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1 Executive Summary

Deliverable 8.1 is a report on the Professional Communication material and tools developed at the beginning of the project to be used by the project consortium in order to have common project's graphic identity and to communicate project's objectives and expected results to a wide public.

Therefore, the main content of this document is focused on the description of the project graphic identity and the main tools already developed and in use by the Consortium.

2 Introduction

The ECHO's Professional Communication Basics consists in a series of materials that identify the project from a visual point of view, and some tools to be used for communication/dissemination purposes without asking prior advice on contents. However, project partners are always required to inform the Communication and Dissemination Manager about the specific channels where the Communication material will be used (Event, articles, conferences, meetings, social media...).

The Communication basics of ECHO project is composed by:

- 1. ECHO logo
- 2. Project website
- 3. Brochure
- 4. Poster 100X70

Additional communication material, such as an introductory project video, are being developed to support partners in dissemination and communication activities. A package of templates with a common graphic identity has been shared inside the project private area to be used for official reporting and documents.

The Project Communication basics will be published and downloadable for free from the page DOWNLOAD of the website.



3 Project logo and graphic identity

The project logo has been developed by BEWH, with the contribution of all partners, and it will be used for all communication activities. The definition of the graphic identity started at the beginning of the project, taking as inspiration a draft logo (Figure 1) developed by CNR and EPHA during the proposal submission phase. This first draft represented the complexity of the thermal energy storage system the project will develop, using a simple and modern graphic identity. These concepts are at the basis of the development of some proposals the Project Coordinator evaluated (see Figure 2). Among these 5 alternatives, CNR chose to work on the first two proposals, making some changes in the colours. During the project kick-off meeting, BEWH presented the final four alternatives and partners were asked to select the one which better represented the project.





Figure 1: ECHO logo - first draft









PROPOSAL 1

PROPOSAL 2

PROPOSAL 3





PROPOSAL 4

PROPOSAL 5

Figure 2: 5 logo proposal developed.







PROPOSAL 2







PROPOSAL 4

Figure 3: latest 4 logo proposals presented during the kick-off meeting.

The selected logo was "proposal 3" and it has been designed in two versions: a simple version with the project acronym (Figure 4) and a complete version with the project full name (Figure 5) (both coloured and white).

A manual that describes how to use the logo, the colours and the fonts to be used was developed and shared among the partners; this manual gives also advice on how to place the EU flag and the funding statement together with the project logo. It is possible to see the Logo design specification manual in Annex I.







Figure 4: Project logo - simple version





Figure 5: Project logo - full version





4 Project website

To ensure maximum visibility to the ECHO objectives and results, BEWH set up a project website registered in the "eu" domain and with intuitive URLs to increase hit rates: https://echo-euproject.eu/.

ECHO website provides:

- A brief overview of the project and further details about its objectives, structure and expected impacts.
- The composition of the project consortium, the links to the partners' websites and the contacts of the Project Coordinator and the Dissemination Manager.
- Access to the project public deliverables and to the dissemination material prepared (e.g., brochures, posters, press release and presentations).
- Information about ECHO news and events, such as ECHO meetings and workshops, as well as conferences and external events where the project will have an active role (e.g., presentation of paper(s), organisation of sessions, stands with demos, etc.).

The public website has several sections and sub sections devoted to present the project to external visitors, all accessible from the home page and described into details in the following paragraphs.

In each section, at the bottom of the pages, you can find:

- the acknowledgement of the EU co-funding, also by the inclusion of the relevant logo claiming "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 European Climate Infrastructure and environment Executive Agency (CINEA). Neither the European Union nor the granting authority can be held responsible for them".
- ✓ the logos of ECHO social profiles: <u>Twitter</u> and <u>LinkedIn</u>;
- ✓ some ECHO project details.

