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1. Introduction

1.1. Overview of the Tools4LEAs project

EACTDA is the acronym of the European Anti-Cybercrime Technology Development Association, which is a private non-profit association, established in San Sebastian, Spain. The members of the Association include European Union (EU) public entities fighting cybercrime, universities and research technology organisations, for-profit private companies, and other relevant actors in the field of the EU security research and innovation.

The Tools4LEAs projects are a series of projects that receive a Direct Award under the ISFP programme, and which main goal is to facilitate and promote the uptake of innovative technologies by EU public entities fighting cybercrime. EACTDA, via the Tools4LEAs projects, aims at further developing pre-existing assets, mainly from EU-funded security research and development projects, so that they are offered with no license cost and with access to the source code to EU public entities fighting cybercrime.

In the first Tools4LEAs project (v1; Jul'21 to Jun'23), the focus was on designing and setting up the infrastructures, processes, and governance / decision-making mechanisms, whilst delivering the first set of “fully-tested and operational-ready” tools via Europol's Tool Repository. Though 11 tools were further developed in the v1 project, it is expected that 3 of them will not be released to their targeted audience as they do not pass the pre-established quality threshold of “operational-ready”. Also, an End-User Advisory Board (EUAB) composed as of Dec'25 by 24 members from 14 EU member states and co-chaired by two Europol units (EC3 and Innovation Lab) was established and it is the body responsible for identifying and prioritising end-user needs and which has veto right over the decisions done by EACTDA/Tools4LEAs with regard to the tool development roadmap.

In the second Tools4LEAs project (v2; Jul'23 to Jun'25), it is proposed to double the number of tools delivered. Also, the repository of tools implemented in v1, and currently used to host the results of the Tools4LEAs projects, has been enhanced and reused to host the results of EU-funded security research projects (when relevant in the field of cybercrime). EACTDA plays the role of custodian of these results, and the technical, IPR, and administrative aspects needed to create this new repository of security research results will be put in place. In addition, the v2 project includes a pilot to proof the concept of initial and limited support&maintenance periods for a selection of tools. Besides, a pilot of the concept of EACTDA National Nodes (NN) has been included, with nodes planned in Lithuania, France, and Spain. Also, a platform for end-users to evaluate online tools has been implemented. Finally, the v2 project includes activities to further build the community of Tools4LEAs stakeholders and to promote the creation and/or adoption of technical blueprints, and in general, of commonly accepted best practices.

1.2. Main objective of this document

This document presents a summary of the communication and dissemination activities that have taken place during the Tools4LEAs-v2 project. The aim of this document is not to be exhaustive, presenting comprehensive details of each of them. Instead, examples of representative activities will be presented in detail, whilst for the rest, they will be grouped and/or listed.

1.3. Relation to other deliverables

This deliverable is closely related to the following deliverables:

- **D1.1 Project Management Handbook:** Deliverable D1.1 presents how project communication management is going to be handled in the Tools4LEAs project. A set of initially identified communication elements and channels is listed.
- **D2.1 Communication and Dissemination management handbook (M3) (PU):** Deliverable D2.2 reports on the communication and dissemination activities conducted during the project lifetime, in line with the recommendations and best practices presented in deliverable D2.1.

1.4. Structure of the deliverable

Section 2 presents the dissemination activities carried out during the Tools4LEAs-v2 project.

Section 3 presents the communication activities carried out during the Tools4LEAs-v2 project.

Finally, section 4 summarises the goals and key aspects of this document and presents areas of future work that have already been identified.

2. Dissemination activities

Dissemination aims at maximising the impact of research results; therefore, it is a fundamental to the success of the Tools4LEAs project. The dissemination strategy of the project will pursue the following goals:

- Identifying the right target audience(s), focusing on potential users of the project results (the scientific community, stakeholders, industry, policy makers, investors, civil society, etc.).
- Identifying and listing all types of potential primary and secondary results of the project.
- Identifying the means to conduct the dissemination activities (e.g., scientific papers, public/private databases, workshops, etc.).

Dissemination, as well as communication activities should comply with the following principles:

- Targeted audiences should be identified as early as possible.
- Long- and short-term goals of the project should be considered, all activities have to support these goals.
- Communication and dissemination goals should be established for each targeted audience.
- Messages should be clear, concise, and adapted to the targeted audience.
- Communication and dissemination channels have to be chosen considering the maximum possible impact.
- When several options, the best value for money approach should be followed.
- Finally, the communication and dissemination activities should reflect the project's core values and goals.

Next we present a summary of all the dissemination activities in relation to the objectives set out in the initial dissemination plan, followed by a few examples of illustrative dissemination actions.

