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Executive Summary

This deliverable aims to provide the details of the final event organised for the public dissemination of the project outcomes and findings carried out by the Consortium (T6.1). Since the Möbius consortium is multidisciplinary, gathering industrial, artistic, social sciences and technological expertise, it was set that it would showcase its results in two of the largest cultural and technological events in Europe, Möbius Closing Event, explicitly focusing on the Frankfurt Book Fair 2023 (by MVB) and the Mobile World Congress Barcelona 2024 (by MWCapital).

The <u>Frankfurt Book Fair</u> is the most important international trade fair for publishing and content. Experts from global publishing meet partners from the technology industry and related creative industries such as film and games. Meanwhile, the <u>Mobile World Congress Barcelona</u> is the largest and most influential event for the connectivity ecosystem for global mobile operators, device manufacturers, technology providers, vendors, content owners, or professionals interested in the future of tech. Intense dissemination activities and rigorous impact assessment has been organised to maximise the impact of the results on the publishing industry and the European media ecosystem as a whole.

The primary objective of this report is to provide a comprehensive assessment of the events' outcomes and communication strategies employed. The report contextualises both events and offers detailed information about the two event communication plans created and executed before, during and after the events. It emphasises the significance of the project's activities, such as panels, workshops, piloting activities and booths, in conveying the project's message and engaging the audience effectively, detailing which tools and channels were used.





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Terminology and Acronyms

EC	European Commission
EU	European Union
EUT	Eurecat
FEP	Federation of European Publishers
FMWC	Mobile World Capital Barcelona
FP	Framework Programme
KKW	Kunstkraftwerk Leipzig
WP	Work Package





1. Introduction

The Möbius Closing Event is the final event for publicly disseminating the project outcomes and findings. Its objectives are to allow the project partners to explain the Möbius preliminary outcomes, ensure cross-sectorial and cross-disciplinarity, showcase the Möbius Experimental Productions, and final test the Möbius Applications.

The Möbius Closing Event was celebrated on two dates following the calendar of two of the most relevant events for the Möbius' ecosystem and stakeholders: Frankfurt Book Fair 2023 (18-22 October) and Mobile World Congress 2024 (26-29 February). The overall of the Möbius final event is attached to Task 6.1. Dissemination and Communication for public dissemination of project outcomes and findings. Thus, target key actors of the publishing sector and prosumers, with MVB taking the lead for Frankfurter Buchmesse, as a subsidiary company of the German Association of Publishers and Booksellers, and Mobile World Capital Barcelona for MWC24, being the host of MWC and 4YFN in Barcelona.

As the Möbius consortium is multidisciplinary, considering different types of expertise such as industrial, artistic, social and technological, the results were showcased in two of the most significant cultural and technological events in Europe, in which the partners MVB and FMWC are directly involved in their organisation, respectively.

The main activities showcasing the Möbius project's preliminary results and outcomes occurred during the Frankfurt Book Fair. In order to cover the last period of the project findings, the second part of the Möbius Closing Event has been scheduled to happen at the Mobile World Congress Barcelona 2024.

2. Objectives of the deliverable

This deliverable is providing the description of the project activities with a particular focus on the Frankfurt Book Fair 2023 and the Mobile World Congress Barcelona 2024. The primary aim is to provide a comprehensive report on the outcomes of the Möbius Closing Event, where the project officially showcased its achieved results.

This report will offer a clear and detailed understanding of the following key aspects:

- **Objective Attainment**: How the project successfully met its objectives during the Möbius Closing Event is to be assessed in this report.
- **Impact on Targeted Groups**: The impact and reception of the project within the specific target groups is to be analysed.
- **Utilised Tools and Channels**: The tools and channels to disseminate information, engage with stakeholders, and promote the Möbius Closing Event is to be outlined.
- Activities Undertaken: An overview of the various activities celebrated within the frame of the Möbius Closing Event is to be provided.





Various sources were used to communicate and disseminate the Möbius Closing Event, including the project's website, newsletters, social media, press releases, videos and presence at the stand. The following report aims to include its impact.

