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## Publishable summary

The aim of this Dissemination Plan is to present the planned actions for communication and dissemination of the results of the SIMBA-project.

The overall aim of the dissemination activities within the SIMBA-project is to maximise the dissemination of results and to express them in terms that are readily understandable. This is to not only address experts in the field of sodium-ion batteries and energy storage, but also stakeholders at governments, industry and suppliers, in order to accelerate the implementation of the research findings. The secondary aim is to promote the project findings through presentations at workshops, scientific publications etc. Furthermore, dissemination involves preparing information for the project website and facilitating the exploitation activities of the project, making the results known to future users.

This document will be a living (running) document and will be updated at least annually. Next to this, the coordinator TUDa and administrative manager Uniresearch will track and trace the dissemination activities closely.

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## **1 Purpose of the document**

### **1.1 Document structure**

Chapter 2 Introduction

Chapter 3 Dissemination approach

Chapter 4 Dissemination organization and rules

Chapter 5 Dissemination achievements

Chapter 6 Outlook and conclusion

### **1.2 Deviations from original description in the Grant Agreement Annex 1 Part A**

1.2.1 Descriptions of work related to deliverable in GA Annex 1 – Part A

N/A

1.2.2 Time deviations from original planning in GA Annex 1 – Part A

N/A

1.2.3 Content deviations from original plan in GA Annex 1 – Part A

N/A

## 2 Introduction

The aim of the Dissemination Plan is to maximise the dissemination of results and to express them in terms that are readily understandable not only to experts in the field of energy storage batteries, but also to stakeholders at governments, industry and suppliers, in order to accelerate the implementation of the research findings. The secondary aim is to promote the project findings through presentations at workshops, via scientific publications, etc. Furthermore, dissemination involves preparing information for the project website and it also aims at facilitating the exploitation activities of the project, making the results known to future users.

The dissemination plan is described in Chapter 3. It includes:

- Target audience identification
- Description of the dissemination materials and tools
- Usage of dissemination channels
- Dissemination efforts for each of the various channels.

The dissemination organisation and rules are described in Chapter 4. Chapter 5 includes a report on the achievements related to dissemination made so far.

### 3 Dissemination Approach

The SIMBA Dissemination Plan (D7.2) is prepared to give an overall view of the communication and dissemination actions of the project, as well as to identify the project dissemination objectives, targets and tools. It will give orientation for the activities throughout the entire duration of the project.

Communication and dissemination activities are crucial for the success of the project and therefore need to be carefully described and planned in advance. This document will be evaluated and updated at least annually according to the dissemination needs throughout the project and future feedback from the SIMBA General Assembly.

The dissemination activities should support the exploitation activities of the project, making the results known to future users. The activities should also generate business opportunities for all project partners. Therefore, this plan describes the role of the partners within the project dissemination activities and serves as a guideline for them in relation to the dissemination actions towards a general audience, beyond the stakeholders directly involved in the project.

#### 3.1 Aim

The dissemination plan will establish the rules and guidelines on how the project will share its outcomes with target groups (see below for more detail) and networks.

The dissemination of the project results and outputs is indispensable for realising the value of the project. These dissemination efforts will not just be focused on the four year's project duration; they will also be directed at continuity of the SIMBA-collaboration extending beyond the project lifetime.

#### 3.2 Overall dissemination strategy

The overall dissemination strategy of SIMBA is:

- To communicate and disseminate the knowledge gained within the project (after protection of intellectual property) to the international energy storage community, the scientific communities in the field of battery research and beyond. To this end it should be noted that the partners TUDa, KIT-HIU, IFE, UU, CEA are member of EERA, the European Energy Research Alliance; CEA, FHG, IFE and SAFT are members of EMIRI, The Energy Materials Industrial Research Initiative.
- To interact with international partnerships and counterparts through the industrial networks of the partner SAFT and the Advisory Board consisting of end users as Leclanche, Rolls Royce and large battery manufacturers like VARTA.
- To create public awareness through the website and through campaigns directed at social media.

The dissemination strategy is depicted in Figure 2.1.