Using the main menu, it is possible to visit several pages (Figure 6):

- Home
- About
- Status
- Partners
 - o Cluster
- News and Events
- Publications
- Contacts









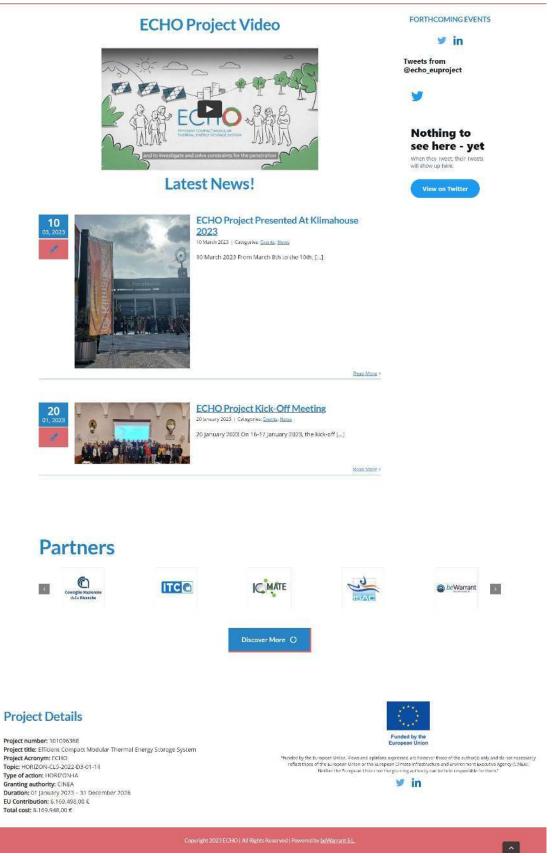


Figure 6: ECHO project website - Home page



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4.1 About

The label "About" on the main menu is linked to a page (see Figure 7) dedicated to project objectives, expected impacts and the methodology used by partners to reach project goals.

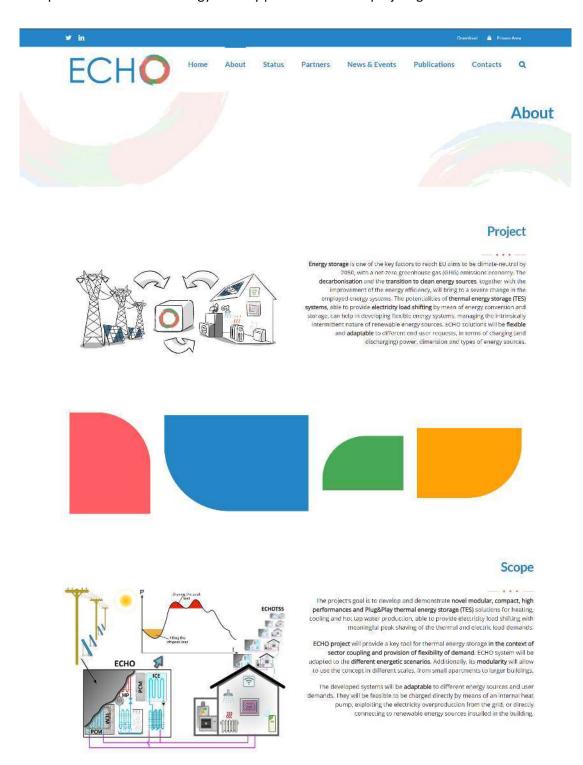






Figure 7: ECHO project website - About





4.2 Status

The "Status" page (see Figure 8) is dedicated to the development of project activities: every work package is coupled with its percentage of development.



Figure 8: ECHO project website –Status



4.3 Partners

In this section (see Figure 9), the list of ECHO's partners is displayed. For each partner the logo is shown with a brief description of the company and its role in the project. In the subsection entitled "Cluster" accessible from the main menu, a page dedicated to ECHO's sister projects will be created.

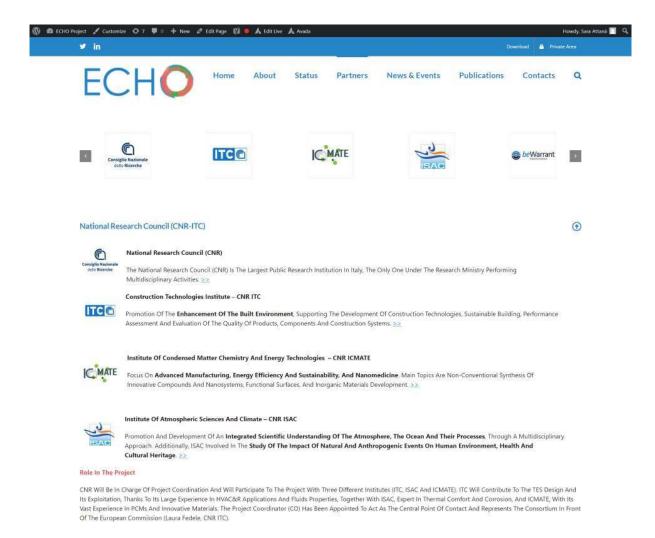






Figure 9: ECHO project website – Partners



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4.4 News and Events

This page is dedicated to the project past events, meetings, latest news and forthcoming events (Figure 10). A column on the right contains the project social wall, that is the Twitter feed and the links to project social accounts.