ID	Stakeholder group	Dissemination goal(s)	Dissemm. channels	Planned Frequency	Dissemination activities carried out
STK-G#1	All end-users	• Inform about and offer the results of the project to as many end-users as possible. • Promote the adoption of the results of the project by as many of the end-users as possible.	EACTDA's repository, Europol's Code Repository (ECR), Project website, Tools4LEAs demonstration & evaluation events, presentations in end-user fora events, workshops or conferences	At least once every six months	• Publication of the results at EACTDA Portal • Publication of part of the results at Europol's ETR
STK-G#1.1	EACTDA end-user members				• Informed by email, twice a year at EACTDA General Assembly meetings, and via EACTDA portal
STK-G#1.2	Europol				• Informed via the End-User Advisory Board (EUAB) communications • All Tools4LEAs tools are firstly offered to Europol for them to consider uploading the tools to Europol's ETR
STK-G#1.3	End-user Advisory Board members				• Informed via email • Publication of the results at EACTDA Portal
STK-G#1.4	Other European end-users				• Publication of the results at EACTDA Portal
STK-G#1.5	Other non-European end-users				
STK-G#2	European Commission (EC)	• Provide policy recommendations as requested by the EC • Inform about project results	Policy briefs, conference/workshop presentations at EC organised events, Tools4LEAs demonstration & evaluation events	At least once during the project	• Monthly tracking meetings • Ad hoc meetings

STK-G#2.1	Project Officer of the Tools4LEAs project	• Sustain sense of engagement and ownership of the project		At least once a year	• Monthly tracking meetings
STK-G#2.2	Policy Makers from DG HOME D4	• Create links between Horizon Europe and EACTDA/Tools4LEAs		At least once a year	• Ad hoc meetings • Events
STK-G#2.3	Policy Makers / Project Officers from DG HOME B4	• Sustain sense of engagement and ownership of the project	Meetings, events	Regularly; when possible on a monthly basis	• Monthly tracking meetings
STK-G#2.4	CEPOL, JRC, and ENISA	• Establish collaboration frameworks as/if appropriate.			• Ad hoc meetings with JRC re EU DAMA plugin project
STK-G#2.5	Other EC units and agencies	• Raise awareness and identify common areas of collaboration /interest		Ad hoc	• Ad hoc meetings with DG Research and Innovation re EOSC
STK-G#3	EACTDA members	• Inform all of them about the results of the project. • Promote the use of the project results in their other projects/work (under the EACTDA licensing conditions) so that these results evolve and are improved over time.	Emails, newsletters, website, social media, Tools4LEAs demonstration & evaluation events, EACTDA General Assembly and other meetings	At least once every three months	• Informed by email, twice a year at EACTDA General Assembly meetings, and via EACTDA portal
STK-G#3.1	EACTDA end-users	(see also STK-G#1.1 - EACTDA end-user members)	(see also STK-G#1.1)		• Informed by email, twice a year at EACTDA General

					- Assembly meetings, and via EACTDA portal • Ad hoc emails re details of Tools4LEAs tools being released
STK-G#3.2	EACTDA RTOs and Academia				• Multiple bilateral meetings with coordinators and/or participants of EU-funded security projects
STK-G#3.3	EACTDA industry and others				• Multiple bilateral meetings with coordinators and/or participants of EU-funded security projects
STK-G#4	Technology providers	• Inform all of them about the results of the project.	Tools4LEAs website, newsletter, social media, fairs, exhibitions, conferences, EC organised events	At least once every six months	• Tools4LEAs' six-monthly dem&eval events • Attended several conferences and EC organized events
STK-G#4.1	EC funded research projects	• Promote the use of the project results in their other projects/work (under the EACTDA licensing conditions) so that these results evolve and are improved over time.	Tools4LEAs demonstration & evaluation events		• Tools4LEAs' six-monthly dem&eval events • Multiple bi-lateral meetings with coordinators and participants of EC-funded security research projects
STK-G#4.2	Industry				• Tools4LEAs' six-monthly dem&eval events • Multiple bi-lateral meetings with coordinators and participants of EC-funded security research projects