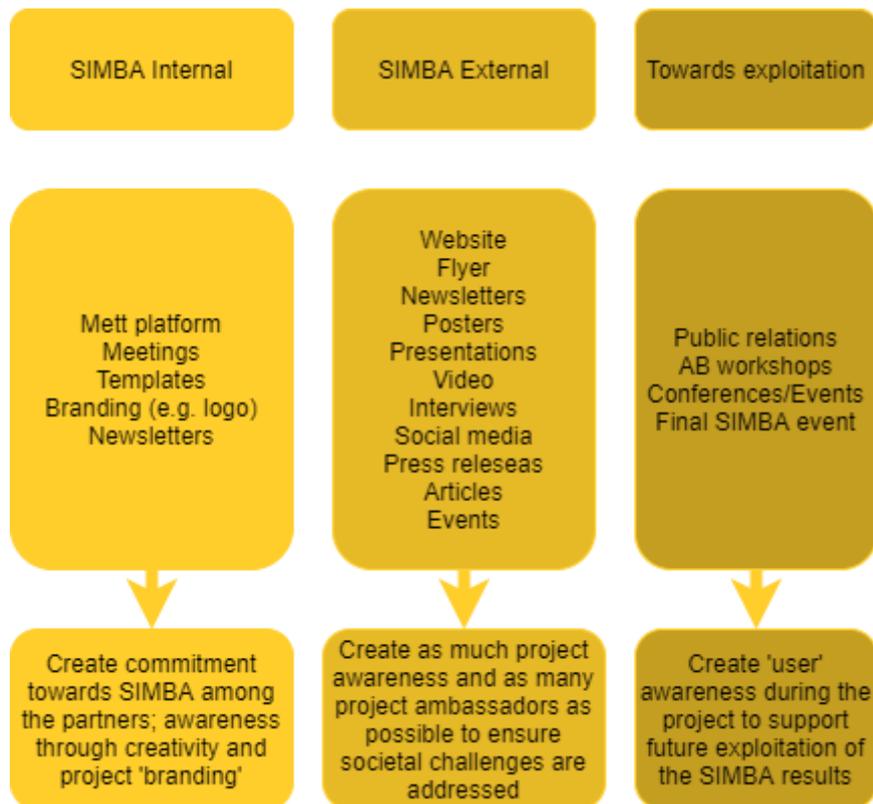


Figure 2. 1 SIMBA Dissemination strategy

### 3.3 Communication, dissemination and exploitation objectives

The communication and dissemination actions in SIMBA are envisaged to communicate and disseminate the activities carried out during the entire duration of the project, the project's main achievements and the initiatives organised by the partners of the project within the framework of SIMBA as well as their participation in major European and worldwide events and scientific conferences.

The Exploitation plan aims to strengthen and speed-up the market uptake of successful results of the project by development of an exploitation strategy for all eligible results and supporting the partners involved for further exploitation during the different stages of the project. This plan will be provided in a separate deliverable as draft at month 12 (D7.5) and in month 42 as final (D7.7).

This project aims to achieve, within its project duration, the following objectives:

- To manage the communication network of SIMBA.
- To disseminate the activities and results of SIMBA.
- To participate in conferences, tradeshows, exhibitions as well as organise the final event at the end of the project.
- To create a dedicated website for the SIMBA-project.
- To create all needed communication tools to give a visual identity to the project (e.g., project branding).
- To ensure the proper communication and dissemination of the information generated by the project to relevant stakeholders and the general public.
- To facilitate the communication systems with the project as well as other relevant related projects and organizations to promote the sharing of data and knowledge.

### 3.4 Target groups and stakeholders

Communication will be aimed at the following audiences and stakeholder groups:

- International energy storage community and beyond; EMIRI, EERA, BEPA, underlying initiatives, and other advisory bodies.
- Scientific community.
- The energy storage industry, comprising of companies specialized in the field of (large) telecom power systems, batteries for Renewable, Photovoltaic and Wind Applications, including small-scale household batteries and DC Power Solutions for Generation, Transmission and Distribution.
- The European Commission, other agencies, legislative authorities, standardisation committees (e.g., ISO, CEN, SAE international).
- The general public.

All partners shall inform their contacts on the SIMBA-project and if requested these partners will receive automatic updates of the project (newsletters) and can be invited to dedicated workshops/events.

