

Online Marketing Strategy (part 1)

Web marketing and Analytics

Amplify your reach with MAIA Multiply (Working Group Session 3)



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Web Analytics



What should we focus on?

- We need to measure very carefully what happens on our website, especially important 'events.'
- Measure web traffic, but also the quality of that traffic.
- Quality traffic = visitors to our website who are interested in what we share. They consume
 our content and the visit leads to a a 'business' conversion. For example, they sign up to
 our newsletter or fill out a form and we obtain their contact details.
- Conversions rarely occur during the first visit. However, they always happens after the visitor passes through a conversion funnel.



Conversion funnel

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Which conversions to measure?

Vital to define what actual 'business' conversions are.

For example:

- Contact form (we can measure who's completing and submitting our online form)
- Mail or contact call (measure clicks on the website)
- Download a demo via form



Which micro-conversions to measure?

It's also very important to measure micro-conversions. These are events (visitors) that don't lead to a contact but do show interest in what we offer on our website.

For example:

- Users who visit more than 3 pages or spend more than 3 minutes on our website.
- Users who download content, like a PDF
- Users who watch a video
- Users who visit an important page (contact, results, applications...)
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Why is this so important?

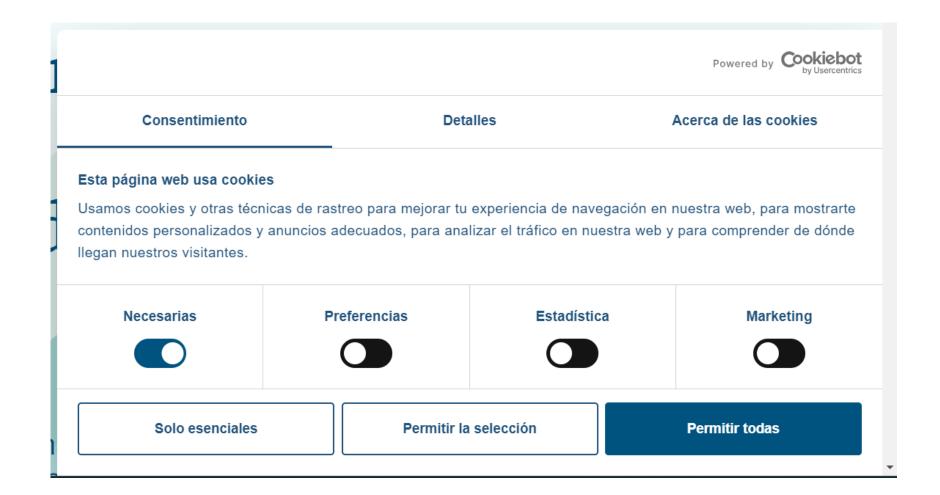
We need to know how many and which users generate conversions and micro-conversions for two reasons:

- To know which of our marketing actions were successful and which were not. This way, we
 know what to repeat, improve, change, or allocate more or less budget to.
- So the algorithms of our online advertising campaigns (Google, Instagram, LinkedIn...) know who to target. If we know which users are very interested in us, the algorithms can better position our ads (or content) in front of them. The algorithm will also look for more similar users. This is the most effective way to achieve our targets.



Cookie consent

To measure what users do, and for the algorithms to work their magic, we need cookies. Because of regulatory changes, it's now mandatory that users give us their voluntary consent.



We recommend <u>Cookiebot</u> (which has a free version for small websites), but you can also use <u>Complianz</u> for Wordpress, which is more focused on that type of website.



Web Marketing



Main objectives

- Even if we're not selling anything, we always have 'business objectives.'
- The success (or not) of a research or scientific project is measured not only on the results achieved, but also on its implementation in the target community.
- It is important to be very clear about who we want to 'sell' to: who our target community is. This may be other scientific projects, policy-makers, specialised companies... It's very difficult for our real target to be society in general.
- We may have several targets, but not very broad ones. It's essential to focus and try to 'speak' to each of them.



The golden rule of marketing

- On our website we cannot start off by talking about ourselves. We must ALWAYS talk about how what we do solves our target's problems.
- To grab their attention, we must open with very clear messages and short sentences, summarising the value that our actions bring to our visitor. What's the benefit of what we do for them?
- Once we have captured their attention, we can go deeper into what and how we do it and, finally, who we are.

Starting off by taking about ourselves is a mistake: This forces the *visitor* to work to understand how we can help them solve their problems and meet their needs. It's vital to be clear and transmit value right upfront.



Focusing on objectives

- Some websites are product/service oriented. However, successful ones are customer/target oriented.
- We must try to create content with each of our targets in mind. For example, if our target is projects or companies from different sectors, we can explain the benefits of what we do for each of these sectors.
- The more we segment our targets, the more successful our content strategy will be.
- At the end of each key page or valuable content, include a very clear call to action (CTA).
 For example: 'Book a demo' [embed link to your contact form].



Online marketing strategy



Marketing for scientific projects

 Marketing scientific projects is challenging. You're often trying to 'sell' something that doesn't exist yet; that's just an idea.

But the rules of marketing apply just the same.

 We have analysed some of your projects' dissemination strategies and you are doing the right thing. The problem, we believe, lies in the lack of <u>orientation to the needs of the</u> <u>target audience</u>.



Content Marketing

A lot of content is being created...

- Articles
- Vídeos
- Graphics/Infographics
- Webinars
- Conferences

... but almost always talking about us.



Content Marketing

Our strategy proposal:

- 1. Define our main targets (those who will really 'buy' us).
- 2. Segment them as much as possible. Minimum 8-10 targets.
- 3. Create some contents for each of them
- 4. Always talk about how we cover their needs.
- 5. Always work on the SEO of these contents
- 6. Disseminate these contents through different channels to reach each target.
- 7. Develop these channels through public relations (manually, if necessary)



Main Channels

Proposed online channels (in order of priority):

- 1. SEO (Google, Bing, ChatGTP, Gemini...)
- 2. Your newsletter (and direct mail)
- 3. Newsletters from other websites
- 4. Linkedin (organic, direct and paid campaigns)
- 5. SEM (Search Engine Marketing; = Google Ads campaigns)
- 6. Publish articles on other websites
- 7. Other social networks