Thus, a comprehensive and insightful report is presented highlighting the achievements, impacts, and communication strategies employed during the Möbius Closing Event at the Frankfurt Book Fair 2023 and the Mobile World Congress Barcelona 2024.





3. Event Context and Objectives

One of the main activities of the Möbius project was the Möbius Closing Event, considered one of the main activities within the communication and dissemination work package. Two key moments have helped to celebrate the final ceremony: Frankfurt Book Fair 2023 (18-22 October) and Mobile World Congress 2024 (26-29 February).

Frankfurt Book Fair 2023 is one of the most influential fairs in the publishing sector. It is where the book trends are decided, where publishers discuss strategy, content, new format, etc. While the Mobile World Congress is the most influential fair in new technology. Both gather all stakeholders represented in the project (see the table below):

Stakeholder	Benefits from Möbius
Prosumer Sector	Recognition of the prosumer value within the publishing sector.
Policy and Society	Policy aspects related to creating change towards a more conducive ecosystem for publishing industries, through research and innovation programmes. Policy recommendations for steering a case for fair and sustainable
	cooperation with prosumer communities.
Publishing Sector	By adopting the Möbius solutions, the publishing sector will have the possibility to access new markets and reach new public but also apply new business models that will encourage collaboration between artists, researchers, users, technology SMEs.
Media Industry	Commercialisation of the results and access to replicable business models.
ICT Sector	Creation of immersive book using 3D audio and VR.
Research, Academia and Open-Source Communities	Reinforce research activities and open-source communities in the field of the publishing sector and the prosumers. The project will contribute to make progress in the state of art regarding user research by endowing unprecedented reach and scale capabilities to living lab approaches.
General Public	The public will benefit of the new immersive experiences. Möbius will bring a new way of consuming books.

Table 1: List of the identified stakeholders





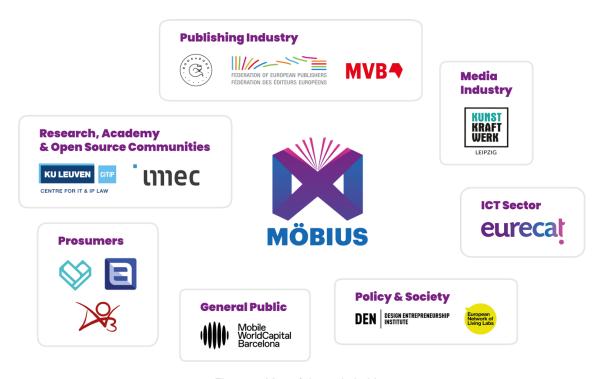


Figure 1: Map of the stakeholders

4. Frankfurt Book Fair 2023

The <u>Frankfurt Book Fair</u> is the most important international trade fair for publishing and content. Experts from global publishing meet partners from the technology industry and related creative industries such as film and games. It took place from the 18th to the 22nd of October 2023, five months before the end of the project (March 2024). This was its 75th edition, which received 105,000 trade visitors, 4,000 companies from 130 different countries, 110,000 general public, and 7,000 media representatives, according to the <u>Frankfurter Buchmesse</u>. Thus, it is the hub of the international rights and licensing trade and the starting point for new cooperations and business models.

That is why for reaching stakeholders in the publishing industries, and by extension policy stakeholders with a say in the book sector (e.g., copyright, geo-blocking, pricing, taxing, ISBN, etc.), Möbius leveraged mainly on MVB and FEP own networks and activities. MVB, the main service provider and technology consultant for book marketing in the German publishing market and a subsidiary company of the German Association of Publishers and Booksellers, is linked to the organisation of Frankfurt Book Fair. This is the reason why the Möbius consortium has decided to celebrate its closing event at the German fair, to reach publishers, prosumers, the creative and cultural industries, policy and society, and academia, researchers and open-source communities. MVB was responsible for the organisation of the booth and the placement of the Mobile Immersive Book Box within the ARTs+ Areal; the booking of rooms for workshops and panel discussions, as well as the effective collaboration with the project





Aldus UP to present the Möbius pre-results round table on its stage. The German company also sent numerous invitations to their customers and registered publishers to advertise the Möbius activities and workshops planned during the Book Fair and engage them in participating.