### 3.5 Dissemination Channels and Tools

The main channels and tools used for dissemination include:

- SIMBA website: a project website where the project is presented to the automotive (research) community in the first place, as well as to policy makers and the general public. The website will provide information on the main objectives, results, news and events, etc. The website will be enhanced with social media (Twitter and LinkedIn) features to further encourage interaction and stimulate discussion between stakeholders from Europe and beyond. The website will remain alive beyond the project period as a principal means of disseminating and exploiting the results and supporting market uptake actions.
- SIMBA social media channels: SIMBA uses Twitter (@ SIMBA) to post project news.
- SIMBA newsletters: at least six newsletters will be created in the SIMBA project, comprising the description of new developments and results. Additionally, at any time when it is regarded relevant, a newsletter will be issued, especially when new results become available.
- SIMBA flyer: a one-page document providing basic information about the main goals of the project, the technical approach, the expected achievements and a list of project partners. This will serve as the project's business card and will be distributed as widely as possible at any appropriate occasion. The flyer will also be digitally available on the public website.
- SIMBA video: a video that demonstrate the SIMBA innovations and delivers the message to the main users and to the open and wider public. This video will be shown at trade shows and exhibitions and will be produced during the first two years of the project in the English language.
- SIMBA interviews: throughout the first year of the project, several interviews with partners will be published on the website introducing partners experience and role within the SIMBA project.
- SIMBA reports: public versions of project reports, available at the public website. In case of restricted (confidential) deliverables a public executive summary will be published. This will be part of each deliverable and is indicated in the project deliverable template.
- Scientific publications: throughout the project lifetime, the partners will produce articles defining the project and its available results and will submit them for publication in internationally renowned business, engineering and scientific journals. Gold and Green Open Access Strategy will be followed. For open access publishing, only journals with impact factor will be considered. A repository zone on the website will be established and maintained by the coordinator for self-archiving of publications ensuring that the publications can be found and read online.

- SIMBA final event: by the end of the project an event will be organized by TUDa to gather all stakeholders and disseminate and communicate the work done within the project outside the consortium.
- Project branding (e.g., SIMBA logo) and promotion tools (project presentation, roll-up displays).
- Presenting the project at trade shows, exhibitions and international conferences.

### 3.6 Quantification and timing of the dissemination activities

The following table provides a quantification of the project's dissemination activities and sets a basis for verifying whether the project dissemination objectives have been met. Monitoring will be done throughout the project and included in the official reporting at M16, M28 and M42.

**Table 3-1 Quantification of SIMBA dissemination activities**

Audience	Objectives	Key Performance indicators	Comments
<b>Project website</b>			
Policy makers, professionals, research community, industry and general public	Make target groups aware of the progress of SIMBA, results and their availability.	≥ 1000 views/year; ≥ 8 updates/year	SIMBA website will strongly promote project developments amongst the industry. Providing downloadable explanatory information, press releases, videos, photographs, project flyer(s), etc.
<b>Conferences, exhibitions, trade shows</b>			
Energy storage sector professionals, research community	Show results, receive feedback	≥ 20 presentations	Key conferences – 73 <sup>rd</sup> and 74 <sup>th</sup> Annual ISE Meeting (2022, 2023), International Battery Association Conference (IBA-2022), International Conference on Future Battery Concepts and Sodium Batteries, 243th ECS Meeting (2023), 7 <sup>th</sup> International conference on sodium batteries (ICNAB, 2024)
<b>Scientific publications</b>			
Researchers in battery and automotive disciplines	Knowledge dissemination	5-10 peer reviewed publications	Key target journals - Electrochimica Acta, Batteries and Supercaps, Journal of Energy storage, Journal of Power Sources, Journal of Electrochemical Society, Journal of solid state electrochemistry, Batteries, Energies.
<b>Electronic newsletter</b>			
General public and energy storage industry professionals and stakeholders	Keep interested parties informed of the project progress and results.	≥ 6 newsletters	The newsletter will also allow further extending the project's contact database.
<b>Final event</b>			
Energy storage sector professionals, car manufacturers, policy makers, research community	Expand the results beyond the consortium; leverage the project results within the industry.	≥ 100 attendees	A final workshop will demonstrate the project deliverables with the aim to gain industry recognition.
<b>Social media (LinkedIn, Twitter)</b>			

Energy storage sector professionals, policy makers, research community	Expand the results beyond the consortium.	≥ 10 updates/month through partners	Social media will strongly promote project developments amongst the industry.
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The proper timing of the dissemination actions is crucial for the effective dissemination of the project results. In the first months of the project all the tools needed to perform a proper dissemination and exploitation have been developed (including logo, website, templates). In the remainder of the project the planned activities need to be executed and monitored. The exploitation plan and activities are linked closely to the dissemination activities therefore D7.5 and D7.7 shall be considered complementary to this deliverable.