STK-G#4.3	Open-source communities				• Contributed to 1 open source community with software development and testing efforts
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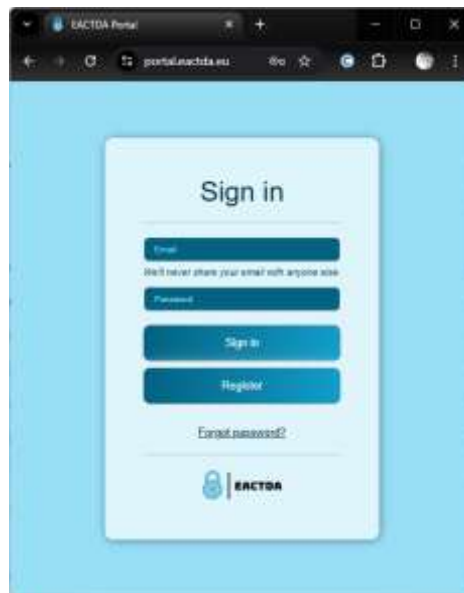
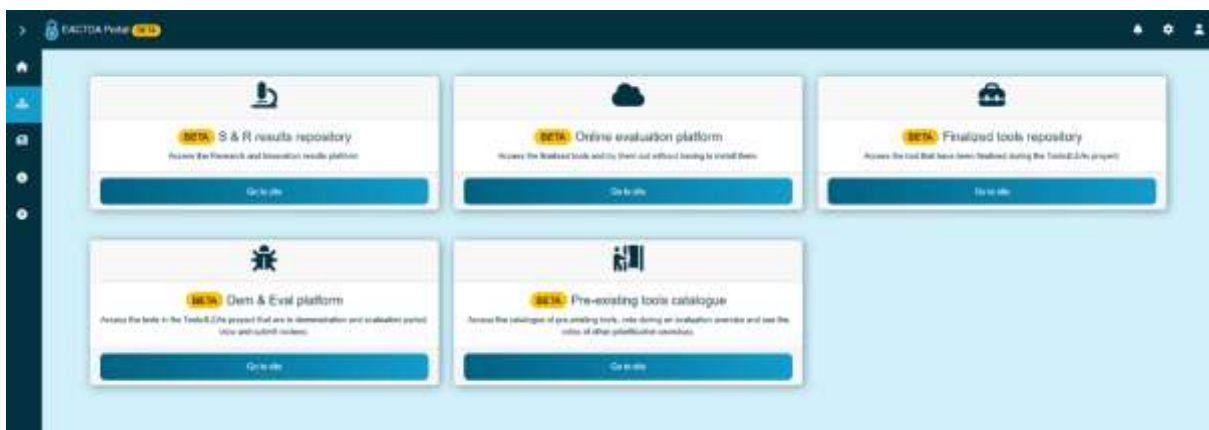
Figure 1 - EACTDA Portal's login page (<https://portal.eactda.eu>)

Figure 2 - EACTDA Portal - Services page

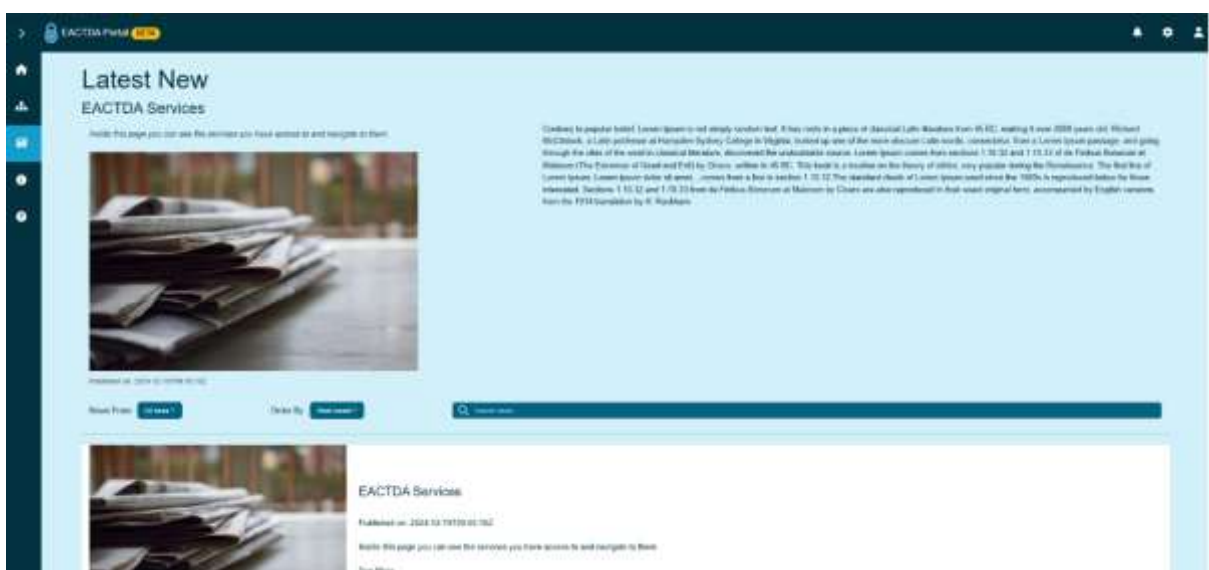


Figure 3 - EACTDA Portal - Latest news page



Tool Name	Tool version	Available Online Evaluation Platform	Type of Software	Last Modification
SPHIDA	2.0.0	Online	OSINT investigation	2024-09-17
SPHIDA	1.1.0	Online	OSINT investigation	2025-01-11
SPHIDA	0.0.0 (beta)	Not available	Phishing website investigation	2024-03-08
CSM	1.0.0	Online	Cyber-Security Incident Management Framework	2025-06-12
DeepThought	0.0.0	Online	Forensic disk images analysis	2025-09-16
Secret Scanner	1.0.0	Online	Social media scanning	2025-11-01
SPHIDA-Plugin	1.0.0	Not available	Open web and Open data parser	2025-01-17
PHOT	2.0.0	Not available	Forensic file analysis	2025-01-27
Forensic Browser (FBI)	0.0.0 (beta)	Not available	Forensic internet investigation	2024-03-08
DELTAD	0.1.0	Online	Recovery and generation for email	2025-10-08
Cybercrime Scenario	1.0.0	Not available	Cybercrimes investigation training	2025-11-16
HGR	1.1.0	Online	Forensic investigation structured data processing	2025-08-20
Profilere	0.0.0	Not available	Cybercrimes investigation	2025-05-16
ReconLab	0.0.1	Online	Forensic website data artifacts analysis	2024-03-08
ReconLab (Portals)	1.0.0	Online	Traditional and peripheral host profiles comparison	2025-11-17
ETASPER	0.0.0	Online	Forensics communication tool	2025-05-14
Image Detection	0.0.0 (beta)	Offline	Image and video recognition software	2025-11-17
Telegram-Scheduler	1.0.0	Online	Message scanning	2025-11-14
Threats	0.0.0 (beta)	Online	Video and audio transcription	2025-01-17
VICED	0.0.0	Online	Video summarization tool	2025-01-08
VICED	1.0.1	Online	Forensic media analysis	2024-09-14
Typical Parameters Monitor	1.0.0	Online	Phishing website monitoring	2025-11-01