5. Mobile World Congress 2024

Since the Mobile World Congress 2024 is celebrated in Barcelona (Spain) and takes place from the 26th to the 29th of February, exactly at the end of the project, the Möbius consortium decided to present and showcase the final results of Möbius during this event.

<u>Mobile World Congress Barcelona</u> is the largest and most influential event for the connectivity ecosystem for global mobile operators, device manufacturers, technology providers, vendors, content owners, or professionals interested in the future of tech.

Tens of thousands of senior executives from the top global companies, international governments and tech businesses converge at MWC Barcelona to make decisions. This means that many of the relevant stakeholders for the Möbius ecosystem will gather in the Spanish city those days: technology sector, policy and society, media industry, publishers, prosumers, creative and cultural industries, the general public, etc.

The Möbius final results presentation has been organised in this context, which it will be a panel discussion with experts to dynamize the session.

6. Objectives

The objectives of the Möbius Closing Event are the following ones:

- To explain the Möbius preliminary/final results: Provide a clear and understandable
 presentation of the preliminary and final outcomes and findings of the Möbius project.
 It aims to communicate the project's results to relevant stakeholders, such as the
 supportive initiatives, the targeted audience, or the general public.
- 2. **To ensure cross-sectoriality and cross-disciplinarity**: It involves fostering collaboration and knowledge exchange across different sectors and disciplines. It seeks to promote a holistic approach to innovation within the publishing sector.
- To showcase the Möbius Experimental Productions: It focuses on highlighting and presenting Möbius experiences (Mobile Immersive Book Box, VR headsets adaptation) created by the Möbius project. It may involve exhibitions, demonstrations, or other means to display them.
- 4. To final test the Möbius Applications: It refers to the comprehensive testing and validation of the applications developed as part of the Möbius project. It ensures that the Möbius Applications (Möbius Book Creator and Player, ad Prosumers Intelligence Toolkit) are thoroughly assessed and refined, aiming for quality assurance and functionality.





7. Event activities

In the subsequent sections, the strategies for effectively managing the events and activities during the Möbius Closing Event, aligning them with the outlined objectives, will be elaborated upon. As brainstormed and meticulously planned, each aspect of the project's presence at the Frankfurt Book Fair and Mobile World Congress became evident: organising panel discussions and roundtable sessions would be the most effective means of disseminating the results and fostering cross-sectoral collaboration and interdisciplinary engagement. This approach allowed the project to seamlessly and naturally address all critical points while engaging in meaningful conversations with Möbius partners and actively interacting with the target audience. Apart from that, the Möbius presence in each fair with a branded stand to communicate the project's activity to the visitors is a key point to maximise the impact.

8. Activities at Frankfurt Book Fair 2023

The Möbius Project was present at Hall 4.1, H25 and H33 with a **Möbius Booth and Möbius Mobile Immersive Book Box** during the four days (18th to 22nd of October) of the Frankfurt Book Fair 2023. Organised by MVB in cooperation with Mobile World Capital Barcelona and Kunstkraftwerk Leipzig, the visitors could discover the project and enjoy the immersive experience provided by the Mobile Immersive Book Box and its adaptation into virtual reality with VR headsets. People's feedback was collected through these ongoing activities.

The Möbius Book Experiences

These experiences aim at demonstrating and validating the project value proposition through user-driven and enriched book experiences based on *The influence of blue*, the Italian novel by Giulio Ravizza, published by Bookabook in 2019, and *Fantasy into Möbius*, the short story by Filippo Rubulotta which won the project's <u>Call for manuscripts in 2022</u>. The Möbius experimental productions consist of four elements: The Möbius experimental productions consist of four elements:

- The immersive individual book experiences generated using the **Möbius Book Creator** and accessible through the **Möbius Book Player**.
- The VR experience is a 360 virtual-reality visualisation of the fantasy world of the Möbius novels.
- The **Möbius immersive book art installation** (an immersive show created by Franz Fischnaller, Media Artist, and Rupert Huber, Sound Designer, produced by Kunstkraftwerk Leipzig). The immersive art installation is accompanied by its soundtrack, specially composed to enhance the storytelling experience.





