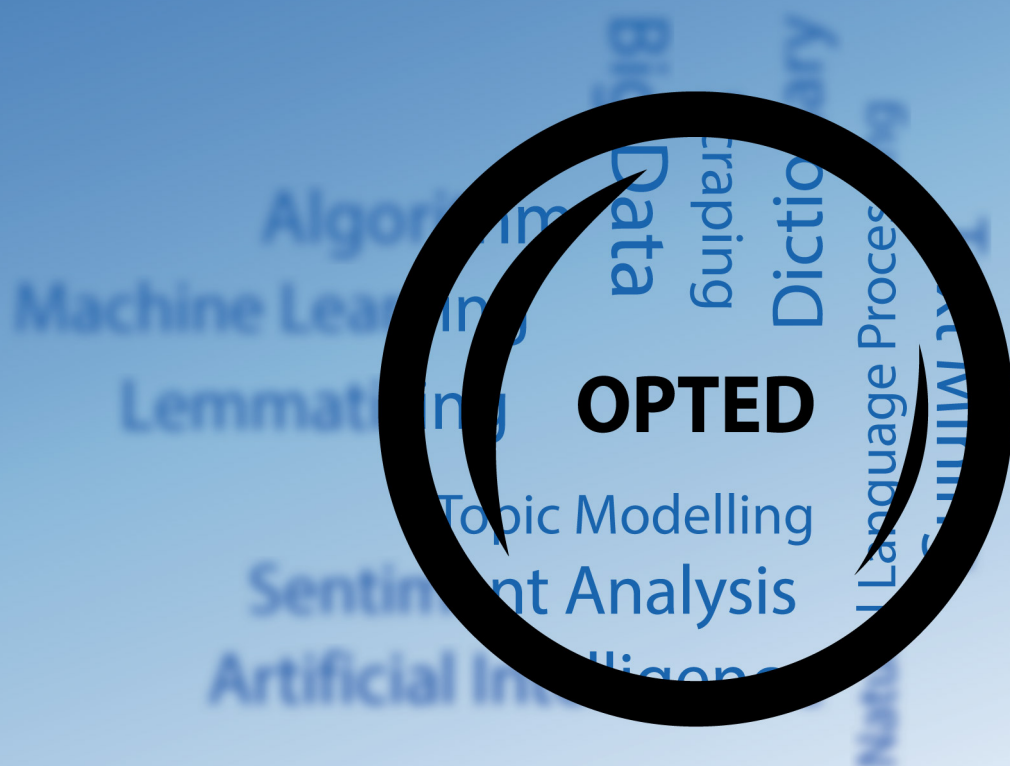


# OPTED

**Project website**

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## **OPTED**

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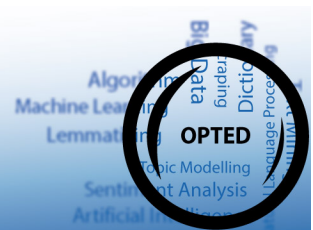
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## **Deliverable D1.3**

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## Executive Summary

The project website ([www.opted.eu](http://www.opted.eu)) will be launched on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. The website lays out the aims of the project's design phase and provides insights into the workings of the operational infrastructure. It will represent the project throughout its lifetime and be the central communication channels of OPTED during the conceptual design phase. The website is hosted at servers from the University of Vienna.

This deliverable explains the website structure, how it addresses different target groups, and website-related responsibilities within the OPTED consortium.

## 1 Website Structure

On the **start page** of the project website (see Figure 1.1), the visitor will find a short introduction about the project, the OPTED logo, the latest news, a contact postal and email address, and links to the social media accounts of OPTED (Twitter, ResearchGate, GitHub). This contact and social media information is available on every page. The visitors find links to information concerning Sitemap, Imprints, Accessibility, Privacy Policy on the bottom of each page. All this information is provided by the University of Vienna.

The website includes further 5 sections: About, Results, Designing an infrastructure, Team, and News & Events. Each will now be explained briefly.

**Figure 1.1** WEBSITE - START PAGE





## 1.1 About

The section **About** includes a brief general project description (see Figure 1.1.1), information about its motivation and objectives, as well as the main **contact** addresses (see Figure 1.1.2).