The dissemination and preparation of the projects' exploitation will not end with the project ending. Next to further developing the results towards market introduction, also the dissemination efforts will continue to support the market entry phase.

#### Future dissemination activities

- 2020 – 2024 Present results of research activities at international conferences, exhibitions and trade shows, by newsletters and through the project's website.
- 2020 – 2024 Availability of the project website, to keep results and findings directly accessible to the public. After 2023 the website will not be updated anymore but kept alive for 5 years.
- 2024 Final event

## 4 Dissemination organisation and rules

### 4.1 Dissemination management

The dissemination actions will be organised and led by the coordinator, TUDa, supported by all partners. The major dissemination activities will be monitored by the internal half yearly progress reporting with contributions from the entire consortium.

### 4.2 Contributions of SIMBA-partners

All partners are expected to contribute to the communication and dissemination of the SIMBA-project and its developments through their own actions. The communication and dissemination activities of the SIMBA -partners include, but are not limited to:

- Publications in scientific and peer-reviewed journal papers.
- Announcements of SIMBA -developments on their organizations' website.
- Present the SIMBA project at international conferences, exhibitions and trade fairs
- Keeping the coordinator updated about developments, changes, and notable findings of SIMBA in a timely manner.
- Informing stakeholders of the progress in SIMBA when met at any technical workshop or event.
- Contribute (also through their organizations' press offices) in gathering scientific, industry, policy and media contacts and in regularly updating the dissemination activity list by sending information to the coordinator.
- Supporting in customizing the prepared communication material (if needed in the country language and for a local audience).

### 4.3 Rules for dissemination and publication

The rules for dissemination and publication are described in the Consortium Agreement and the Grant Agreement.

### 4.4 Dissemination acknowledgement and disclaimer

Any dissemination activities and publications in the project, including the project website will:

- Display the European emblem. When displayed in association with a logo, the European emblem will be given appropriate prominence.
- Include the following statement (from the Grant Agreement, Art. 29.4): "This project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreement No. 963542."
- Contain a statement that it reflects only the author's view and that the Agency is not responsible for any use that may be made of the information it contains (Art 29.5 of the Grant Agreement).

## 5 Dissemination achievements

In the table below, the dissemination achievements list is illustrated. The dissemination activities will be continuously monitored and collected in a separate Excel table, set up as requested in the EC official reporting.

**Table 5-1 Overview of dissemination achievements**

Date	Type	Type of audience	Countries addressed	Estimation of audience size	Partner responsible	Description
Feb 2021	Logo and templates	All	Worldwide	>1,000	UNR	Project logo is created and the colour scheme and branding of the SIMBA-project is formalised
2 March 2021	Public website	All	Worldwide	>1,000	UNR	The SIMBA -website is launched
April 2021	Flyer	Public	Worldwide	>100	UNR	Flyer publication with general project information for public dissemination. The flyer will also be published on the website
June 2021	Newsletter 1	Public	Worldwide	>100	UNR	Newsletter on the first results / achievements and goals of the project to raise awareness

### 5.1 Dissemination tools

An overview of the dissemination tools is presented below. A dedicated, more detailed deliverable focused on the dissemination tools (website, flyer and project templates, D7.1) has been prepared.

#### 5.1.1 Project website

The website is designed, and it is maintained and constantly updated. The website can be found at [www.simba-h2020.eu](http://www.simba-h2020.eu).

The project website:

- acts as contact point for interested third parties.
- provides a brief project summary and project information.
- provides company profiles of each project partner and a link to their websites.
- informs the public on the most relevant project results.
- hosts the publications, flyers and (summaries of) technical publications of the project for the general public.
- provides links to other relevant activities, events.
- contains contact details of the project coordinator and management.
- contains the possibility to subscribe to the newsletter.