- The **Mobile Immersive Book Box**: is a transportable 5m x 5m x 3m projection space with a 3D audio system, allowing an immersive experience of the contents played in the Möbius immersive book art installation.

Preliminary results presentation: "How to effectively move to a digital transition within a publishing house"

Furthermore, other activities will be organised throughout the event to disseminate and present the project's preliminary outcomes and results and generate fruitful discussions with industry experts. Thus, within these activities, on the very first day of the fair (18/10/2023), a presentation of preliminary project results at the Aldus Up Stage (ARTS+ Areal, Hall 4.1) was organised under the title "How to effectively move to a digital transition within a publishing house". It was divided into two parts, all moderated by the project coordinator from Eurecat, Rosa Maria Araujo. Firstly, the project was briefly introduced to the audience by the moderator. Then, it started the turn to explain how the Möbius Book was created and evolved to the different Möbius Experimental Productions (Mobile Immersive Book Box, VR headsets, Möbius Book Art Installation). Bookabook and KKW developed these explanations, and the Media Artist Franz Fischnaller, showed the process and the images he created for the experiences of the books. The author of the chosen book *The Influence of Blue* for the Möbius Book, Giulio Ravizza, was invited to give his acquaintance as he could see his literary work complemented with such immersive experiences.

This roundtable swapped, and another group of partners climbed to the stage. Still under Eurecat's moderation, DEN Institute, IMEC and IN2 explained the Möbius Book (Player and Creator) and the Prosumers Intelligence Toolkit while highlighting the importance of having tested these applications with their target users and received their feedback to improve it. During this roundtable, the importance of books and reading was discussed, and how the digital transformation of the book sector creates the opportunity for younger generations to connect through reading, establish close connections with the community, and give further facilities to those with disabilities was discussed. Thirty people joined, and a Q&A opened when it ended, which raised interesting topics and fruitful conversations regarding the implementation of Artificial Intelligence in the process of digitalising publishing houses and immersive book experiences, but also how would the future of the sector be in terms of technology improvements.









Figure 2: Images of the Preliminary results presentation at the Frankfurt Book Fair 2023

Policy Event: How cross-sectoriality shapes the publishing industry by comparing theories, practices, and data to inform future strategies.

The second activity in the frame of the 75th Frankfurter Buchmesse and the Möbius Closing event was the Get-together and the Policy Event organised by DEN Institute with the support of Mobile World Capital Barcelona and MVB. The event focused on how cross-sectoriality shapes the publishing industry by comparing theories, practices, and data to inform future strategies.

The discussion was composed of five panellists and was moderated by Stella Diakou, Researcher at DEN Institute. On stage, Miha Kovač, Professor (University of Ljubljana) and author, guest of honour of the Buchmesse 2023; José Manuel Anta, Director of FANDE (Federation of National Associations of Book Distributors) and IPDA (International Publishing Distribution Association); Simone Lippold, expert and manager, HelloAgile; Arantza Larrauri, General Director and Advisor of Libranda / Market Director of Europe and LATAM at Grupo De Marque; Federico Pianzola, Assistant Professor in Computational Humanities, University of Groningen. Twenty-one people attended between the get-together and the policy event part.

The first round of questions aimed to set the scene by tapping into the speakers' experience concerning the state of the publishing and book sector. The speakers discussed the importance of book reading in its traditional form as an essential practice that enhances mental and emotional development and critical thinking, as well as the advantages of digital social reading. This was also an opportunity to hear about PARIX, the school for the Spanish book that aims to re-skill and upskill professionals and to discuss the role of technology in the transformations that are taking place in the sector. In addition, the role of technology in improving and facilitating the missions of public institutions such as libraries was explored.