**Figure 1.1.1** ABOUT - MAIN PAGE

OPTED – Observatory for Political Texts in European Democracies

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### Supporting democracies through a political text analysis infrastructure

Liberal democracy is facing many challenges in Europe, making it imperative that we remain informed and dedicated to supporting its resilience and sustainability with well-defined, transparent actions. Today's social scientists have the instruments to adequately observe and analyse the political and societal developments empirically through the political texts produced by political actors, citizens, media, and NGOs.

Obstacles to such exploitation lie in the fragmentation of the research field, the domain, language and context sensitivity of tools, the only evolving standardizations and routines of data sharing and validation, and in unclear legal and ethical frameworks. The new opportunities with regard to text analysis in digitalized democracies can be seized to the full extent by bringing together social scientists that control expertise with regard to the political processes and substantive issues. An institutionalization of the field of political text analysis by means of a common European infrastructure will yield more impactful, sustainable, resource saving, innovative, democratic, non-discriminatory and substantially meaningful research landscape.

The OPTED infrastructure, for which this project lays the foundation in terms of conceptual design work, pushes the boundaries of political text analysis by addressing both the development and the application of tools and techniques, the standardization of measurement quality and legal and ethical frameworks.

### Project duration

■ October 2020 - September 2023

### Project objectives

- Inventory of data sources and classification of the research landscape
- Curated inventory of existing tools and training opportunities
- Extension and harmonization of tools
- Standardization and quality control
- Ethical and legal framework for text analysis
- Accessible tools for publics, journalists, and policy makers
- Scientific community building

### About

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[Twitter](#) [ResearchGate](#)

## Figure 1.1.2 ABOUT - CONTACT

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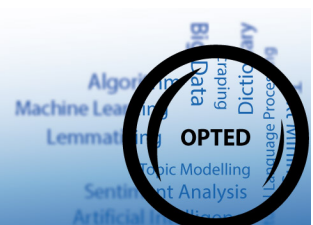
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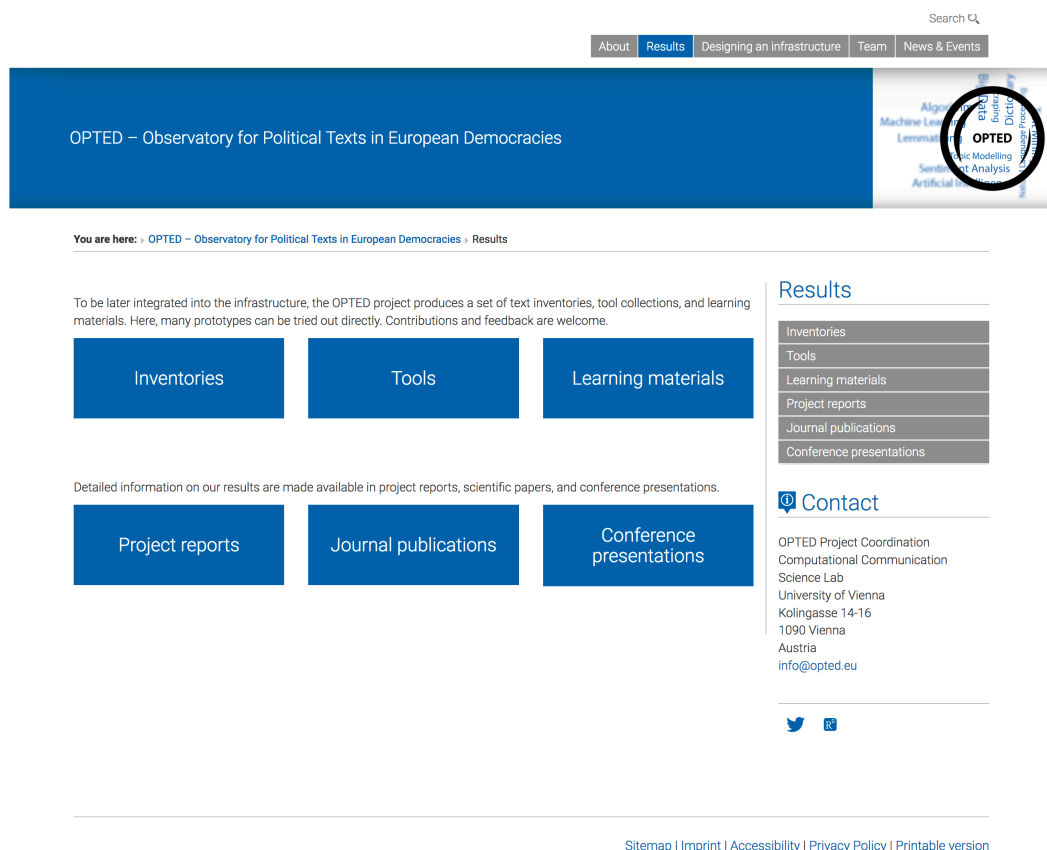