Figure 4 - List of tools available at EACTDA Portal's Final Tools Repository as of December 22nd, 2025. This repository is one of the various services available at EACTDA Portal



Figure 5 - Example of a social media post informing about one of the Tools4LEAs six-monthly dem&eval events; EACTDA's LinkedIn page is available at: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/eactda/>

3. Communication activities

Communication goes beyond dissemination, as it does not involve project results only but also the project in general. Therefore, communication activities target a much wider audience, including the media and the general public. The communication strategy of the Tools4LEAs project will have to answer the following questions:

- Who needs to be engaged?
- How can the different audiences be grouped?
- What messages should be targeted to specific audiences?
- Why should the audience accept the message?
- What channels for what audiences would be most efficient?
- When specific audiences should be engaged?

Next we present a summary of all the communication activities in relation to the objectives set out in the initial dissemination plan, followed by a few examples of illustrative dissemination actions.

ID	Stakeholder group	Communication goal(s)	Comm. Channels	Frequency	Dissemination activities carried out
STK-G#1	All end-users	- Keep them informed of the progress of the project. - Create brand recognition.	Website posts/news, newsletters, social media, Tools4LEAs demonstration and evaluation events, presentations in end-user fora events, workshops or conferences.	At least once every six months	- Weekly social media posts - Tools4LEAs demonstration and evaluation events - Presentations in end-user fora events, workshops or conferences.
STK-G#1.1	EACTDA end-user members	Engage in the project activities as/when needed.	Emails, EACTDA General Assemblies, project workshops and meetings	At least once every three months	Same as for dissemination
STK-G#1.2	Europol	Inform them so that they can successfully chair the end-user advisory board.	Emails, end-user advisory board, project workshops and meetings	At least once a month	Same as for dissemination
STK-G#1.3	End-user Advisory Board members	Inform them timely so that they can efficiently take part in the end-user advisory board.	Emails, end-user advisory board, project workshops and meetings	At least before all board meetings	Same as for dissemination
STK-G#1.4	Other European end-users		Emails		Same as for dissemination
STK-G#1.5	Other non-European end-users				Same as for dissemination
STK-G#2	European Commission (EC)	- Keep them informed of the progress of the project. - Obtain and maintain their support for the project. - Create brand recognition.	EC Participant portal, EC organised events/ webinars/etc., emails, website posts/news, social media	At least once every six months	Same as for dissemination
STK-G#2.1	Project Officer of the Tools4LEAs project	Report to them consistently the progress of the project	When possible/appropriate face-to-face meetings, web- teleconferences	At least once a month	Same as for dissemination

STK-G#2.2	Policy Makers from DG HOME D4	• Demonstrate consistently how Tools4LEA is and will be contributing to achievement of their goals • Demonstrate value of continued financing by future ISFP programmes by the direct award • Engage them in promotion of the collaboration of ISFP projects with EACTDA	When possible/appropriate face-to-face meetings, web- teleconferences	At least once every three months	• Same as for dissemination
STK-G#2.3	Policy Makers / Project Officers from DG HOME B4	• Engage them in the collaboration of Horizon Europe projects with EACTDA	When possible/appropriate face-to-face meetings, web- teleconferences		• Same as for dissemination
STK-G#2.4	CEPOL, JRC, and ENISA	• Engage in collaborate with EACTDA	When possible/appropriate face-to-face meetings, web- teleconferences		• Same as for dissemination
STK-G#2.5	Other EC units and agencies				• Same as for dissemination
STK-G#3	EACTDA members	• Inform about the progress of the project • Sustain sense of engagement and ownership of the project • Create brand recognition. • Engage in update the inventory of pre-existing tools	Website posts/news, emails, EACTDA General Assemblies, project workshops and meetings	At least once every three months	• Same as for dissemination
STK-G#3.1	EACTDA end-users	(see also STK-G#1.1 – EACTDA end-user members)	(see also STK-G#1.1)		• Same as for dissemination