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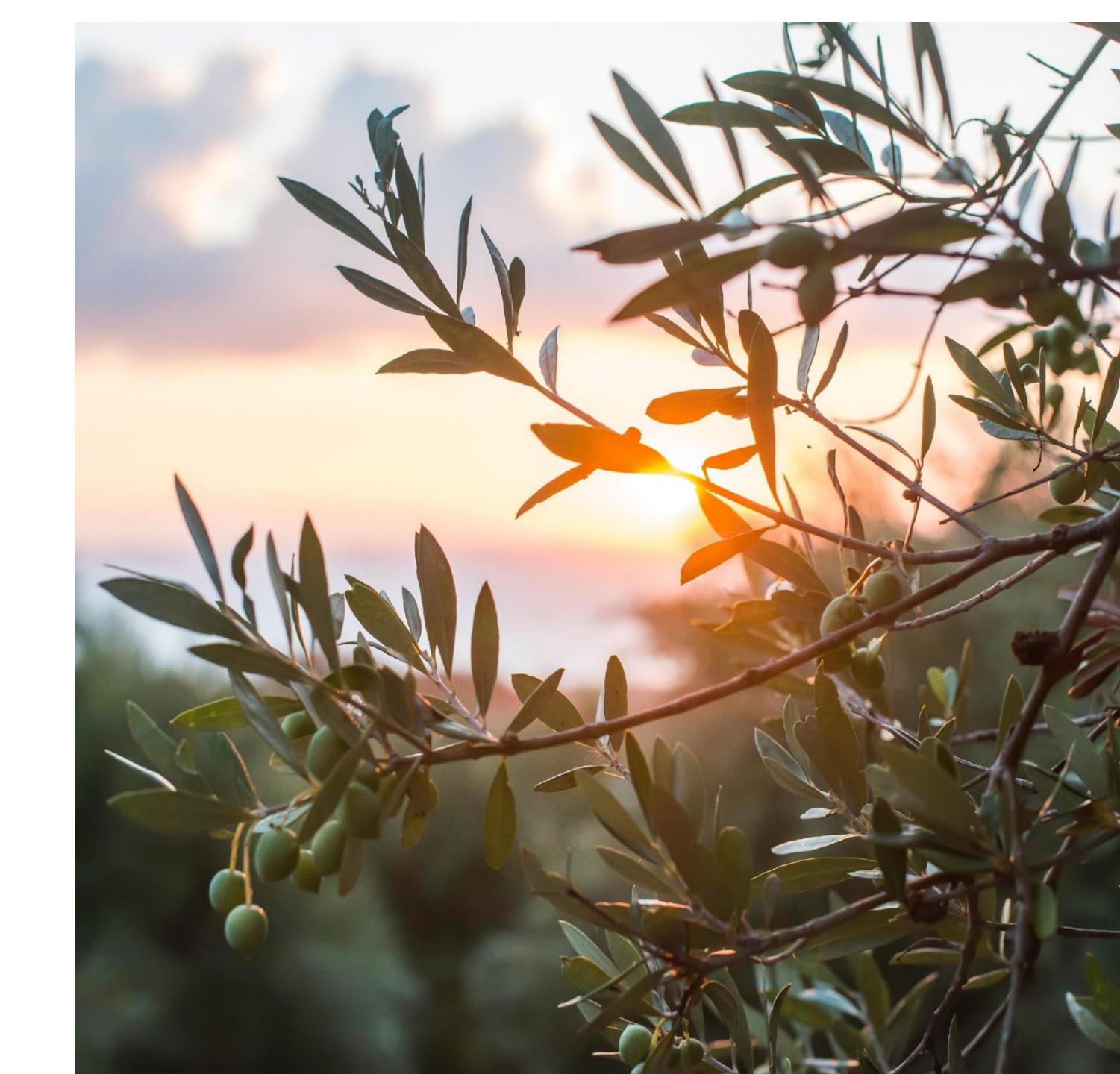
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Online Marketing Strategy (part 2)

How to generate quality web traffic

Amplify your reach with MAIA Multiply (Working Group Session 4)



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Quick overview session 3

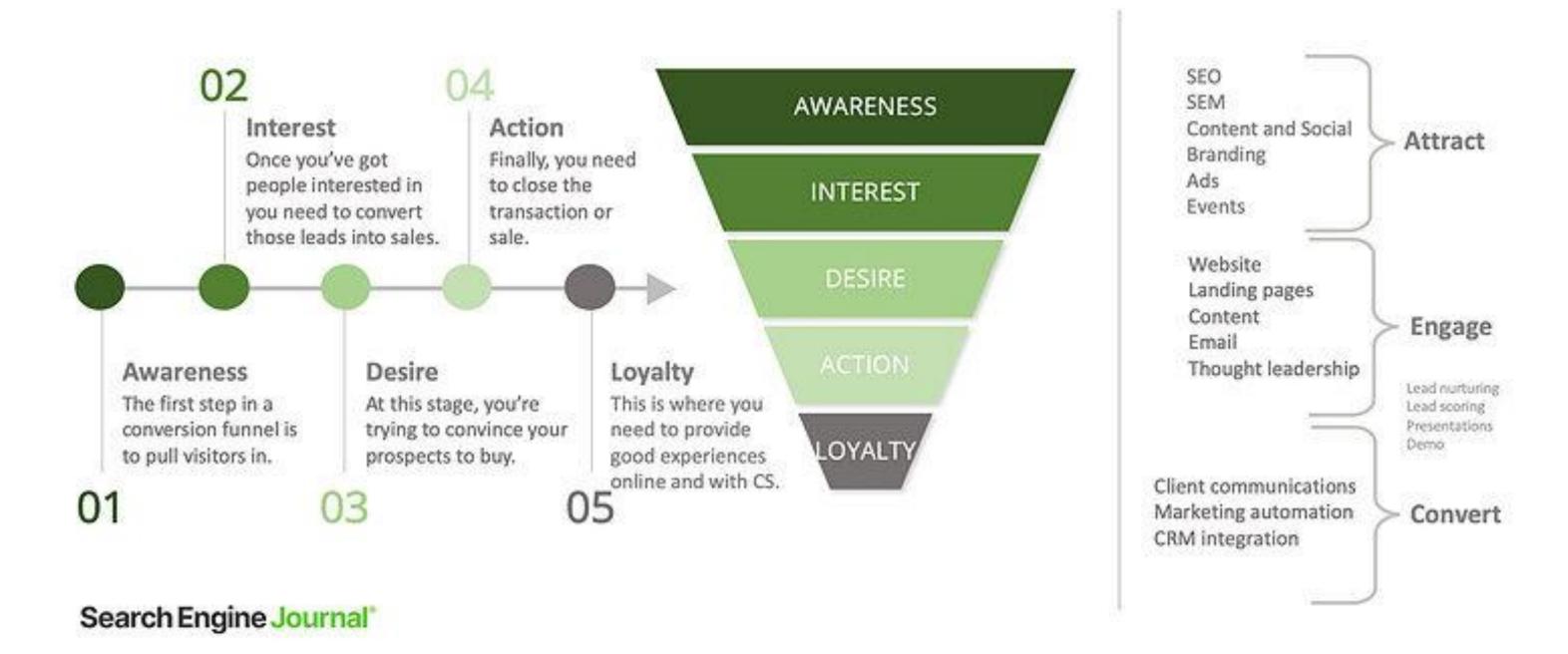
Key points of an Online marketing plan for a scientific project:

- 1. Measure conversions and micro conversions with any web analytics tool.
- 2. Define perfectly your main targets (those who will really 'buy' what we're 'selling').
- 3. Segment them as much as possible. Minimum 8-10 targets.
- 4. Create content for each of segment/target.
- 5. Always talk about how we answer "their needs".
- 6. Always work on SEO for our content.
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Conversion funnel

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SEO (Search Engine Optimization)



How to select keywords to include in your content

People often make two mistakes when selecting keywords for SEO:

- Thinking of very broad keywords that refer to our sector.
- Thinking of keywords that do not define us.

The key to making the right choice is:

- Select keywords that explain very well what we offer.
- Think about how our target might be looking for what we offer when they need it.



How to select keywords

To create a good SEO strategy we have to select:

- 1-2 Main keywords (home page) Ex: Decarbonisation plans for cities
- 8-10 Secondary keywords (internal pages) Ex: Decarbonisation plans/strategies small cities
- 20-80+ Long tail keywords (blog articles) Ex: Decarbonisation plans/strategies for local administrations / for cities with more than 1 million people...