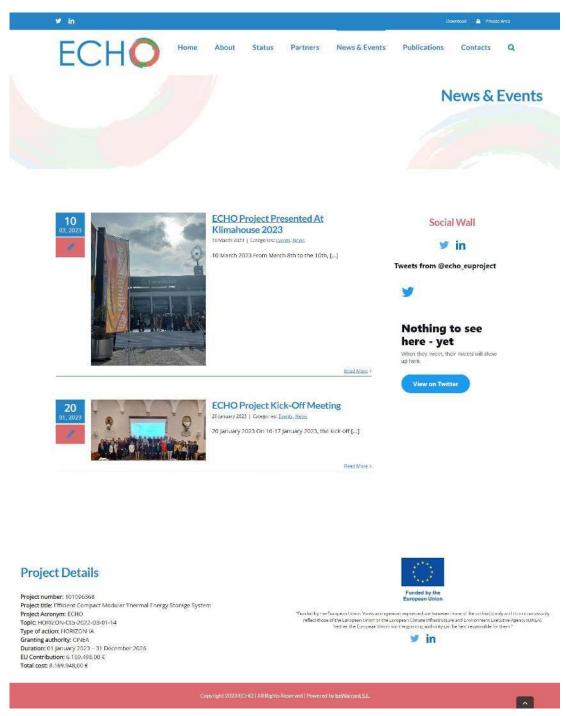


Figure 10: ECHO project website - News and Events





4.5 Publications

In this page the visitor can read all the articles related to ECHO, published on the web and on the press. Moreover, it will be possible to read the scientific publication published by the project partners.

4.6 Contacts

This section (see Figure 11) enables people to get in touch easily with the Project Coordinator and the Dissemination Manager whose membership organization, link to their LinkedIn profiles, and e-mail address are provided. Moreover, the contacts of work packages leaders are available for direct contact on more technical and specific enquiries.



Figure 11: ECHO project website - Contacts





4.7 Download

On the top menu, it is possible to find the link called "Download" that will enable people to download all the public communication material and the public deliverables.

4.8 Private Area

The label "Private Area" on the top menu is linked with a Share Point space managed by BEWH. This website is reserved to partners only with the aim of sharing project's documents and information in an easy and safe way.



5 Project brochure

The main objective of the project brochure is to provide ECHO audience an attractive and written project overview and a summary of the main project objectives and characteristics.

To assist the dissemination effort, the attractive and professional brochure (Figure 12) is published on the project website.

The text is designed considering not only experts, but also an interested non-specialist. Furthermore, the brochure includes the website address, the project details and provides basic information on ECHO's Consortium. All partners' logos are also displayed.

The brochure is available in PDF format so that it can be electronically circulated or printed out to hand it out at conferences or other events.



Figure 12: ECHO project brochure



6 Project Poster

The main purpose of the poster is to catch the audience attention. The poster focuses on the visual aspects and its content has been designed to be clear and easily understandable by the target end users (see Figure 13).

Regarding the layout and design, the poster shows the ECHO project's logo and the colours emphasizing the link to the project's graphic.

From the content point of view, the poster illustrates project objectives, expected impacts as well as all partners' logos. The main project details can be found at the bottom part.

It is possible to download it from the project website.



Figure 13: ECHO project poster





7 Other Dissemination material

7.1 Roll-up

Two different version of a general roll-up were developed at the beginning of the project and shared with the partners with the aim of using it during events (see Figures 14 and 15).



Figure 14: ECHO roll-up







Figure 15: ECHO roll up - second version



7.2 Project video

A 2:49 minutes video about ECHO project was produced to disseminate the objectives and expected impact of the project to policy makers, stakeholders and to the general public.