The second round of questions aimed at bridging the speakers' expertise with the Möbius project's goals to highlight the role of prosumers and cross-sectoriality. The speakers discussed the role of data in informing the publishing industry and the importance of a forward-thinking mindset to form successful cross-sectoral collaborations. Finally, through a comparison between the European and the LATAM market, the role of the European Union and especially of the Commission in fostering research, innovation and cross-sectoral collaborations in the book and publishing sector was highlighted. The policy event was a great opportunity to discuss some of the industry's main issues and explore ways of moving forward while taking advantage of the technological advancements that are revolutionising the book and book publishing sector.









Figure 3: Images of the Policy event at the Frankfurt Book Fair 2023

Workshop: Let's test the Prosumers Intelligence Toolkit

The third and last activity was on Friday (20th of October 2023, from 11:00 to 12:00), organised by IMEC, DEN Institute, IN2, MVB and Mobile World Capital Barcelona to test the **Prosumers Intelligence Toolkit (PIT)** in a workshop format. It was planned to start with a brief introduction on behalf of IMEC about the platform and then divide the attendees into groups so they could answer the questions asked by adding post-its in posters and sharing opinions. Despite promoting the workshop via different channels, several other activities were happening simultaneously, and very few people participated. Despite the numerous publishers invited by MVB, the number of attendees was insufficient to proceed with the workshop (find the communication and dissemination plan for the different Möbius activities scheduled at the book fair in Chapter 4).



Figure 4: Image of the Workshop at the Frankfurt Book Fair 2023





9. Activities at Mobile World Congress 2024

Mobile World Congress Barcelona 2024 is taking place between the 26th and the 29th of February, at the time of writing the current deliverable. The Möbius Project is at Hall 8.1 (stand number 8.1B55). The stand is located inside Mobile World Capital Barcelona's one in the 4YFN area to leverage this Möbius partner's visibility inside this so-called technological event. Visitors are being able to discover more information about the project and enjoy the immersive experience of adapting the Mobile Immersive Book Box to the VR headsets. Moreover, Möbius is showcasing its innovative applications: the Möbius Book Player, the Möbius Book Creator and the Prosumers Intelligence Toolkit. These are still ongoing activities that Möbius Consortium is performing during the congress to communicate and disseminate the project and showcase the immersive experience and Möbius applications, in order to receive attendant's feedback.

On the second day of the Mobile World Congress / 4YFN 2024, Möbius has organised a round table where industry leaders and experts have gather to highlight the innovative technologies developed by the project. Starting with Julià Vicens, Head of Computational Social Science at Eurecat, who has introduced the project's main features. Richard Elelman, Head of Politics at EURECAT in Barcelona and co-leader of the RENAISSANCE Science-Art-Sustainability programme, has emphasized the European Commission's role in creative and cultural industries. Alenxandru Stan, Innovation Project Manager at IN2 Digital Innovations, has given insights on using digital and data-driven technologies in the cultural sector, exploring the potentialities of prosumer communities and AI. Followed by Enrico Turrin, Deputy Director at the Federation of European Publishers, who has gone through the latest trends in the publishing industry, shedding light on topics such as audiobooks, social media's impact and immersiveness. Lastly, Markus Loëffler, Founder of the Kunstkraftwerk Leipzig, has shared some benefits of integrating Möbius technologies into publishing.

10. Event Communication and Dissemination Plan: Möbius Closing Event at the Frankfurt Book Fair 2023

The Communication and Dissemination plan for the Frankfurt Book Fair started a month and a half before the event, marking the culmination of meticulous preparations that began in February 2023 on behalf of MVB in collaboration with Mobile World Capital Barcelona. These preparations encompassed a range of activities, including booth reservation, stand graphics design, pre-arrangements for the set-up of the art installation with all its technical requirements, agenda creation, room and stage bookings for panel discussions and roundtables, and the identification of speakers to participate in these events. A communication campaign was initiated with all elements in place and a well-defined strategy to promote the Möbius Closing Event. The consortium received a communication toolkit to ensure widespread dissemination, empowering them to spread the word through their respective networks.