Choose one (two keywords maximum) per page.

If we want to position a keyword and we do not have any page with related content, we have to create a new page or add an article to the blog.



How to adapt your website?

If we want to try to position a keyword (for example: "climate modelling") on a specific page, it must feature in:

- Domain.
 Ex: Futureclimatemodelling.org
- URL. Ex: Future.org/climatemodelling
- Meta title (max 60 char). Ex: Climate modelling for mediterranean countries | Future
- H1 (Header or main title of the page) Ex: Climate modelling for mediterranean countries
- Text (optimum: insert 3 times the keyword in 400 word texts)



How to write articles for SEO

5 tips to increase traffic to your articles.

- Before starting to write, choose the keywords for each article carefully. Think about how people might be searching for what you offer.
- It's better to use very specific "long tail keywords," rather than very broad keywords
- Use the keyword at the beginning of the title. Normally the main title of the article is an H1 and use it to automatically create the meta title and the URL.
- In text, use keywords at the beginning, in the middle, and at the end. If the article is very long, you can
 include them up to 4 times. You can also use synonyms.
- Add 2-3 links to other important pages of the website in each article to pass Authority to these pages.



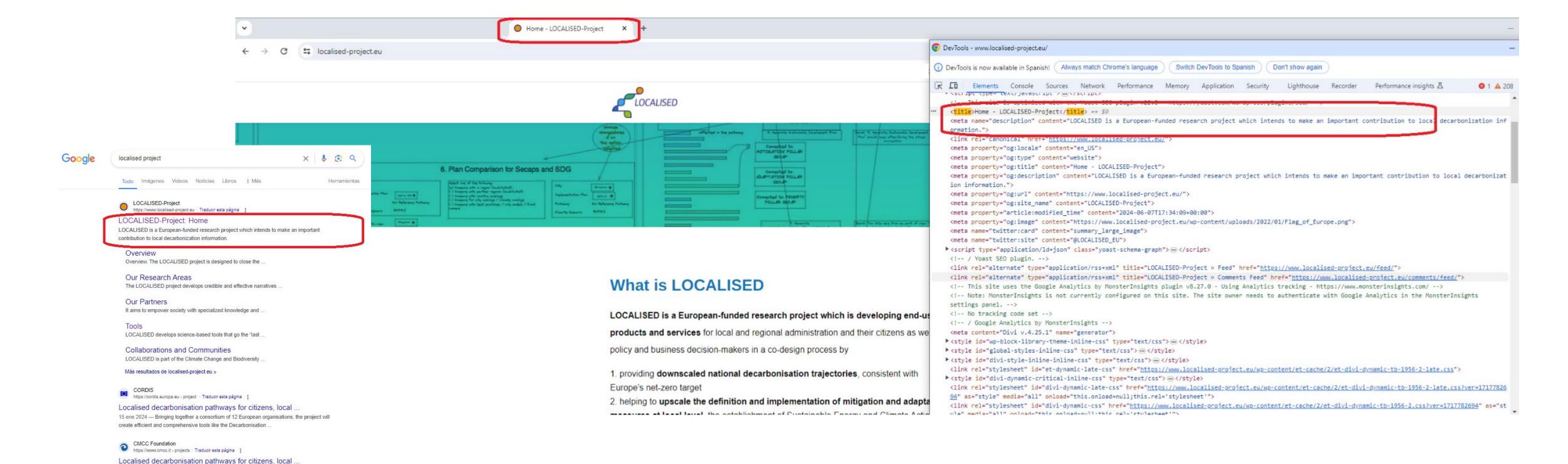
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How to find your Title or H1, H2...





How to increase positions in Google

If we use keywords very well on the website, to rise in Google search results, you need to increase the authority of your webpage. The authority of a domain or a page is better when:

- Older domains, which usually have more authority than new ones.
- Websites that have many links from other websites (not link farms/black hat).
- If those websites that link to us are very reputable (high authority), such as official organisations, so much the better.
- We suggest you ask for links to suppliers, universities, organisations, other projects, blogs,...

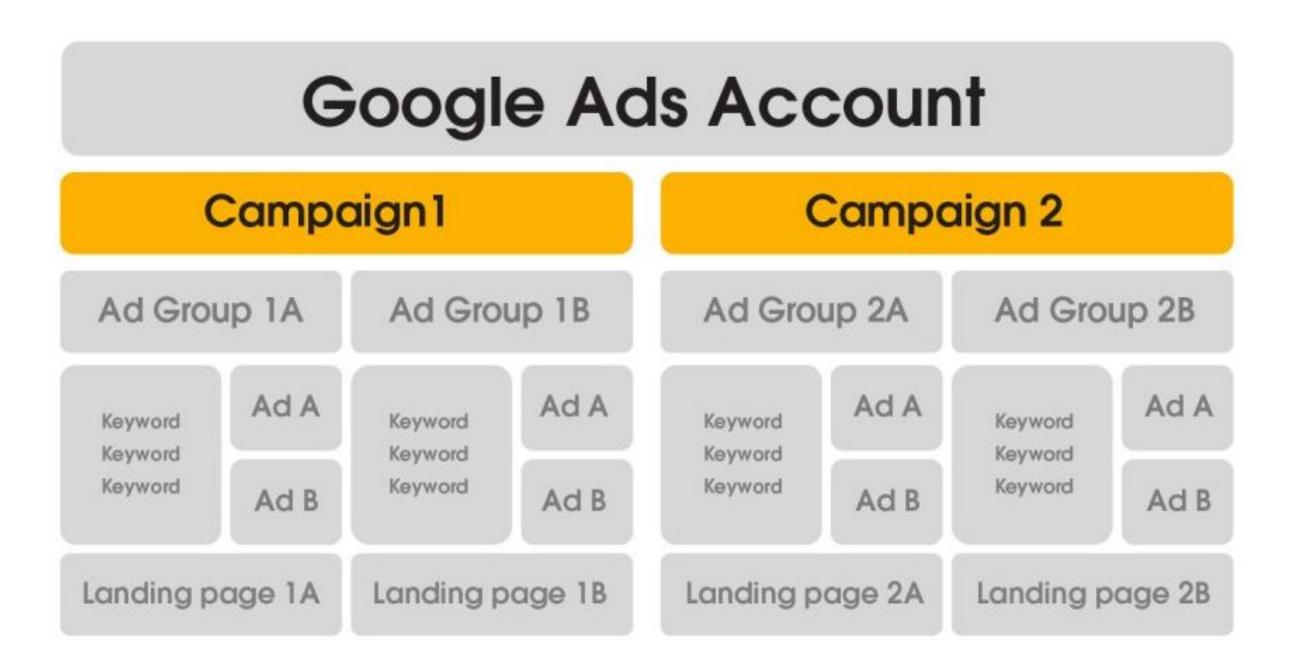


SEM (Search Engine Marketing/Ads)