## 1.2 Results

The **Results** section presents the various types of materials produced during the lifetime of the project. Central and especially relevant results for the target groups are the inventories, tools, and learning materials (see Deliverable 1.2 Communication, Dissemination and Exploitation Plan). Each of these are explained *in much further detail* on extra pages and accessible via large buttons (see Figure 1.2.1). The Results section further includes all public deliverables for download, and lists all OPTED-related scientific publications, as well as conference presentations. Inventories are living project results that are continuously updated, among others by inviting the community for contributions to fill remaining gaps (see example Figure 1.2.2).

**Figure 1.2.1** RESULTS - MAIN PAGE



**Figure 1.2.2** RESULTS – INVENTORY EXAMPLE

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## Legislative text corpora inventory

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The long-term objective of WP5 is to compile a database which provides a comprehensive, easy-to-use collection of legislative speeches and legislative documents covering all EU member countries, the most important EU institutions, as well as the United Kingdom and Israel.

In creating this database within the first 6 months of the project, the following parts have already been compiled. The core product of this period is an [inventory in the form of a spreadsheet](#) which provides an overview of already existing collections of legislative texts. We collected data from all available sources, such as parliamentary websites and secondary sources created by scholars or NGOs. We identified the set of currently available sources - covering both primary archives and secondary data collections - by reviewing relevant academic literature, by scoping extant linguistic infrastructures (such as CLARIN), and by surveying the computational social science community via social media.

Users interested in further detail than provided here may also review the respective [codebook](#) or the [technical reports](#) specifying the major primary and secondary sources per country or supranational institution.

Further information on the individual parts can be found in Deliverable 5.1 available for download [here](#).

Legislative text corpora inventory

- Inventory
- Interactive overview
- Codebook
- Technical reports (Country reports)

### Expansion of the inventory

We invite additional information on extant databases. We will make sure to update the database with [your submission](#) during our pre-scheduled maintenance periods. Thank you for your understanding.

Your submission to the inventory

## Results

InventoriesToolsLearning materialsProject reportsJournal publicationsConference presentations

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### 1.3 Designing an infrastructure

The **Designing an infrastructure** section describes the OPTED work packages. The main page (Figure 1.3.1) gives an overview about and links all 10 work packages. The work packages are then explained in detail on one separate page per work package (e.g. see Figure 1.3.2). These pages link directly to the related teams to provide a fast contact possibility for the website users.

**Figure 1.3.1** DESIGNING AN INFRASTRUCTURE – MAIN PAGE

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Work Packages

The EU-funded OPTED project lays the foundation for a European research infrastructure that supports political text analysis. It does so in terms of conceptual design work. The related coordination and research is organized in 10 work packages. Each work package designs one building block for the infrastructure to be.

During the 3-year period of the design phase (2020-2023), the work packages address aspects like development and application of instruments and techniques, the standardisation of quality estimation, scientific community building, and the legal and ethical frameworks.

WP2: Citizen produced political texts

WP3: Journalistic, mass mediated political texts

WP4: Text by political organizations

WP5: Parliamentary, government/ legal texts

PLATFORM

FindCurateShare

WP9: Curation & Capacity Building

WP6: Multilingual text analysis and validation standards

WP7: Pre-processing, storage and data sharing

WP8: Data harmonization and linkage

Data

Processes

WP10: Legal and ethical framework

WP1: Management

Designing an infrastructure

WP1: Management, coordination and innovation

WP2: Citizen produced political texts

WP3: Journalistic, mass mediated political texts

WP4: Text by political organizations

WP5: Parliamentary, government and legal texts

WP6: Multilingual text analysis and validation standards

WP7: Pre-processing, storage and data sharing

WP8: Data harmonization and linkage

WP9: Inventory of tools, training and dissemination

WP10: Legal and ethical framework

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Work Package 1

Management, coordination and innovation

WP1 guarantees smooth communication and cooperation between all consortium partners, and ensures the timely completion of milestones, deliverables and project objectives. [\[learn more\]](#)

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## Figure 1.3.2 DESIGNING AN INFRASTRUCTURE – WORK PACKAGE PAGE EXAMPLE

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### Work Package 4 - Text by political organizations

WP4 deals with texts from political organizations such as political parties and interest groups. Research on these texts has a long-standing tradition, but circumstances are changing. There has been a significant increase in the diversity and in particular accessibility of texts.