The video was uploaded on ECHO project website and YouTube channel at the following link: https://youtu.be/NfLfwBw4YqM

Video production has been managed by BEWH and the support of a professional video maker. The script of the video was drafted in collaboration with the Project Coordinator (CNR).

The video intends to give an overview of ECHO project objectives, from the problem the project intended to solve until the expected results.

To explain scientific and technical issues concerning the project in an easier and effective way, it was chosen to develop an animated video.

The video is provided with English subtitles to improve accessibility.

7.2.1 Making the video: process steps

Consultation

A dedicated team consisting of a production manager, a graphic designer, a scientific editor, and an animator has been set up for the development of the project video. Some initial ideas and understanding in detail have been collected to exactly build how you see the story being told.

Script development

Following the initial consultation, a detailed script has been written forming the basis of the film and the development of the storyboard.

Feedback

This process is crucial during script development. After approval, it is moved onto the next stage.

Script writing

A finalized version of the script has been written and used for the next stage of the process.

Storyboarding

A series of stills has been used to tell the story in pictures; any character design has also been done during this process.

Animation planning

This stage is connected to the above and started once the storyboarding has been confirmed.

Animation

This is where the bulk of the work is carried out, by animating the film in line with the storyboard. This required regular feedback during the process and has been coordinated by the dissemination manager.

Editing

This was an ongoing process to ensure that any tweaks and edits were made as and when they were needed.

Voiceover

A professional voice over of any narrative has been recorded and applied to the film.

Sound design

Once the animation itself has been finalized, a complete set of sound effects has been added. This adds another dimension to the film and adds further impact to how the story is told.

Music

Connected to the point above, an engaging background track has been selected to again add an additional mood and help to create more of an impact. Music was professionally sourced or produced especially.





Text and graphics

Supporting text and graphics have been created and added where and if necessary.

Hosting

All content has been sourced, produced, and hosted for the project. All legal ownership of copyright has also been transferred across.

Promotion

Furthermore, the video will be promoted on ECHO project YouTube Channel at the following link: https://youtu.be/NfLfwBw4YgM

Other social media platforms (Vimeo, LinkedIn, Twitter, etc.) have been used too for hosting and for large distribution. The video is published and promoted on the project website, and it will be used to present in an easier way project objectives.

7.2.2 Script

Here is the script of the video:

The European Union aims to reach a net-zero greenhouse gases (GHGs) emissions economy by 2050. Energy storage is a key factor in this green transition.

The actual market of energy storage systems is mainly focused on electricity storage solutions with consequences in terms of availability, costs, and environmental impact.

ECHO is a European project with the aim to develop an alternative **system exploiting thermal energy storage** (**TES**) **solutions.** ECHO will be compact, flexible, modular, plug&play, sustainable, and digitally controlled.

TES solutions are based on the optimization of thermochemical materials (TCMs), combined with phase change materials (PCMs), for space heating and cooling, hot tap water production and ice storage.

ECHO will be feasible to be charged in different ways:

- exploiting the electricity overproduction from the grid;
- directly connecting to renewable energy sources installed in the building.

Electrical energy can be converted in thermal energy by means of a heat pump.

ECHO system will be designed for different energetic scenarios and different scales, from small apartments to larger buildings.

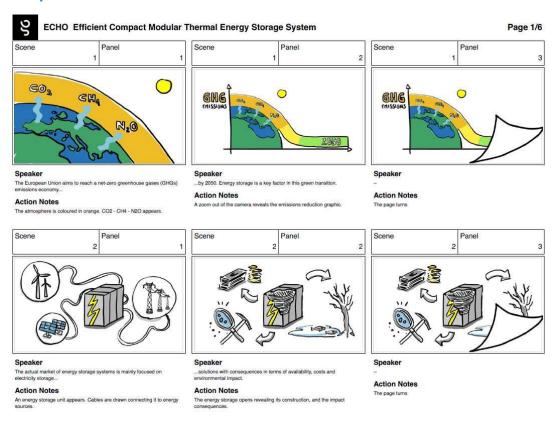
The project results will be validated in a first lab prototype and then in three different demo sites in Italy, Serbia and Belgium. Meanwhile in the cities of Bilbao and Valencia, the operation of widely diffused TES systems will be simulated at city level. Impact and potentialities of ECHO technologies at a large scale will be tested with an agent-based transaction simulation system (ECHOTSS) to define how individual small-scale systems could operate synchronically in different markets.