Create a basic text campaign

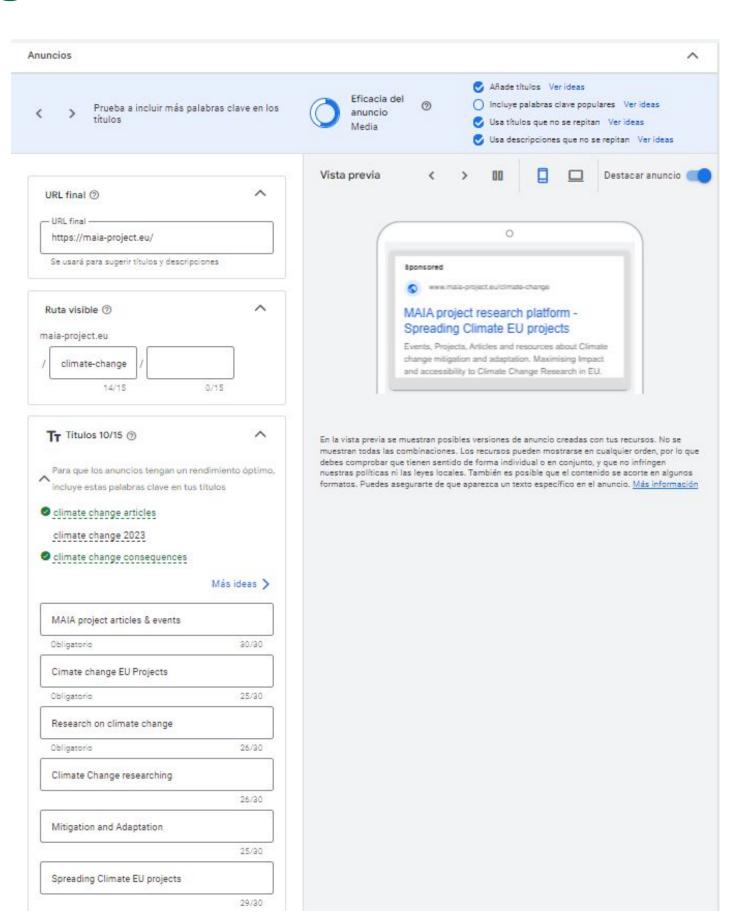
- 1 or 2 campaigns. It is better to concentrate the budget than to split it into many campaigns.
- 2-4 ad groups per campaign
- 12-15 keywords per Ad group.
- The keywords in "phrase" match if we have little budget. In broad if we have a lot (+1000€/month).
- Negative keywords ALWAYS (+100)

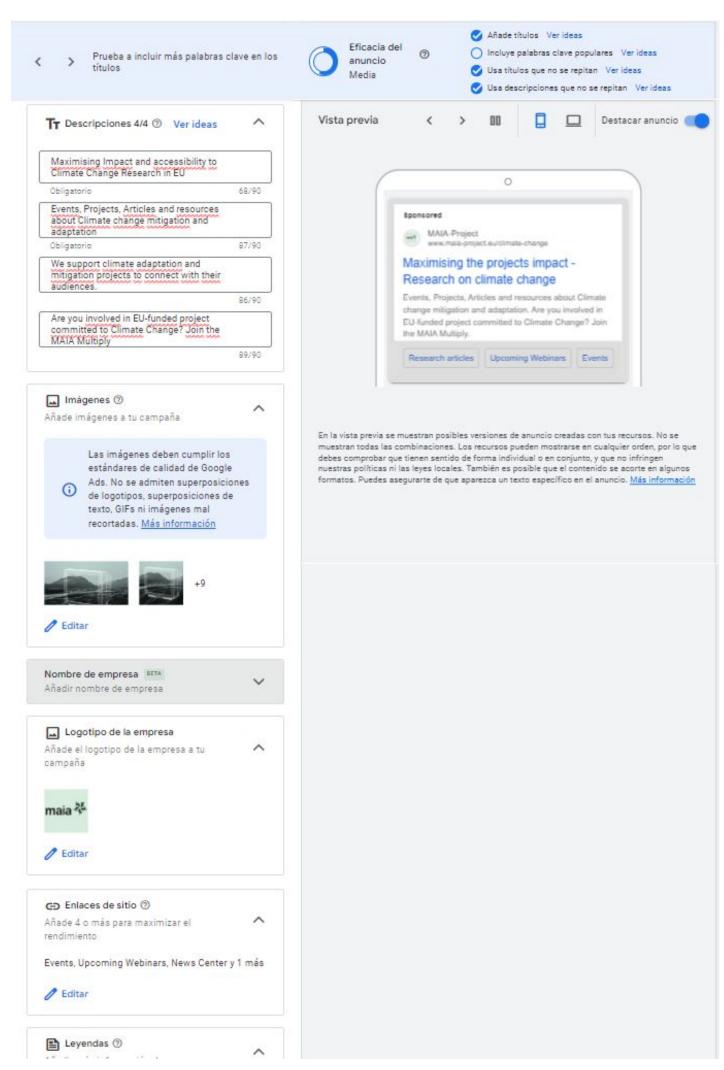




Create a basic text campaign

- Ads should have 10-15 titles and 4 descriptions. The algorithm combines them to generate the best results.
- Titles must be clear, direct and varied.
- It is important to add all the resources requested (visible URL, logo, photos, internal links,...).
- We recommend creating the campaign only for Search and not for Display Network.







Create a PRO campaign

This is not for you to do it, but for you to ask your ad agency to do:

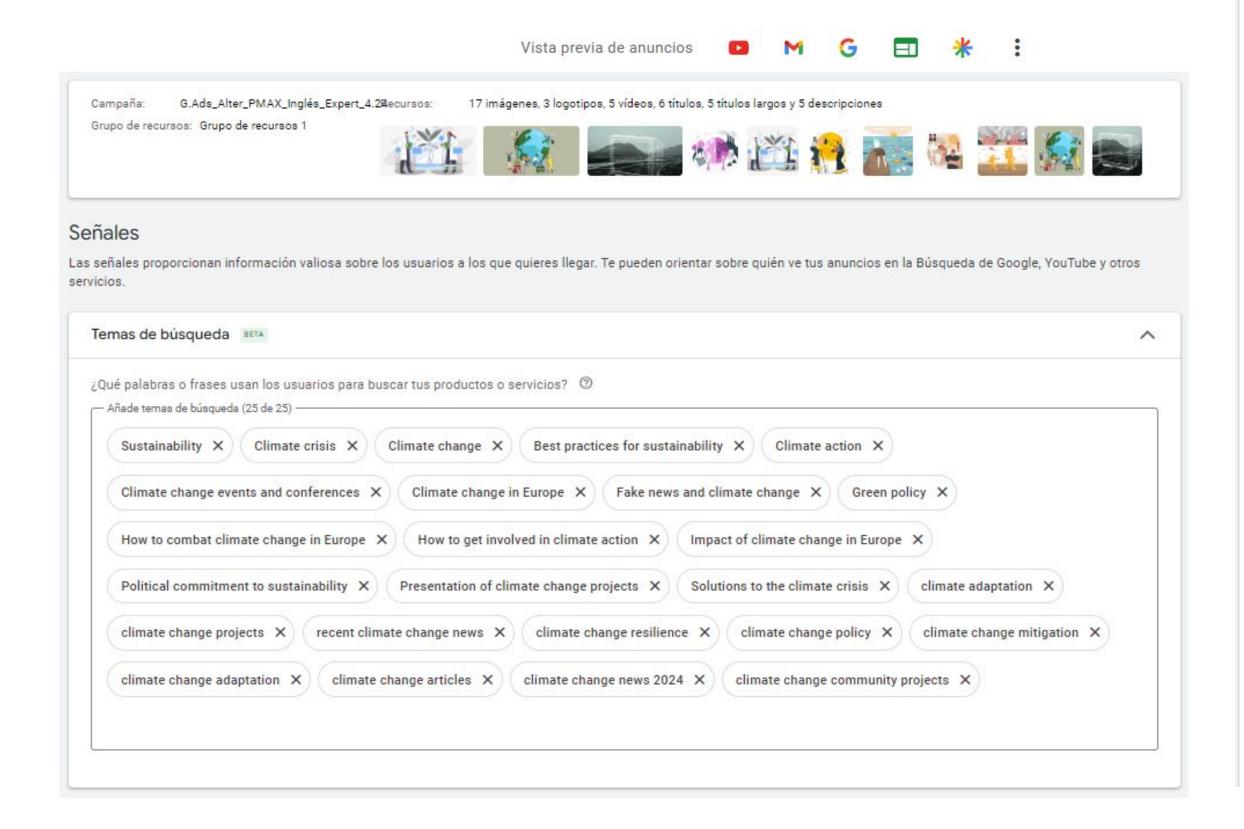
For projects like yours we recommend running Performance Max (PMax) campaigns. But the key is to give the campaign:

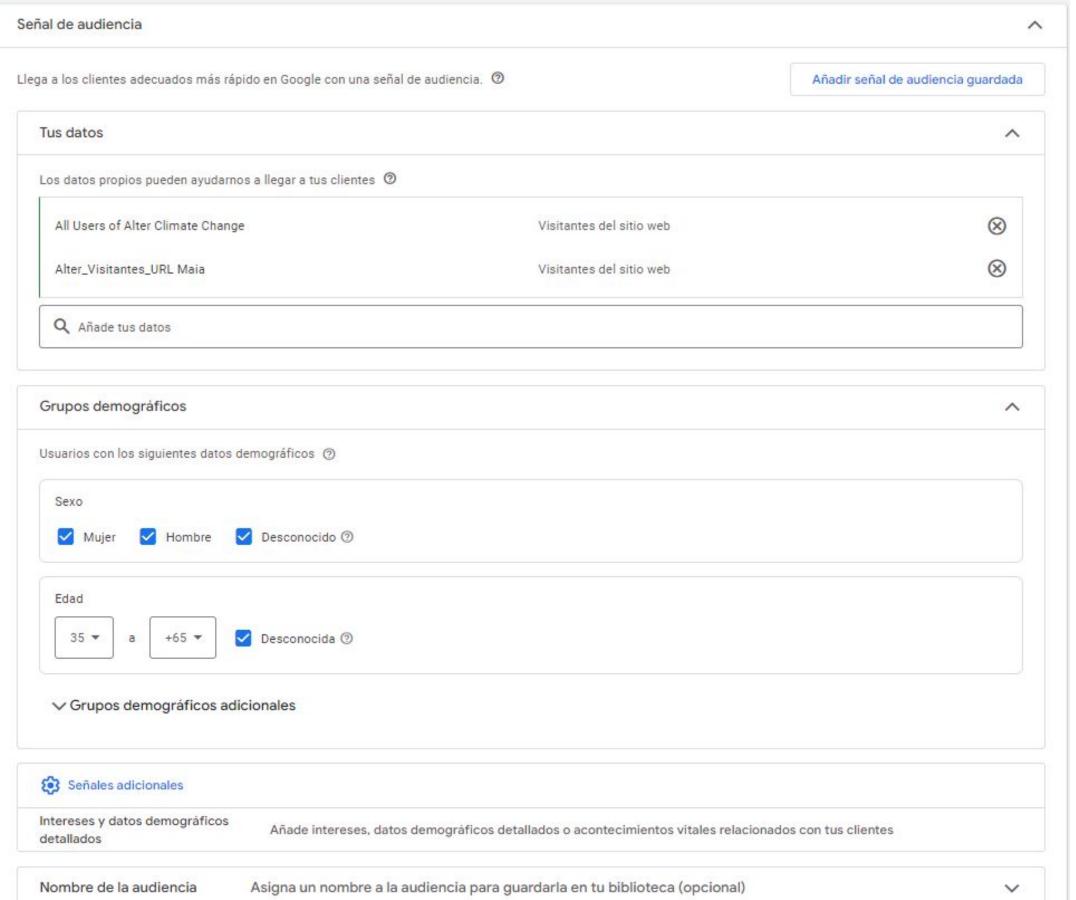
- Very good resources: texts, photos, videos, banners, logos...
- Good signals: Keywords, Audiences, Other Websites...
- Perfect measurement of conversions and micro-conversions: Lead Scoring strategy



How to generate quality web traffic

Create a PRO campaign







Social Ads (LinkedIn, Meta and Tiktok Ads)



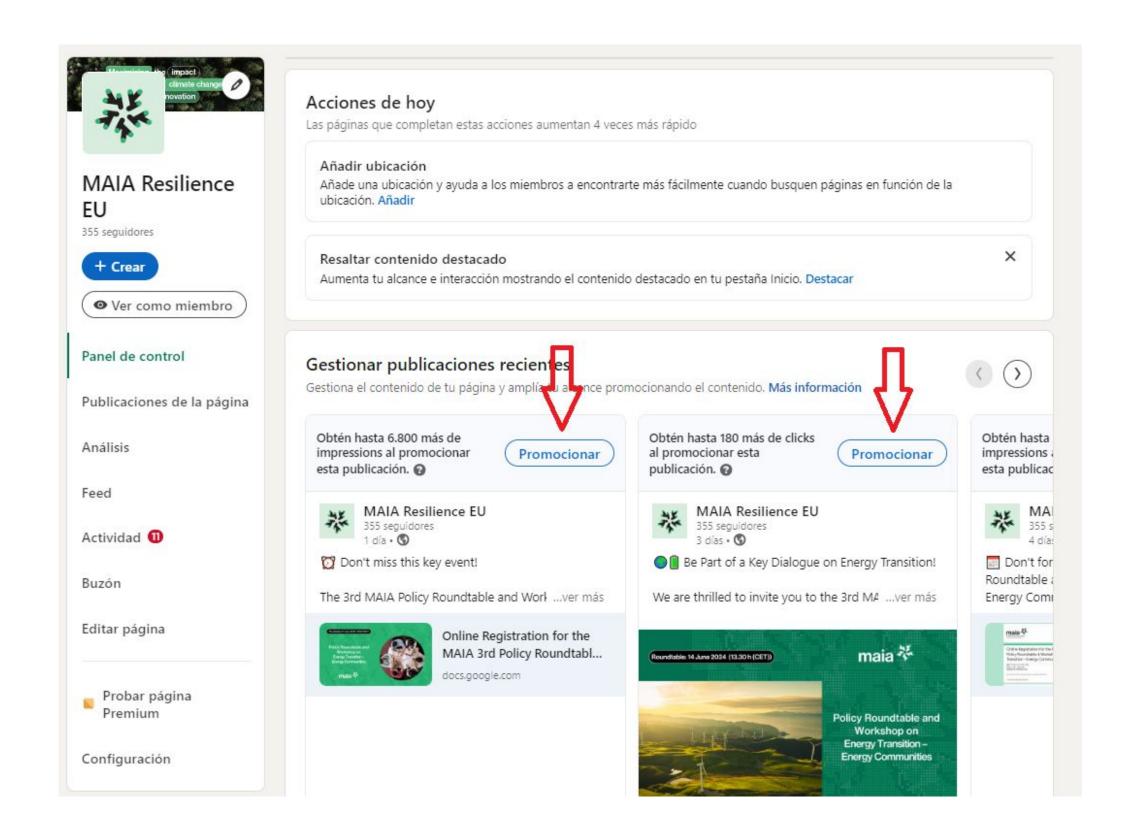
How to run Social campaigns and not burn money?