Concerning the website, we can trace the activities via google analytics. More details are described in D7.1.

### 5.1.2 Project logo

An important item to establish the project's identity is the project's logo. This logo was chosen at the kick-off meeting and will be included in all presentations, reports, documents etc. The logo is depicted below.



### 5.1.3 Flyer, newsletters and presentation

To promote the project to a wide audience and to the specific target groups, a project flyer has been created. The flyer has an attractive appearance and contains details on the main objectives of the project, the expected achievements and a list of project partners. This flyer will be distributed to the target group database, made available on the website and distributed at conferences and exhibitions.

Bi-annual newsletters will be published for the general public. The distribution procedure of the newsletter will be same as for the general flyer: distribution to the contacts via Mailchimp and made available on the website. The first project newsletter has been distributed in June.

More details on the flyer and the first newsletter can be found in D7.1.

To be able to present the SIMBA project in a consistent way, a general presentation will be created which can be used by all partners to present the project internally as well as externally. This general presentation will consist of most relevant information available at that present time, objectives, concept, structure, expected results and key figures of the project. This presentation will be updated throughout the project runtime.

## 5.2 Scientific and technical publications

To increase the impact of the project results and to promote debate to accelerate the implementation of these results, presentations will be given at international conferences and exhibitions and publications will be written. Envisaged actions are:

- Presentations of the project/project results at multiple conferences.
- (Invited) presentations at events by EC, national governments and other stakeholders.
- Publications in scientific journals (once the intellectual property is protected).
- 6-8 Peer reviewed publications.

All partners contribute and initiate these activities, when appropriate. TUDa and UNR will issue and maintain a list of publications and presentations as part of this Dissemination plan and periodic reporting.

The SIMBA-project partners will present project results at international conferences and exhibitions. The tables below provide the first list of possible conferences and journals. These will be further extended during the project timeframe. In a separate Excel sheet, the planned dissemination activities at conferences and exhibitions will be tracked frequently.

**Table 5-2 First schedule of conferences and exhibitions where SIMBA results can be presented**

Conferences and Exhibitions	Year/date	Partner responsible/ involved	Comment
International Workshop "Post-Li Research: Women in Focus"	28-07-2021	TUDa	Keynote invited lecture, M. Graczyk-Zajac
European Materials Research Society (E-MRS – Falls)	20-09-2021	HIU-KIT/ Altris, WMG	
Materials Research Society (MRS – Fall)	25-10-2021	HIU-KIT/ Altris, WMG	
International Society of Electrochemistry (ISE)	2022	HIU-KIT / Altris, IFE, Elkem, WMG	4 <sup>th</sup> conference organized by ISE on 2022: 31 <sup>st</sup> , 32 <sup>nd</sup> and 33 <sup>rd</sup> ISE Topical Meetings and 73 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting. HIU-KIT will join one of these conferences, after considering the more appropriate for the SIMBA results dissemination.
International Conference on Batteries and Energy Storage Technology	22-01-2022	TUDa	
Gordon Research Conference – Batteries	25-02-2022	TUDa	
Battery-power EU 2022	30-03-2022	TUDa	
21st International meeting on lithium ion batteries	01-07-2022	TUDa	
Solid State Ionics Conference	22-07-2022	TUDa	
242 <sup>nd</sup> ECS Meeting	9-10-2022	HIU-KIT / Altris, IFE, Elkem, WMG	To be confirmed depending on the topics.
International Battery Association Conference (IBA-2022)	2022	HIU-KIT / Altris, IFE, Elkem, WMG	
18th International Symposium on Polymer Electrolyte (ISPE-18)	2022	HIU-KIT / Altris, IFE, Elkem, WMG	Topic: Polymer electrolytes and their applications. To be confirmed the date and location. Biannual conference.
Kraftwerk Batterie - Symposium	2022	ISE	"Smart BMS system"
Battery Experts Forum Stuttgart	2022	ISE	"State estimation for sodium ion batteries"
Design & Elektronik	2022	ISE	"EIS measurement implementation for future batteries"
International Society of Electrochemistry (ISE) – 74 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting	03-08-2023	HIU-KIT / Altris, JM, IFE, Elkem, WMG, UBham	To be confirmed depending on the symposiums.
The Electrochemical Society (ECS)	2023	HIU-KIT / Altris, JM, IFE, Elkem, WMG, UBham	Two conferences: 243 <sup>rd</sup> and 244 <sup>th</sup> . HIU-KIT will join the more appropriate conference between both.
International Conference on Future Battery Concepts and Sodium Batteries	27-09-2023	HIU-KIT / Altris, JM, IFE, Elkem, WMG	
Materials Research Society (MRS – Fall)	26-10-2023	HIU-KIT / Altris, JM, IFE, Elkem, WMG	