11. Before the event

The strategy followed to communicate and disseminate the Möbius project was to create awareness, to engage, and to boost.

1. Awareness:

First, a <u>blog post</u> was posted on the Möbius website explaining the different activities that were about to take place in the frame of the book fair on behalf of the Möbius project. The aim behind the publication of this piece of news was to use this link for the promotion of the several panel discussions, workshops and presence at the booth and Mobile Immersive Book Box on the Möbius social media channels and one-on-one messages to the partners' networks.



Figure 5: Post on the website with information about the Closing Event at the Frankfurt Book Fair 2023

Therefore, a post for each of the Möbius initiatives in the fair was published as a save the date, about to disclaim more information soon on its social media channels, LinkedIn and X (Twitter), not on Instagram, since it is mainly used as a repository of the most relevant actions the project has put together.





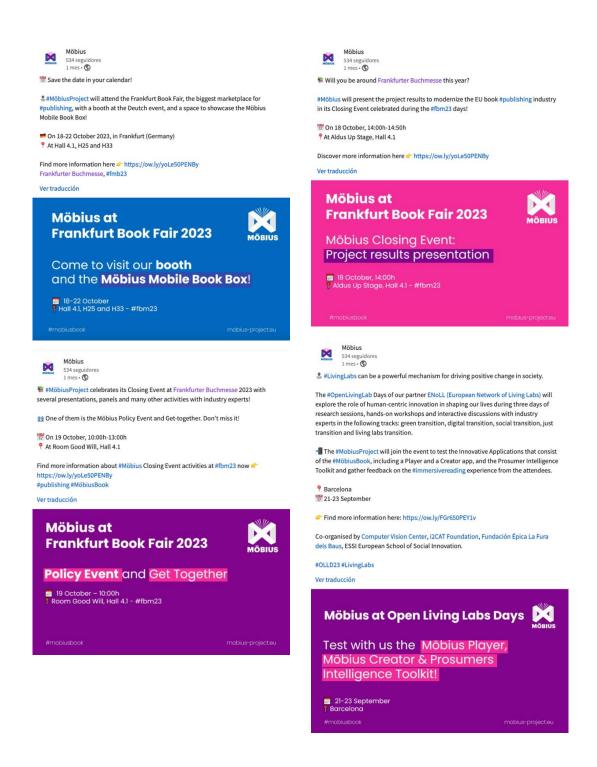


Figure 6: LinkedIn posts





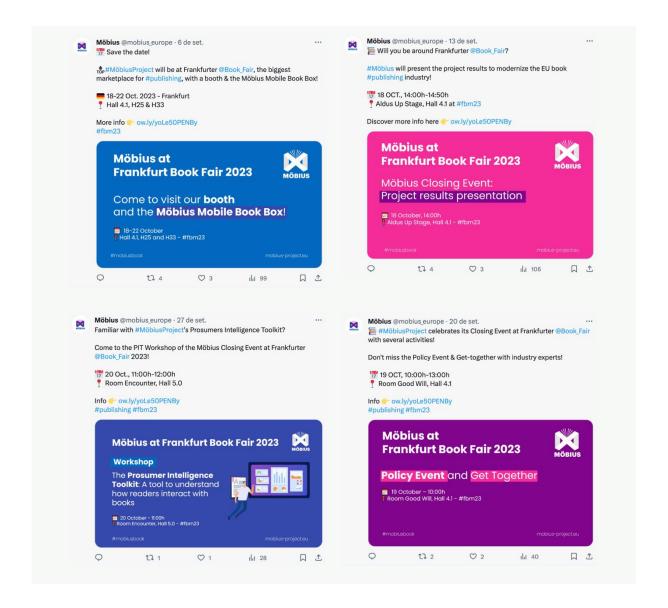


Figure 7: X posts

The first Möbius LinkedIn Newsletter was sent and also its adaptation to the Mailchimp format with this save the date of the detailed Möbius activities during the Frankfurt Book Fair 2023.