In almost all social networks there are two options for running a campaign

The simplest option is from the publications themselves (sponsored content).

It is simple, but gives few options to segment and optimise.

We only recommend it for very low budgets (<300 €/month).



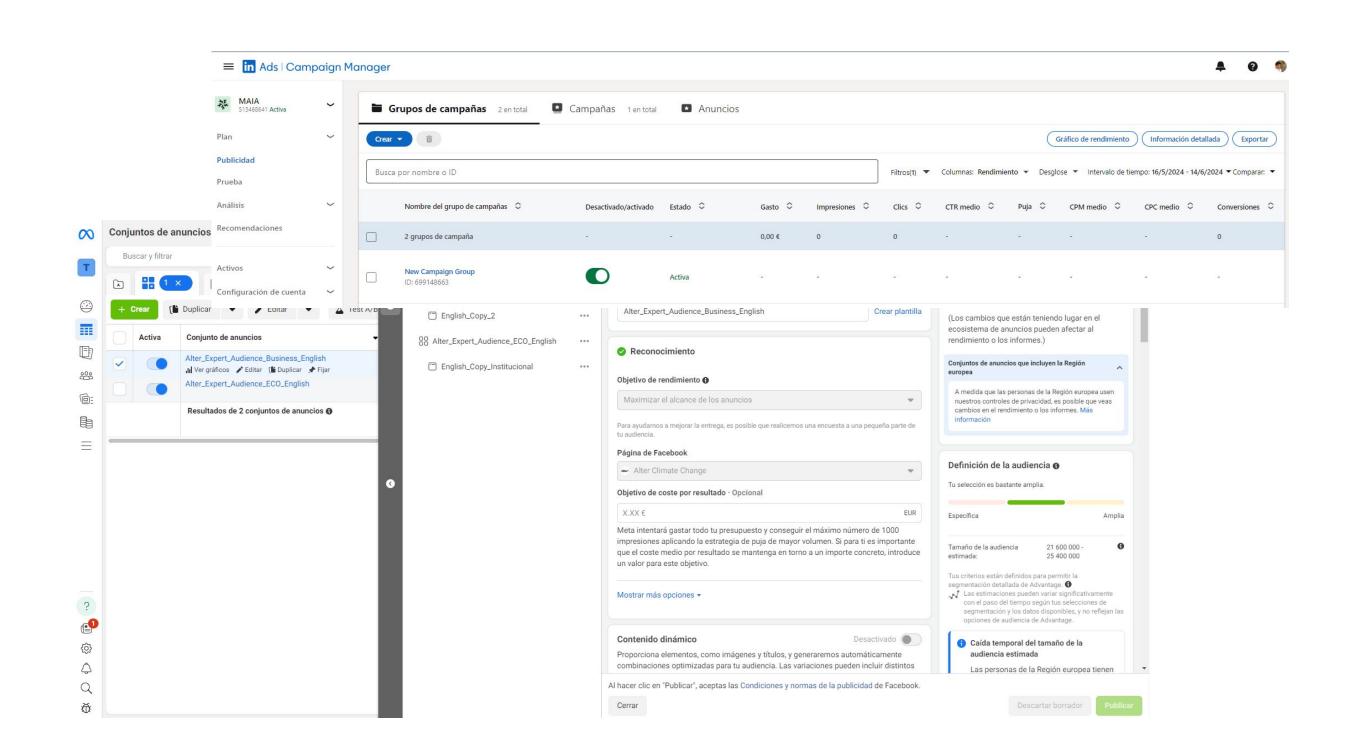


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To make good campaigns you have to work from Ads Manager.

It is more complicated but allows many more segmentation options.

Allows you to focus the campaign on a specific objective (VERY IMPORTANT).



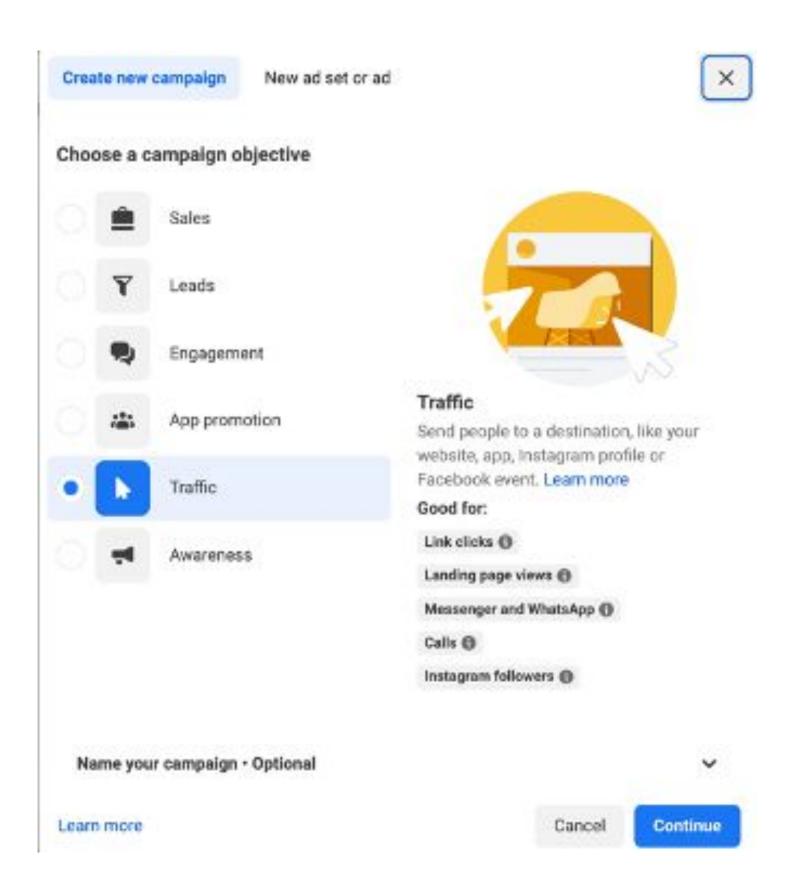
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<u>https://www.linkedin.com/campaignmanager/accounts</u> (LinkedIn)



How to run Social campaigns and not burn money?

There are many objectives we can direct campaigns at. And they really work:

- Reach or Brand awareness
- Visits to the website
- Profile visits
- Lead generation
- Web conversions
- Sales





How to run Social campaigns and not burn money?

Our recommendation is to run conversion-oriented campaigns.

But only if we are able to measure conversions very well so that the algorithms can learn and reach the highest quality audiences.



Questions & Answers





Thank you!