Modval	2023	ISE	“Modelling of sodium batteries for state estimation”
7 <sup>th</sup> International Conference on Sodium Batteries	2024	HIU-KIT / Altris, JM, IFE, Elkem, WMG, UBham	To be confirmed the date and location. It is a Biannual conference.
European Materials Research Society (E-MRS – Spring)	2024	HIU-KIT / Altris, JM, IFE, Elkem, WMG	To be confirmed the date

**Table 5-3 First list of journals for publication of SIMBA results**

Business and Scientific Journals	Year/date	Partner responsible/involved	Comment
ChemSusChem	2022	HIU-KIT	Publications about SIPE for SIBs (SIPE characterization)
Energy Storage Materials	2023	HIU-KIT	Publications about full-cells using SIPE (previously reported)
Batteries and Supercaps	2023	HIU-KIT	Publications about SIPE for SIBs (SIPE characterization)
Advanced Energy Materials	2024	HIU-KIT	Publications about full-cells using SIPE (previously reported)
ACS Nano		TUDa	Nanostructured ceramic for Na plating
Electrochimica Acta		TUDa, UU	Mechanism of sodium transport via SPM measurement
Journal of Materials Chemistry A		TUDa, UU	Determination of sodium storage in highly porous ceramics
Journal of Power Sources		TUDa	Electrochemical performance of Na metal/prussian white cell
Journal of the European Ceramic Society		TUDa	Fabrication of highly porous SiCN using single source precursor approach
Journal of Power Sources	2023	ISE / WMG	“State estimation for Sodium based cells”
Journal of Energy Storage	2024	ISE / YUN, CEA, WMG	“BMS functionality with cell integrated sensors”
Batteries	2024	UBham	Electrochemical performance of Na-ion full cells from recycled electrodes
Batteries and Supercaps	2024	UBham	Green binders for Na-ion batteries

### 5.3 Final Event

To present the findings of SIMBA to a wider audience a final event will be organised by TUDa gathering all stakeholders. Stakeholders in the field of batteries, energy storage will be invited.

## 6 Outlook and conclusion

This document will be submitted to the EC through the EC Deliverable submission system, however in the project this will be a living (running) document. This document and the corresponding dissemination activity tables (publications and journals) as stated in the document will be updated on a regular basis, discussed regularly in the Work Package Leader Board and the General Assembly meetings. Next to this, TUDa and UNR will track and trace the dissemination activities closely.

## Appendix A- Acknowledgement

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2	UU	UPPSALA UNIVERSITET
3	UBham	THE UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM
4	WMG	THE UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK
5	KIT	KARLSRUHER INSTITUT FUER TECHNOLOGIE
6	CEA	COMMISSARIAT A L ENERGIE ATOMIQUE ET AUX ENERGIES ALTERNATIVES
7	IFE	INSTITUTT FOR ENERGITEKNIKK
8	SAS	USTAV ANORGANICKEJ CHEMIE SLOVENSKA AKADEMIA VIED (Institute of Inorganic Chemistry, Slovak Academy of Sciences)
9	FHG	FRAUNHOFER GESELLSCHAFT ZUR FOERDERUNG DER ANGEWANDTEN FORSCHUNG E.V.
10	JM	JOHNSON MATTHEY PLC
11	Elkem	ELKEM AS
12	YUN	YUNASKO-UKRAINE LLC
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Do you accept this deliverable as it is?	Yes	Yes	Yes
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Does this deliverable correspond to the DoW?	Yes	Yes	Yes
Is the Deliverable in line with the SIMBA objectives?	Yes	Yes	Yes
WP Objectives?	Yes	Yes	Yes
Task Objectives?	Yes	Yes	Yes
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