The main goal of WP4 is to create a systematic overview of the broad range of texts by political organizations (e.g., manifestos, press releases, newsletters, tweets) and to raise awareness about existing research opportunities. To achieve this, several objectives have been adopted.

First, WP4 aims to create clarity about the nature and role of texts produced by political organizations. Accordingly, a framework to categorize texts by political parties and interest groups will be developed. Such an approach aims to prevent one from being overwhelmed by the sheer amount of text that exists. In addition, a clear account of the nature and purpose of the various text types will foster analytical research.

Second, WP4 will provide an inventory of existing data sets and sources of texts. These text collections will be evaluated in regard to their accessibility and usability. Following from this, best practices for publishing corpora with texts from political organizations will be identified and defined.

Third, WP4 will explore ways in which to analyse these different text types in a comparative manner. Our aim is to identify possible challenges and provide solutions by developing suitable tools for analysis. Based on that, a case study will analyse how political organizations use different types of texts for their communication.

Finally, strategies will be developed to link findings from WP4 to other work packages. This will mainly be done in cooperation with WP8, as well as with the packages working on texts from citizens (WP2), journalists (WP3) and parliaments (WP5). Furthermore, challenges arising from the multilinguality of texts will be tackled together with WP6.

[Find out more about the team working on WP4!](#)

### Designing an infrastructure

WP1: Management, coordination and innovation
WP2: Citizen produced political texts
WP3: Journalistic, mass mediated political texts
<b>WP4: Text by political organizations</b>
WP5: Parliamentary, government and legal texts
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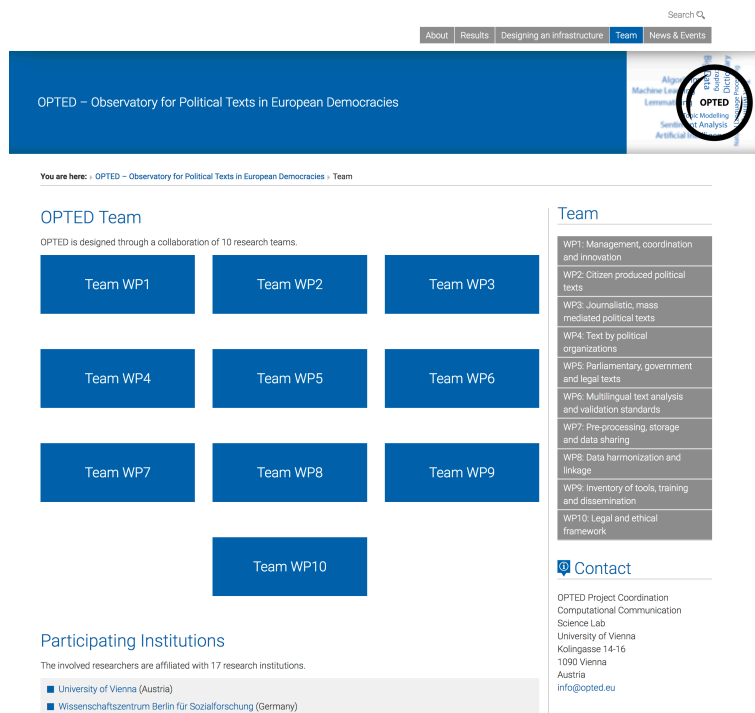
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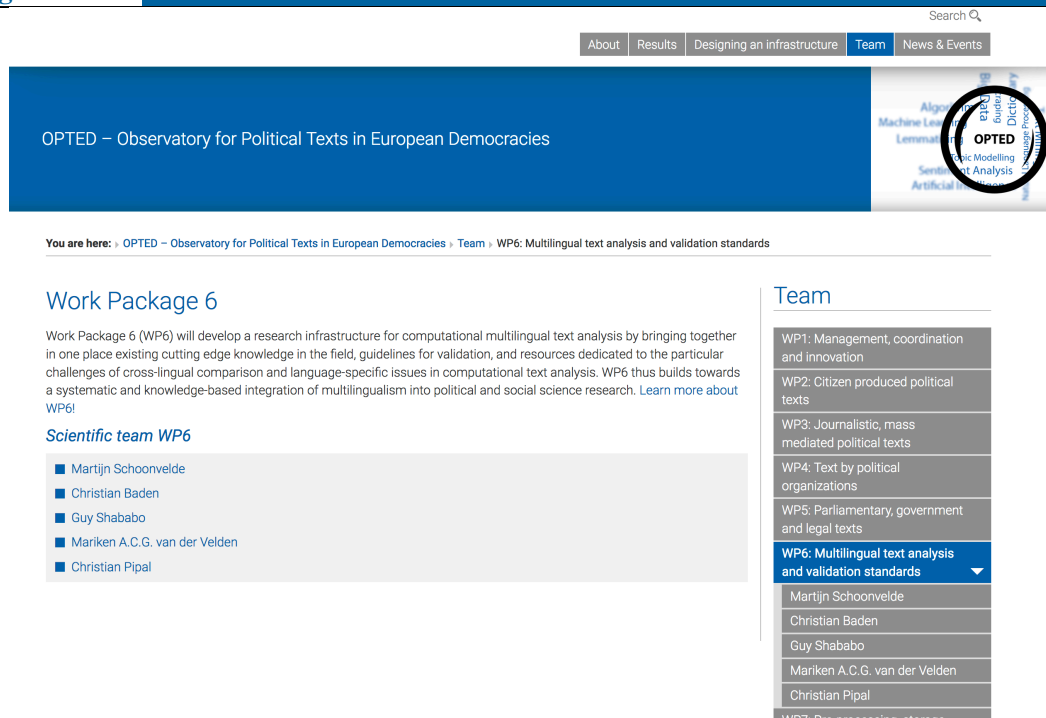
## 1.4 Team