More questions? Carlos.leon@thatzad.com



Amplify your reach

Partner with MAIA to maximise your project dissemination.





PROGRAMME (2021 - 2027)



Welcome!

Science communication is vital for connecting research with the public, especially in climate science. Let's collaborate to create transparent and engaging communication.



What do the followers want?

The ABCs of the algorithm: value and brand content



No magic, no tricks

No shortcuts. Your value is your main resource

- There isn't a magic hook or a single most efficient editing model. The most important thing is to bring value to your au
- We are often told that we need to publish constantly, but quality is much more important than quantity. The key is to spend our time creating high-quality, valuable videos and content, rather than focusing on producing as much content as possible.



Keys to successful community building

1. Know Your Audience:

- Research and understand your audience to create relevant content.
- Use analytics tools to gather demographic data and behavior.
- Listen to their feedback and adjust your strategies accordingly.

3. Interaction and Engagement:

- Respond to comments and messages promptly and personally.
- Encourage participation through questions, surveys, and contests.
- Create an active community where followers feel valued and included. .

2. Quality Content:

- Publish original, engaging, and valuable content that resonates with your audience.
- Maintain a variety of formats, such as videos, infographics, and blogs.
- Update and recycle old content that is still relevant.

4. Monitoring and Analysis:

- Use monitoring tools to track the performance of your posts.
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The algorithm can be your friend

The goal is to capture the attention of your audience

- The social media algorithm is programmed to do one thing and one thing only: to get people to spend as much time as possible on these platforms. That's why it recognises the content most relevant to your audience, the content they enjoy most.
- How does your audience recognise the value of the content you are creating? If it educates, inspires or entertains..



The algorithm can be your friend

The goal is to capture the attention of your audience

- Instagram and Youtube: are no longer just social media. They are an entertainment platform.
- Linkedin is still a social media platform (you create and follow your connections there).
- How does your audience recognise the value of your content?
 If it is educational, inspirational or entertaining.



First things first

Know your audience

- Who is your audience?
- What is your audience's problem?
- How do you solve your audience's problem?
- What is your expertise?
- How do you approach it?



The most effective value proposition

Be specific

Example: Jolt the Change

- Network set up in MAIA, targeting young people.
- They are interested in environmental issues and often feel that the policies of older countries or generations are disconnected from these issues.
- Jolt the Change is the network that introduces them to the work of researchers, innovation companies and the European Commission.



Exercise

Let's put all this into practice

- Your audience: who are they? What interests them? What do they care about? How does your project contribute to solving their problems? What is your project's expertise?
- In one sentence, clearly define what you want to communicate to this audience on your social channels.



The formula

The best post structure: video, brief post, long post.

- Part 1. Reveal. Tell the user what is in the video to them. The simpler the better.
- Part 2. Build-up. Before giving the solution, explain the meaning of the solution. This part helps to increase retention.
- Part 3. Deliver value. Give the user all the information that is of value...
- Part 4. Call To Action. Invite the user to take an action to close the post. This action



Example

Text script to promote the I-CHANGE project in Jolt the Change. This video is part of a series of videos that will gradually communicate the value of I-CHANGE in a way that is attractive and accessible to a younger audience.



The formula: example

Part 1. Reveal

When I was a child, some things seemed impossible. To pay for a plastic bag at a supermarket, to have solar panels on so many homes, or to be able to share public bicycles. Have you ever wondered how these improvements happened?

Part 2. Build-up

The answer lies in observing the little things in our daily lives, because our habits and routines constantly affect our environment.

Part 3. Deliver value

That's why researchers collect and analyze people's behaviour. They study patterns and trends to identify areas where action is most needed to face climate change, and then, they propose solutions to improve our well-being. With help of citizens across Europe, the project **I-CHANGE** is collecting data to track air pollution and travel habits to pinpoint improvements and suggest strategies to reduce carbon emissions. And with smart devices attached to bicycles is monitoring weather hazards in real-time.

This data is also collected to assess the effectiveness of policies and other sustainable initiatives. But citizen science goes beyond data collection. Sharing our daily information helps scientists develop sustainable solutions to improve our climate change adaptation. We have the power to be part of the change.

Part 4. Call To Action

Follow this channel for more!



Join our community!

If you're keen on sharing knowledge and fostering synergies, get in touch using this form.





Communication Working Group: A brief introduction

Public interest in science is rising, with 80% of Europeans expressing a desire for better understanding. Effective science communication is vital for bridging the gap between research and public comprehension. This group aims to bolster this through a robust science communication system, fostering collaboration and promoting informed discourse on societal challenges like climate change.

Key objectives: disseminating scientific progress, promoting collaboration, and enhancing the visibility of funding opportunities.

Debates about:

Engage citizens and enrich public discourse

Inform policy debates

Cooperation between research-related organisations

Tools for scientific communication

Models for scientific communication



How will this group support you? Connection with outreach opportunities

MAIA connects projects and stakeholders through tools, communication channels and actions, and promotes dialogue between science, civil society and policy makers.

MAIA has built a diverse network of media platforms, initiatives, content streams and social media channels. Its target audiences are the quadruple helix, with specific proposals for each group to provide them with knowledge about climate change, solutions or understanding of climate change.

Targeted groups:

- Researches
- Business, policy makers, education and civil society
- Young people

Do you want us to be your communication allies?

Transfer tool



Communication Working Group: Calendar of sessions

* Temporary dates



Maximizing impact and outreach

Documents

• Project information:

We need this information from you so we can start preparing content and actions to maximize your visibility and reach. The sooner we receive this information from you, the sooner we can get to work.

Communication Working Group: Common places

identify synergies and opportunities for resource sharing among projects, ultimately maximizing our collective impact.



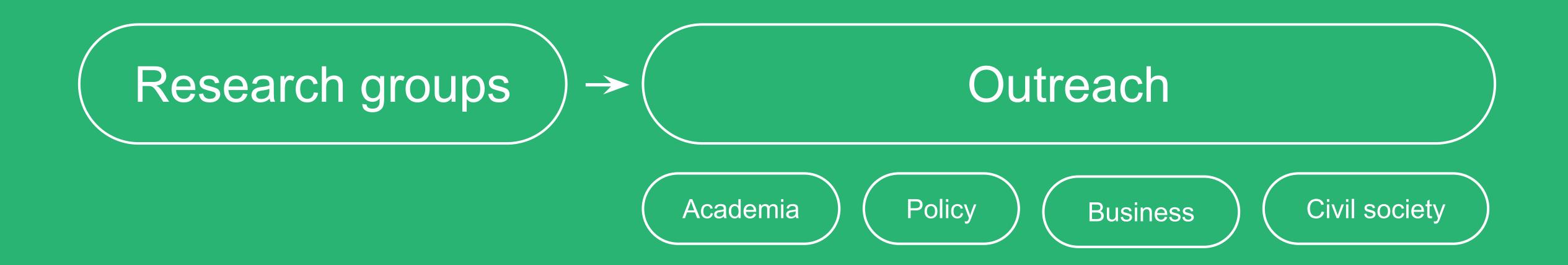
The MAIA project aims to act as an impact multiplier of climate research projects funded under the Horizon Europe and Horizon 2020 programmes.

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Projects' results impact multiplier



Your project has the opportunity to be part of the MAIA community by sharing your knowledge and research with others and creating synergies.