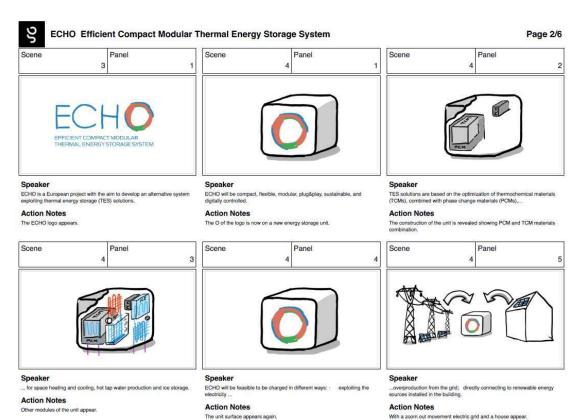
ECHO will demonstrate the sustainability of TES solutions in terms of abatement of greenhouse gases emissions, energy peak load shaving and costs avoidance in the residential sector.

The project will even contribute to aware EU citizens and policy bodies about the positive implication of TES and to investigate and solve constraints for the penetration of such technologies on the mid-to-long term.



7.2.3 **Storyboard**

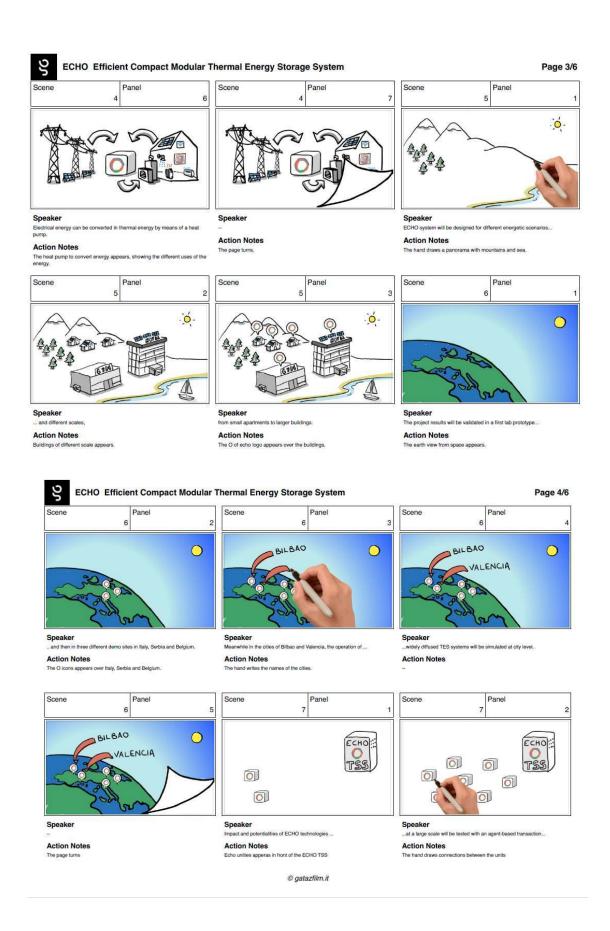






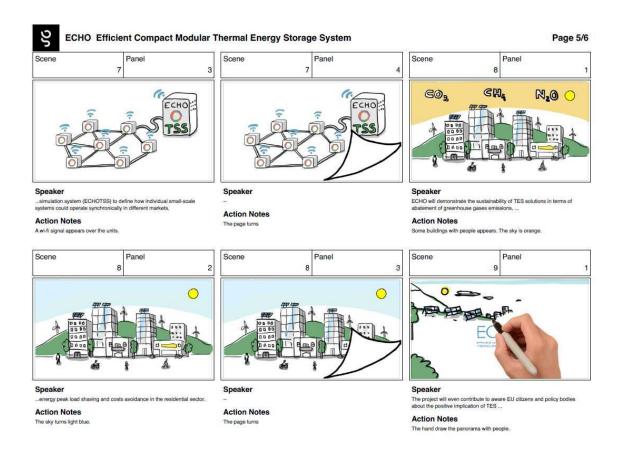
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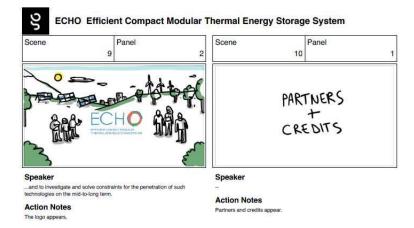










