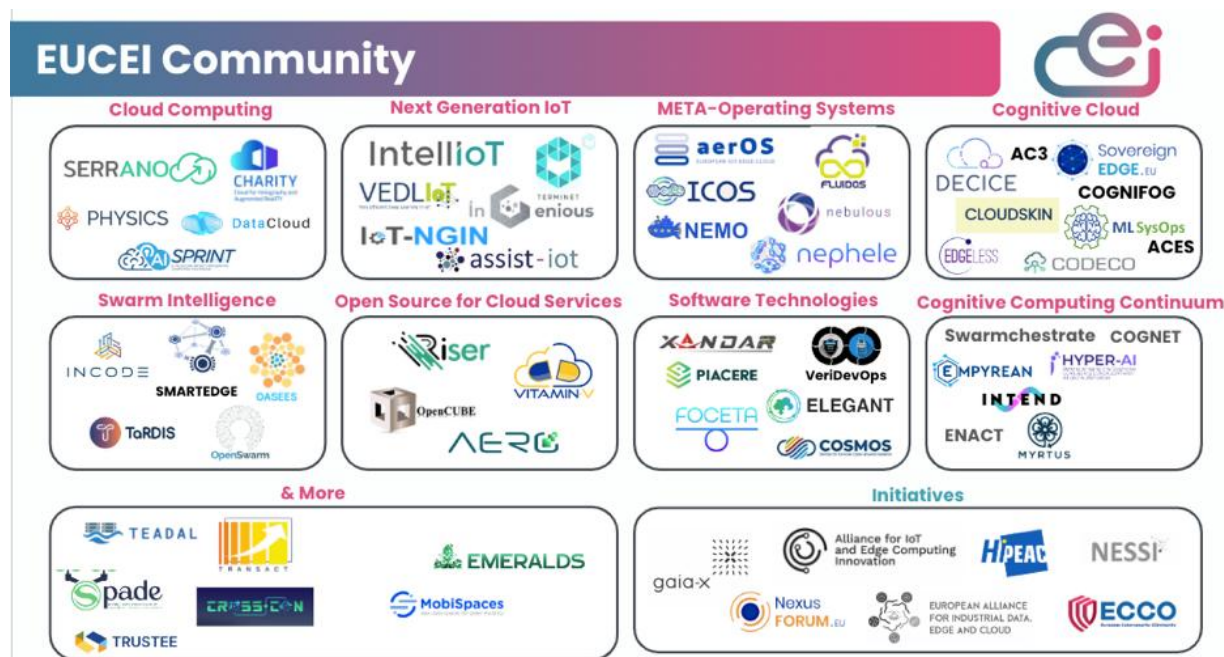


Figure 47: The EuCEI research and innovation community

5 Continuation and sustainability

At the time of writing this deliverable, the project is in the process of discussing with the European Commission about the handover of the EuCEI portal, the channels, newsletter, mailing lists and communities. The NexusForum.EU project has not yet received concrete information about the handover, however this will follow in the next weeks and will be announced to the communities via the various channels.

The NexusForum Summit is to be continued as a standalone event, taken up by the partner OpenNebula Systems which is heavily engaged in the IPCEI-CIS initiative. It is still under discussion if a 2026 edition will be organised or deferred until 2027 while the IPCEI-AI is under approval.

Conclusions

The final year of the NexusForum.EU produced many activities and outputs which WP5 has tried to disseminate across many channels and platforms. Through a combination of targeted outreach, strategic partnerships, and multi-channel communication, the project effectively conveyed its mission of consolidation of, not only the European research and innovation cognitive computing continuum ecosystems but also laid solid foundations for collaboration efforts with Japan and South Korea.

The NexusForum.EU project successfully implemented a comprehensive Communication and Dissemination Strategy that ensured strong visibility, stakeholder engagement, and alignment with the broader objectives of the European Commission.

The strategy proved instrumental in fostering dialogue across research, industry, and policy communities. By maintaining a coherent narrative and consistent messaging, NexusForum.EU contributed to shaping the broader conversation around collaboration, promoting open-source technologies, digital sovereignty, and human-centric technology development in Europe and beyond. The project's communication framework, supported by continuous monitoring, evaluation, and adaptation, demonstrated the value of agile and collaborative dissemination practices within the EuCEI ecosystem.

NexusForum.EU built visibility, engaged stakeholders, and maximized the project's impact in creating an open, inclusive, innovative, and consolidated European cognitive computing continuum that reflects European values, which will benefit the follow-up projects and initiatives in continuing the discussions whose foundation has already been laid.

The various types of promotional activities of WP5, with active contribution by the entire NexusForum.EU consortium, kept up the momentum already created since the very beginning of the project and continued to thrive during the entire lifecycle of the project, especially in terms of promoting the results, organising the international events, final event, representation in external events, on top of achieving major planned KPIs. A special praise to the two non-funded partners Meiji University and Yonsei University for their efforts in communication and networking, especially on the events held in Japan and South Korea.

All this effort has led to a broad and effective impact on various NexusForum.EU outcomes, engaging and benefiting a maximum number of relevant stakeholders.