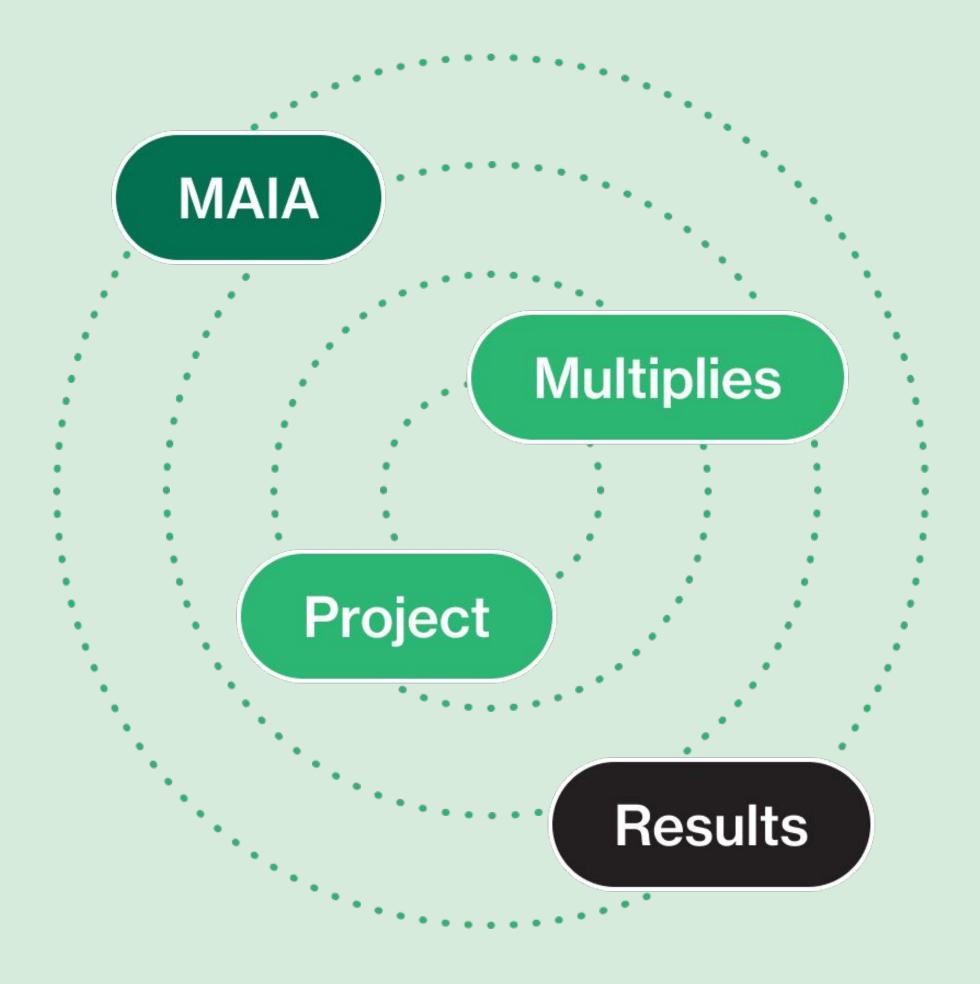




MAIA Multiply boosts visibility and promotes collaboration.

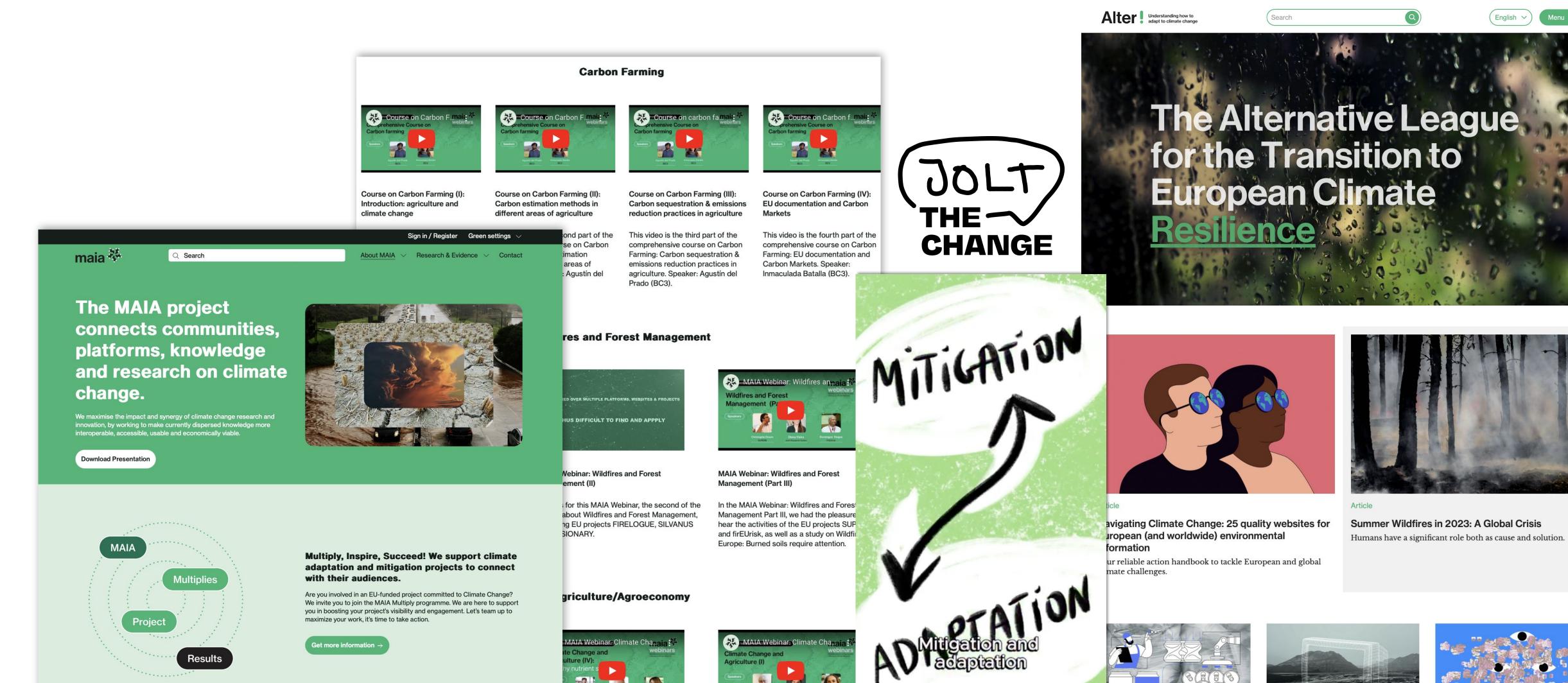
Our aim is to create synergies and interconnection of completed and on-going EU research projects on climate change, to maximise impact and support them, through different actions/activities:

- · Preparing communication materials aimed at the wider public.
- Setting up thematic working groups.
- Running policy-science dialogues.
- Setting up trade missions.
- Linking knowledge and data.
- Organizing webinars and special issues.





Outreach actions and channels





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InMedia Solutions

A communication agency founded based in Barcelona (Spain), focused on support companies and public bodies in strategic communication, branded content production (on and offline), PR, Marketing and Communication and Media planning.

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