The **Team** section portrays the OPTED consortium. The main page (Figure 1.4.1) lists the participating institutions. 10 subpages introduce the teams working on each work package (an example for WP6, see Figure 1.4.2).

**Figure 1.4.1** TEAM – MAIN PAGE



**Figure 1.4.2 TEAM – WORK PACKAGE 6 EXAMPLE**

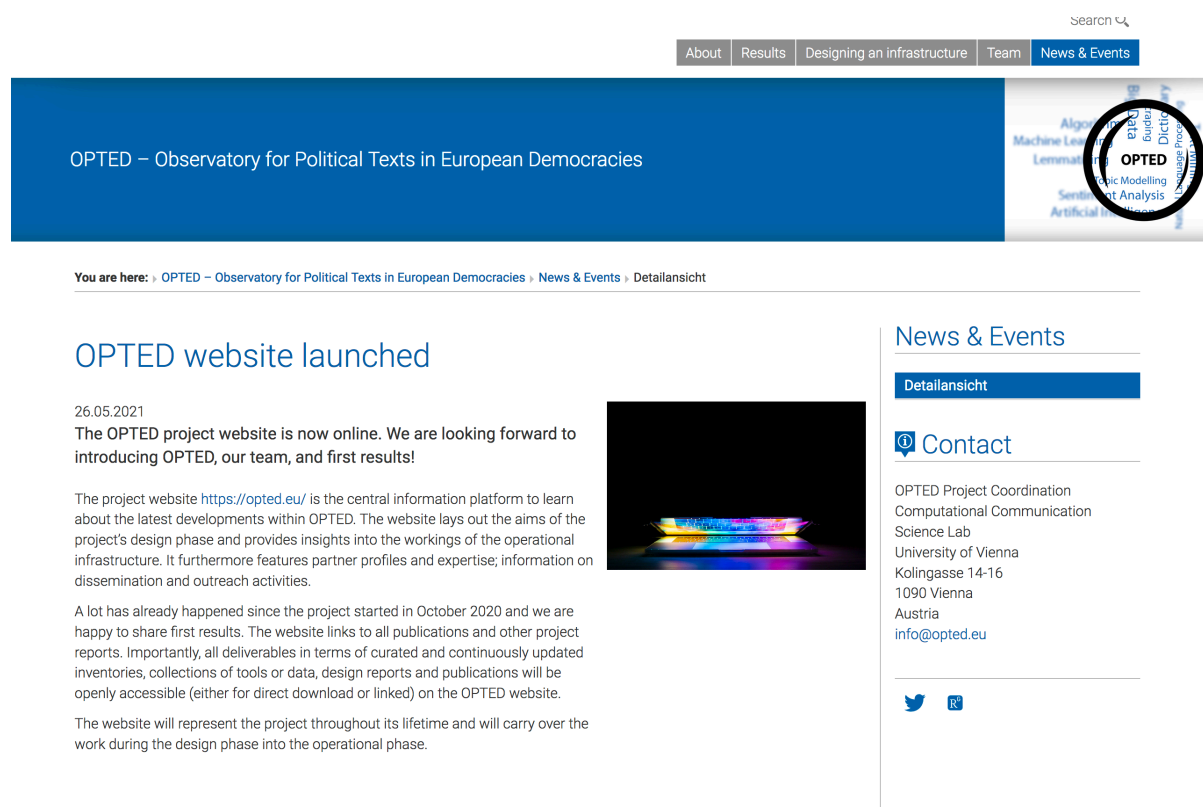




## 1.5 News & Events

The **News & Events** section includes information on communication, dissemination, and outreach activities in the form of short articles (one example see Figure 1.5.1). They feature for example public OPTED deliverables such as new inventories and the dissemination of OPTED related research at scientific conferences. The articles include pictures if possible and are distributed further via the OPTED Twitter account. The 10 work packages contribute to the content of this subsection.

**Figure 1.5.1** NEWS & EVENTS – ARTICLE EXAMPLE



## 2 Target Groups

The website is designed to provide certain benefits related to the 5 defined target groups: 1) Academic specialists, 2) Wider academic community, 3) Journalists, 4)

Policy makers, 5) Data producers/owners. Table 2.1 below outlines the target group specific benefits and the strategies to promote the website to the respective groups. The Deliverable 1.2 (Communication, Dissemination and Exploitation Plan) explains each target group in detail.

**TABLE 2.1. WEBSITE FOR TARGET GROUPS**

Target Group	Benefits for the target group	Website promotion to the target groups
Academic Specialists	Academic Specialists will benefit from the release of inventories, tools, release of training material and publication of articles. They are further invited to contribute to the living documents.	We will promote the website through social media channels, the newsletter and scientific conferences. OPTED partners will promote the website through the use of branded slides (with link to website) when giving presentations at academic conferences and through inclusion in their email signatures.