STK-G#3.2	EACTDA RTOs and Academia	Consolidate the long-term participation			• Same as for dissemination
STK-G#3.3	EACTDA industry and others	Consolidate and diversify short- and long-term participation			• Same as for dissemination
STK-G#4	Technology providers	• Raise awareness about EACTDA and the project and its goals. • Create brand recognition. • Demonstrate value of becoming EACTDA members and collaboration with the Tools4LEAs project, and sustain their interest	Website posts/news, public events and conferences, domain/sector specialised media, EC organised events/webinars etc.,	At least once every six months	• Same as for dissemination
STK-G#4.1	EC funded research projects				• Same as for dissemination
STK-G#4.2	Industry				• Same as for dissemination
STK-G#4.3	Open-source communities				• Same as for dissemination
STK-G#5	General public / EU citizens	• Create brand recognition. • Inform the public about the positive impacts of the project. • In case of communication crisis, appropriately handle it.	Website posts/news, social media	At least twice a month	• Weekly social media posts

Website: The Tools4LEAs project has a website with some basic information about the project, its goals, public deliverables, etc. This website can be found at: <https://tools4leas.eu>

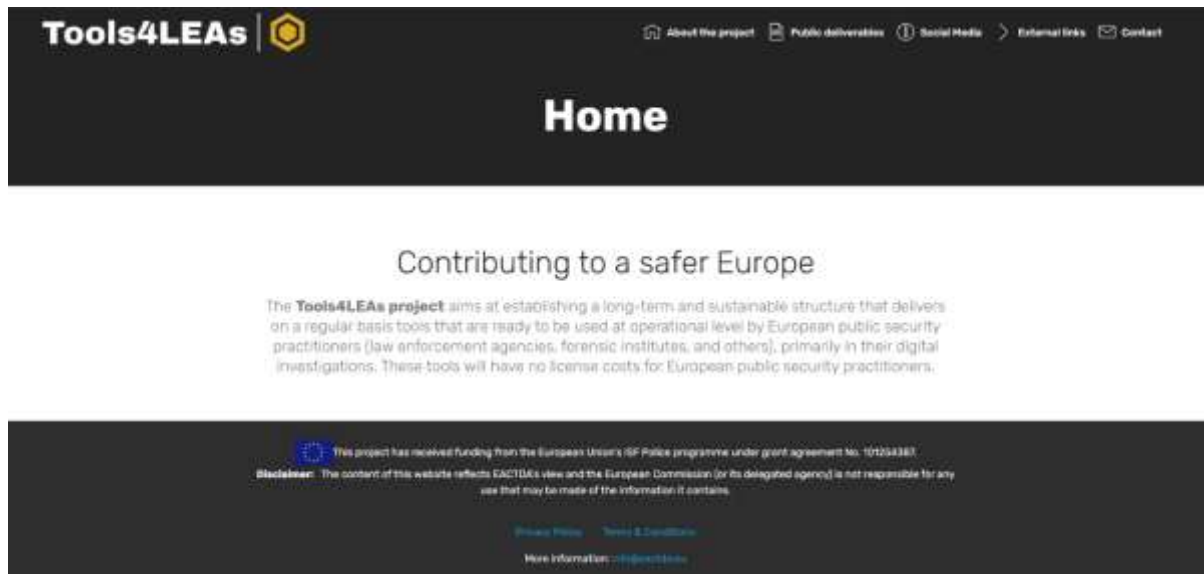


Figure 6 - Tools4LEAs website's landing page

Social media: Also, EACTDA uses LinkedIn as the primary social media channel to communicate. Below, we present a few screen shots from EACTDA's LinkedIn page:

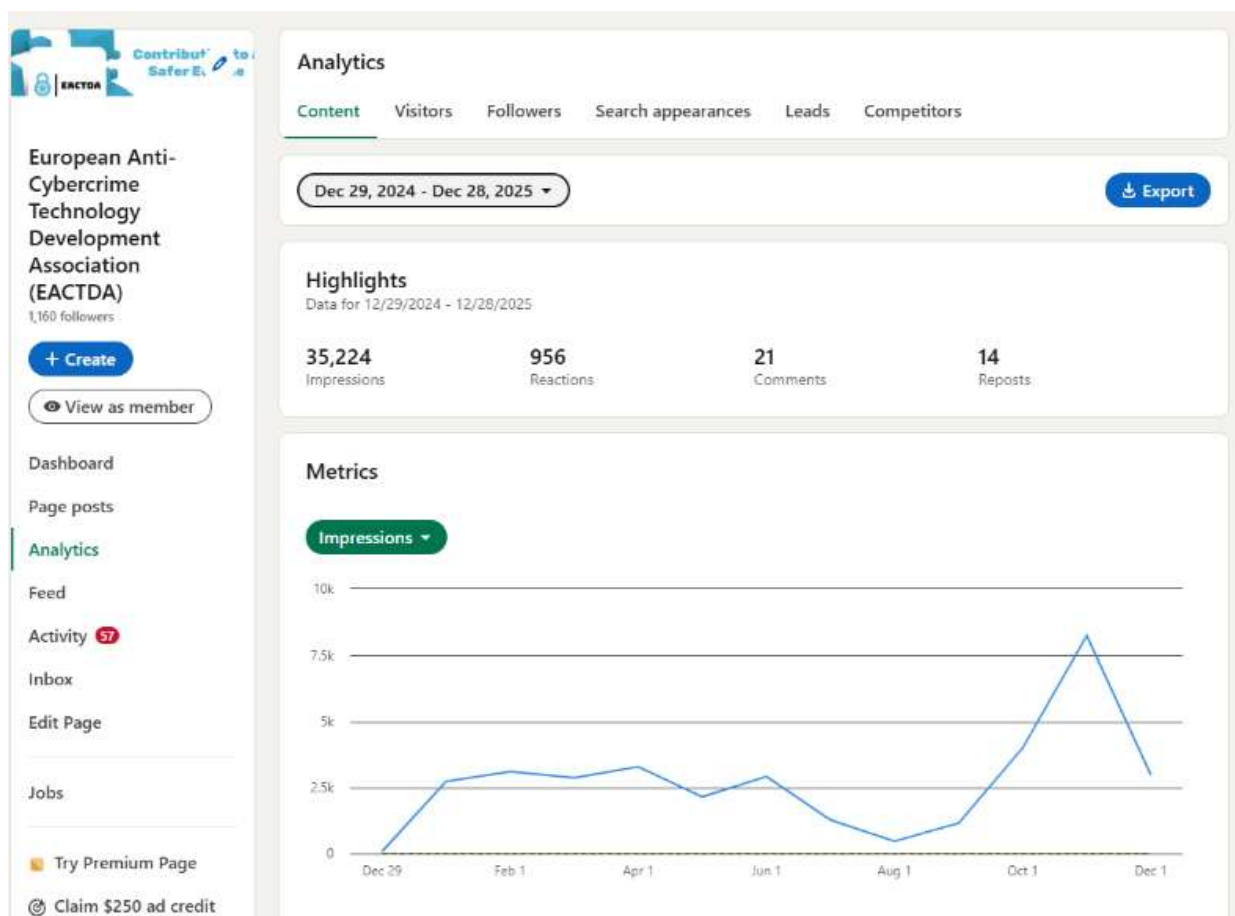


Figure 7 - LinkedIn impressions Dec'24 - Dec'25

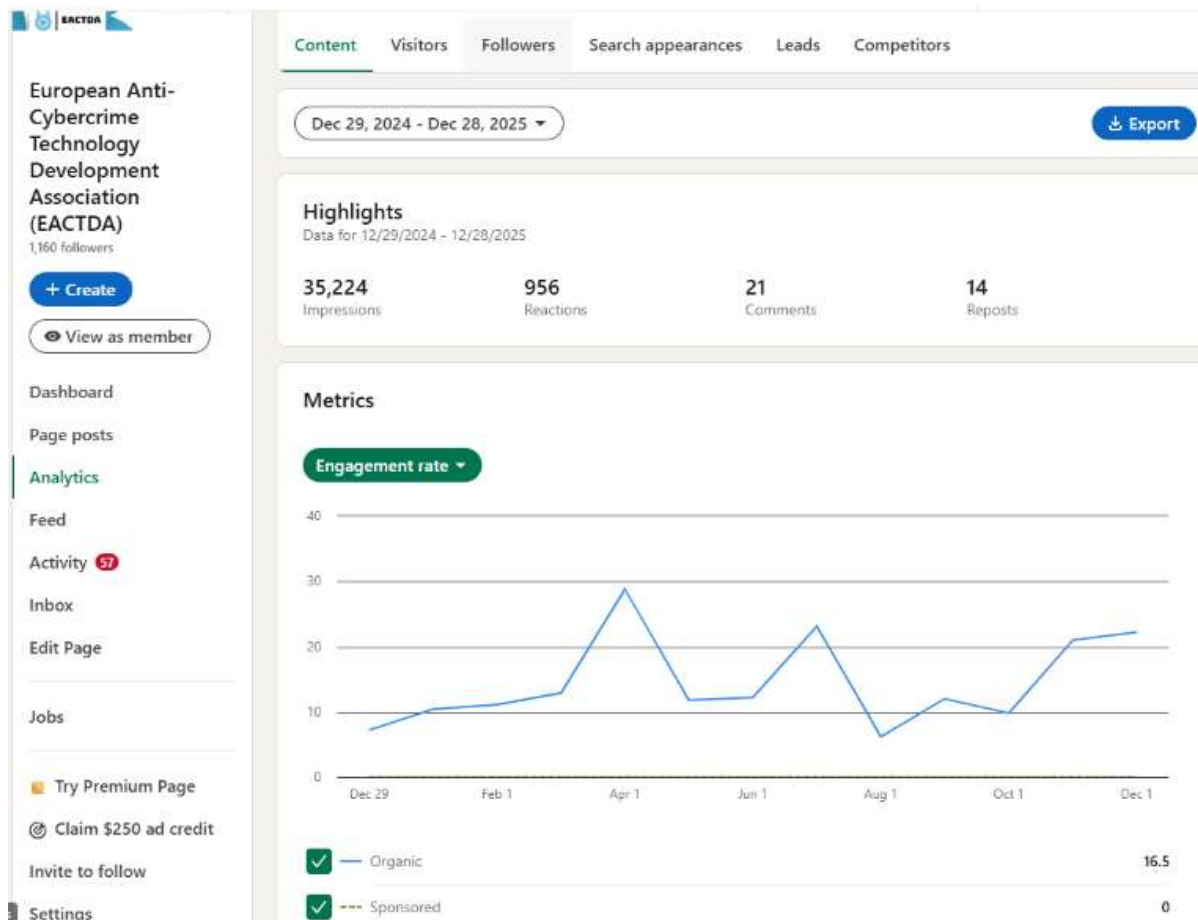


Figure 8 - LinkedIn engagement rate Dec'24 - Dec'25

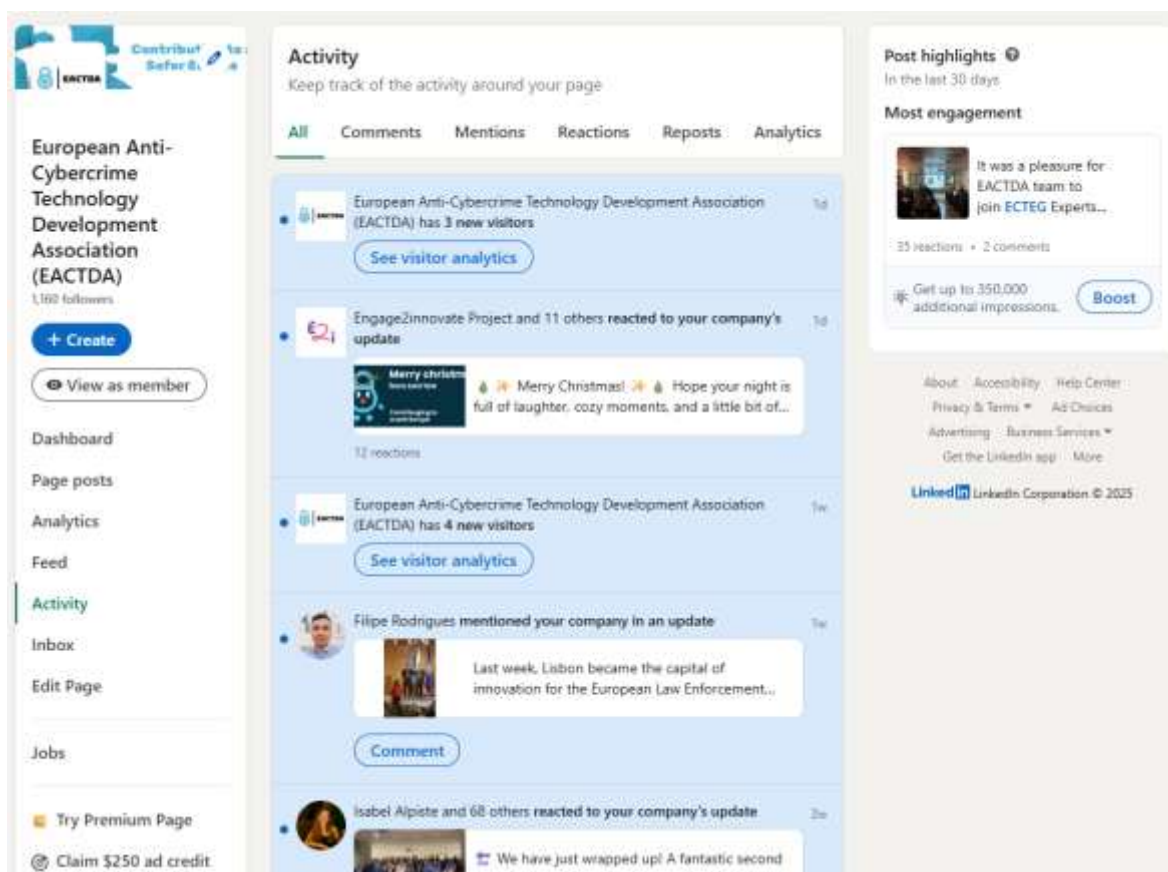


Figure 9 – LinkedIn Activity as of December 30th, 2025

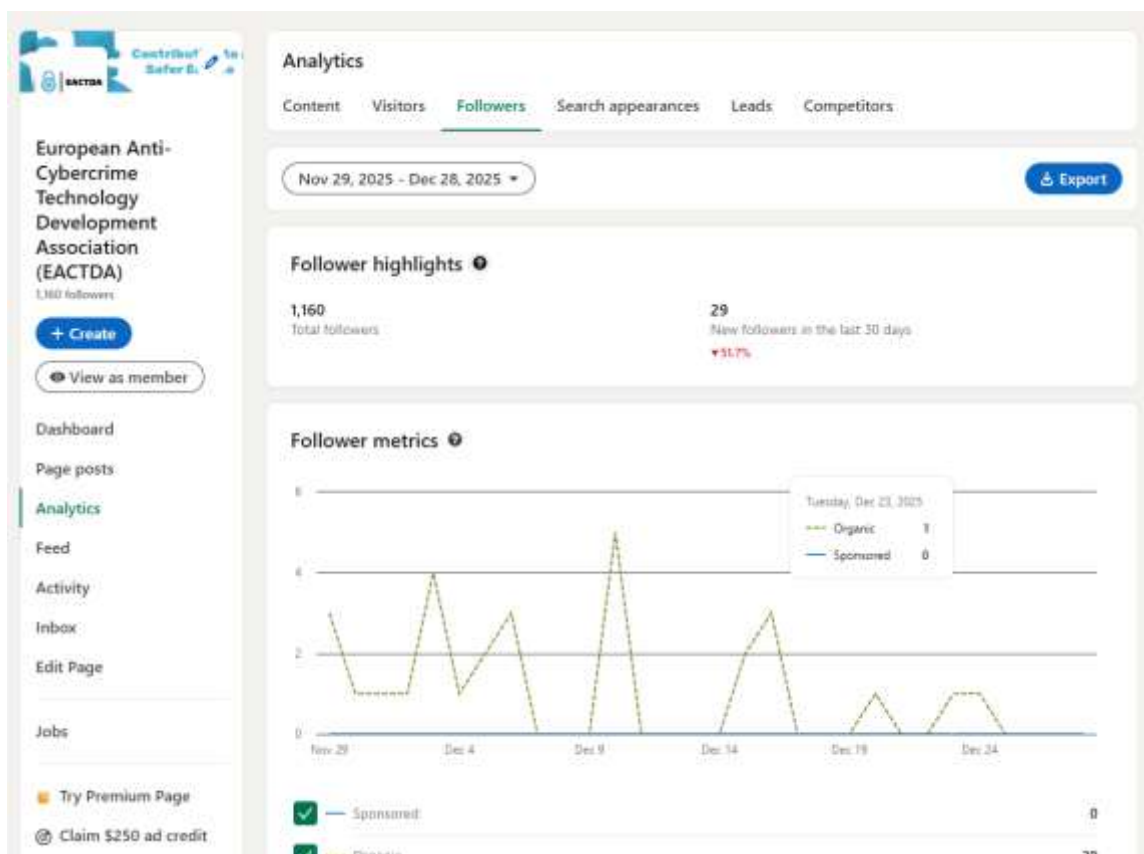


Figure 10 - LinkedIn Followers as of December 30th, 2025

4. Summary

4.1. Conclusion

The document has presented a summary of the communication and dissemination activities carried out during the Tools4LEAs-v2 project.

4.2. Evaluation

At the beginning of the Tools4LEAs-v2 project, the main goal was to scale-up the capacity of EACTDA to deliver fully-tested and operationally-ready software tools to its targeted audience. From a communication and dissemination perspective, the goal was to increase the awareness of the targeted end-user community about EACTDA, about the Tools4LEAs series of projects, and most importantly, about the tools that were being distributed with no license cost to them. With all the dissemination and communication activities presented in this document, it can be said that a significant number of the key stakeholders at European level are already