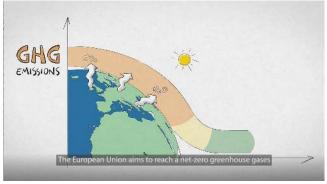


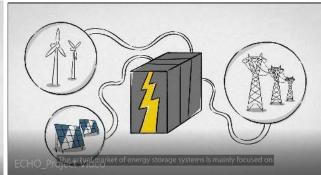


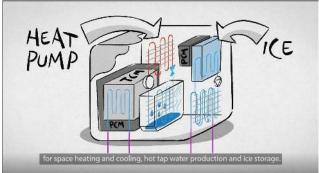
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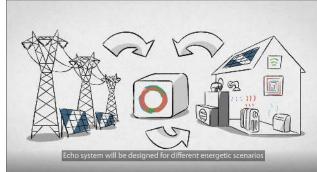


7.2.4 Video frames

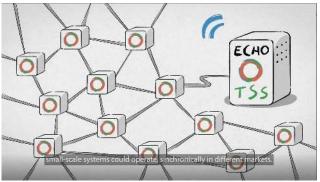


















7.3 Project templates

Project templates are internal tools to use in order to produce documents with a common structure and graphic identity. The developed templates are:

- The project deliverable template;
- The project minutes template;
- The project agenda template;
- The WPs presentation template.

All templates have been shared with project partners in ECHO's SharePoint. Next sections include screenshots of each template's main sections.