Wider academic community	The wider academic community will benefit from the release of inventories, tools, release of training material and publication of articles. The related news articles (Section News & Events) will highlight the key findings and features in the material.	We will promote the website through social media channels, the newsletter and scientific conferences. OPTED partners will promote the website through the use of branded slides (with link to website) when giving presentations at academic conferences and through inclusion in their email signatures.
Journalists	Journalists can easily get an impression of OPTED through the news articles (Section News & Events). Data journalists can make use of inventories, tools, and learning materials.	We promote the website through social media and the mailing list.
Policy makers	The website summarizes the mission and project results of OPTED for Policy makers interested in the development of European research infrastructures.	We will promote the website at targeted meetings and workshops.
Data producers/owners	Data producers/owners can gain an impression of the objectives and services of OPTED for initial contacts.	We will promote the website at targeted meetings.
<i>Note:</i> For more information about the target groups please see D1.2.		

### 3 Responsibilities

WP1 set up the project website and is responsible for further coordination. Contact persons for the website are the project coordinator, Hajo Boomgaarden, and the project manager, Fabienne Lind.

WP1 in collaboration with WP9 will keep the website up-to-date with the latest developments within OPTED. This includes for example new deliverables, new team members, and various outreach activities.

All WPs provide content for the website. This included so far, a description of the WP (objectives, tasks) in a short version and a longer version, both in a language that can be easily communicated to all target groups. The WPs further contributed information about the scientific staff working in OPTED. Each staff member may further contribute a personal bio statement, picture, and contact information including links to their personal or institutional website. Each WP further writes one news article per year about a submitted deliverable and will provide other relevant news.