familiar with EACTDA. However, there is still an even larger number of targeted end-users who are not there yet, mostly those that do not take part in European Security innovation programmes and actions, such as those of Horizon Europe or the Internal Security Fund.

Therefore, though good progress has been made, there is still work to be done to ensure that all the targeted end-users are aware of what EACTDA and the Tools4LEAs series of projects are offering to them, so that they can benefit from it.

With regard to dissemination, and more specifically with the objective of reaching out as many targeted end-users of the European Union and Schengen Area, a very promising experience has taken place in Spain during the second part of 2025. All the police officers working in the cybercrime units, not only in the headquarters, but also in all the territorial (regions within Spain) cybercrime units of the two main police forces (Policía Nacional and Guardia Civil) have attended a workshop and a tools showroom. Also, the upper management of both police forces has supported EACTDA when presenting the Tools4LEAs series of projects to all relevant units, including not only operational units, but also those in charge of innovation (or digital transformation), procurement, data protection. After the aforementioned workshops, only during the months of November and December 2025 more than 140 officers from these two organisations have registered at the recently published EACTDA Portal, and they have started to download and to evaluate (online and offline) the 22 Tools4LEAs tools already available at it.

4.3. Future work

Dissemination activities such as the six-monthly demonstration and evaluation events, or the jointly-organised events, or ad hoc presentations, workshops, and tools showrooms at targeted end-user organisations will continue to take place, at an increased rate, from 2026 onwards. The main goal of Tools4LEAs-v3 project is “adoption”, so an effort will be made to document and disseminate Tools4LEAs tools adoption success stories.

With regard to communication activities, EACTDA will maintain a similar approach as the one it has had so far in Tools4LEAs-v1 and Tools4LEAs-v2. This is, to be as transparent as possible with the wider community about its activities, goals, processes and outcomes. For security reasons, details about the Tools4LEAs tools will not be disclosed to the public.