

Facebook for TU1402: you gotta boost it!

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Why TU1402 must use Facebook (I)

Traditional media channels (e.g. scientific publications, factsheets, technical reports, press releases, and the like) are preferred channels of communication to reach:

- □ Research community
- □ Academics
- □ Public authorities & policymakers
- Industrial sector & professionals













Why TU1402 must use Facebook (II)

When the goal is to reach out and engage the general public, which means people with diverse background, new **Internet communication** vehicles, especially social media platforms, become the best tools for dissemination purposes.











Why TU1402 must use Facebook (III)

Social media statistics for 2017 have granted Facebook as:

- ☐ The most popular social media platform with a number of worldwide daily active users equal to 1.28 billion (as of May 2017);
- ☐ The most engaging social network with the highest digital audience penetration vs. engagement.











Why TU1402 must use Facebook (IV)

Benefits of using Facebook for TU1402:

- Near-zero cost dissemination strategy
- No tech expetise is needed
- Easy interaction/communication with stakeholders
- □ Re-direct user traffic to the Action website
- Public access to Action materials and relevant info









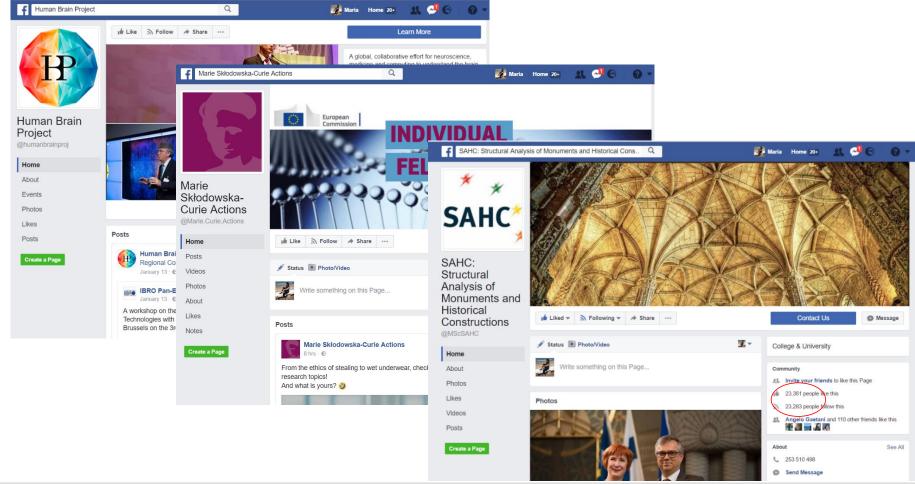


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Examples of successful FB pages (I)





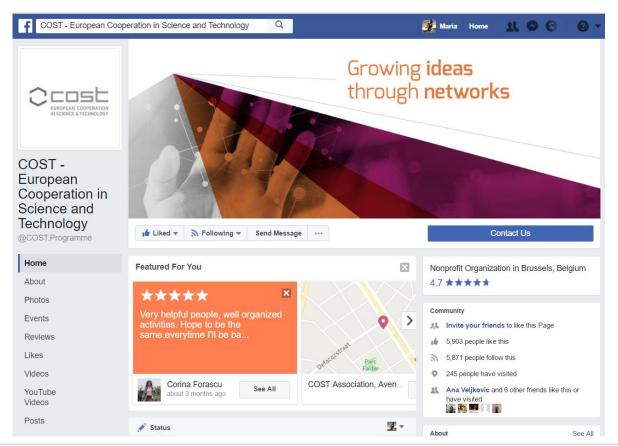






Examples of successful FB pages (II)

□ The COST programme has a Facebook page!











Facebook strategy for dissemination of TU1402 (I)

Target audiences:

- EU citizens and public in general
- Media reporters (newspapers, television, radio and internet)
- ☐ Stakeholders

Purposes:

- □ Raise public awareness about the value of SHM
- Share and promote the activities & results of the Action
- Provide a live platform for information exchange and knowledge transfer
- Reach and engage the target audience
- ☐ Increase the visibility of the Action webpage







Facebook strategy for dissemination of TU1402 (II)

Post content & template:

- News about activities carried out during the Action
- ☐ Events involving/organised by the Action (STSMs, workshops, etc.)
- ☐ Whys and wherefores of quantifying the value of SHM
- ☐ Pills for 'dummies' about procedures, techniques and tools
- ☐ Case-study examples



Sentence/title (+/- 10 to 20 words)
[Blank space]
Body of the post (maximum 120 words)

Add link to the Action webpage (if necessary)

End with hashtags

#costaction #tu1402 #structuralhealthmonitoring #valueofshm Etc.

Attach photos and videos with the Action logo (a layout can be provided)









Facebook strategy for dissemination of TU1402 (III)

Post management:

- □ The page will be managed by one(two) administrator(s)
- □ Posts will be published by the administrator according to the following calendar:

	Group	Year 2017						
1	WG1	15-jun-17	27-jul-17	7-sep-17	19-oct-17	30-nov-17	11-jan-18	22-feb-18
2	WG2	22-jun-17	3-aug-17	14-sep-17	26-oct-17	7-dec-17	18-jan-18	1-mar-18
3	WG3	29-jun-17	10-aug-17	21-sep-17	2-nov-17	14-dec-17	25-jan-18	8-mar-18
4	WG4	6-jul-17	17-aug-17	28-sep-17	9-nov-17	21-dec-17	1-feb-18	15-mar-18
5	WG5	13-jul-17	24-aug-17	5-oct-17	16-nov-17	28-dec-17	8-feb-18	22-mar-18
6	WG6	20-jul-17	31-ago-17	12-oct-18	23-nov-17	4-jan-18	15-feb-18	29-mar-18



Posts must be e-mailed to the page administrator with cc to S. Thons and the corresponding GL







Facebook strategy for dissemination of TU1402 (I

Sharing action plan:

- Once created, all Action members will be invited to
 - LIKE the TU1402 Facebook page
 - SHARE the posts published by the Action



- ☐ Beyond the scheduled posts, the TU1402 Facebook page will periodically share original posts (not shared poster) n other pages/websites:
 - ???











Final Remarks

- ☐ FB dominates the social landscape
- ☐ FB offers a near-zero cost dissemination strategy
- FB is a live interactive platform
- □ FB contents reach an impressive numbers of people
- FB can boost the Action visibility
- Several funding European programs encourage FB for dissemination



What are we waiting for? We gotta boost it!









Thanks for your attention!