7.3.1 Project Deliverable templates

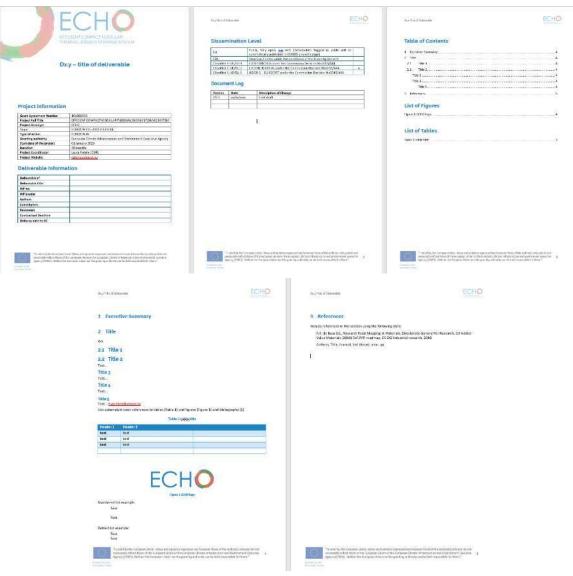


Figure 16: ECHO project deliverable template





7.3.2 Project minutes template

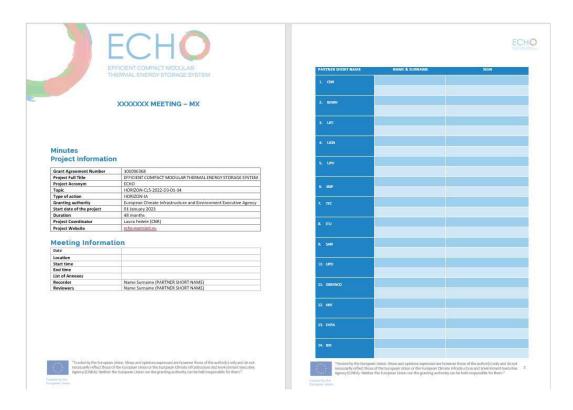




Figure 17: ECHO project minutes template





7.3.3 Project agenda template

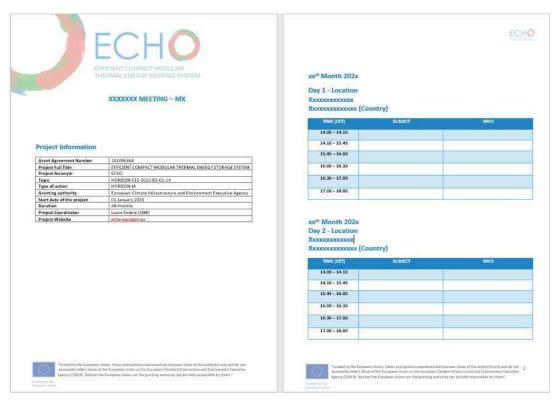


Figure 18: ECHO project agenda templates



7.3.4 WPs presentation template

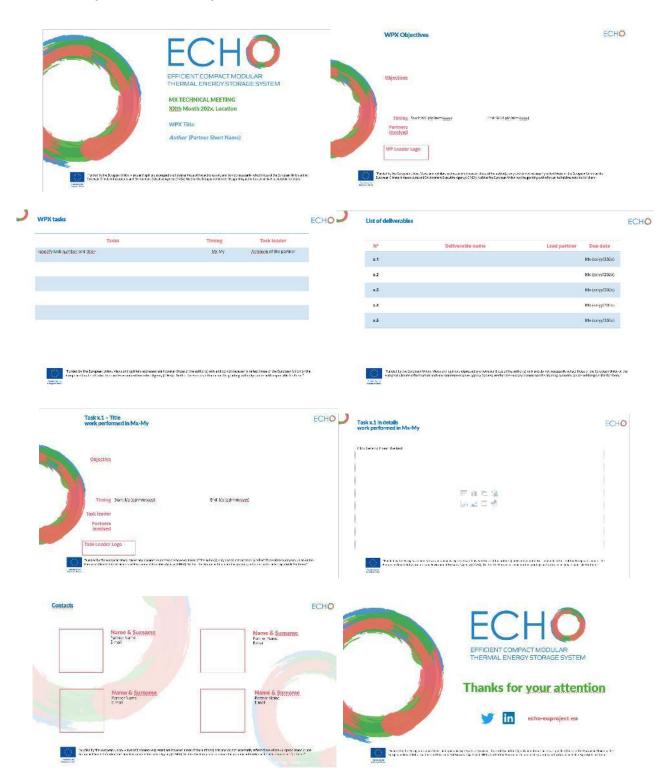


Figure 19: ECHO project meeting template



8 Conclusion

ECHO Communication basics are the main tools to be used for dissemination and communication purposes. They will be periodically updated by BEWH with the contribution of all the partners of the project. The most dynamic tools for the dissemination of projects results and events will be the webpage and social media profiles. In particular, a section dedicated to the results of the project will be created in the webpage to publish data and images of the materials and technologies developed in the project. Nevertheless, the poster and the brochure will also be updated with the project results and new communication tools will be developed along the project to support dissemination and communication activities.



9 Annex I









LOGOTYPE + PROJECT ACRONYM



To be used in SMALL dimensions. Advised when the backround is uniformally colored (eg. light photography or light illustration).



LOGO + PROJECT TITLE



To be used in BIG dimensions for TEMPLATE PRESENTATION ,BANNER FOR EVENTS or whenever the project title is readable.



ECHO LOGO VARIANTS

ECHO

ECHO

EFFICIENT COMPACT MODULAR
THERMAL ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM

ECHO WHITE VERSION

WHITE 100% opacity

Advised when the backround is not uniformally colored (eg photography or illustration) but dark in value.

Monochrome reproduction (Specific print process on clothing and merchandise or with Pantone).



CHARACTERISTICS

FONT

The font used here to create the LOGO is Poppins Semibold. Poppins is one of the pre-installed fonts by Microsoft and Adobe software, so it is easily accessible for everyone.

COLORS

- #2785c7 = HEX C=70 M=38 Y=0 K=0 R=39 G=133 B=199
- #eb585b = HEX C=0 M=77 Y=56 K=0 R=235 G=88 B=91
- #48ac35 = HEX C=72 M=0 Y=99 K=0 R= 72 G=172 B=53



THE USE OF THE EU FLAG WITH THE PROJECT LOGO

The EU emblem, in conjunction with the funding statement, must be prominently featured on all communication material, such as printed or digital products or websites and their mobile version, intended for the public or for participants.

The placement of the EU emblem should not give the impression that the beneficiary or third party is connected in any way to the EU institutions. It is therefore recommended to place the EU emblem at a distance from the third-party organisation's logo. Apart from the emblem, no other visual identity or logo may be used to highlight the EU support.

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PLACEMENT OF THE EU FLAG WITH THE PROJECT LOGO ON COMMUNICATION **MATERIAL: EXAMPLES**





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