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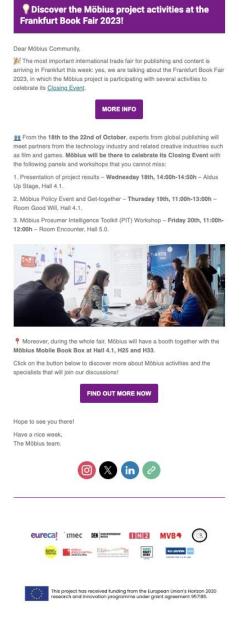


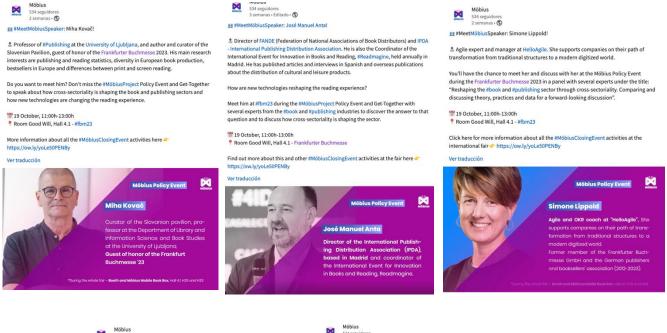
Figure 8: Save the date newsletters

2. Engagement:

This phase of the strategy started three weeks before the start of the event. It consisted of the #MeetMöbiusSpeaker campaign, to engage attendees to the policy event on "Reshaping the book and publishing sector through cross-sectoriality. Comparing and discussing theory, practices and data for a forward-looking discussion" so they could join this Möbius activity thanks to the interest of the project and for the profiles of the panellists.







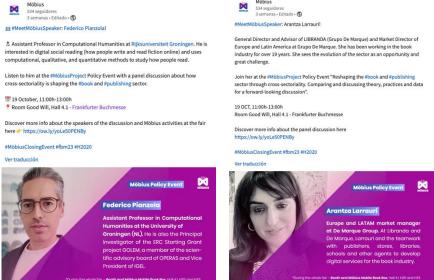


Figure 9: #MeetMöbiusSpeaker posts

Moreover, another round of social media posts on LinkedIn and X started to further explain the panel discussions and workshop with more engaging video banners. Some of these posts with animated creativities were promoted via a paid campaign, as so was the **#MeetMöbiusSpeaker: Miha Kôvac**, since he was member of the board of guests of honours from Slovenia at the Frankfurter Buchmesse 2023 and could help to maximise the impact.





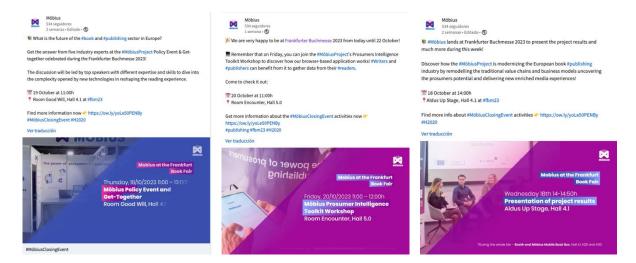


Figure 10: Video banners in X and LinkedIn

Several LinkedIn posts were boosted to promote the Frankfurt Buchmesse activities that the Möbius project was organising. See below the overall of results of the month of October 2023:

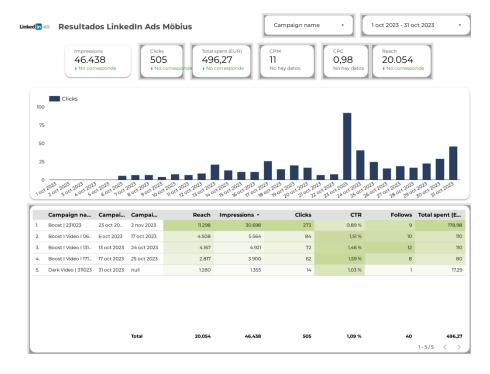


Figure 11: Report of the LinkedIn paid campaign results

3. Boost:





In the last part of the strategy to communicate the Möbius agenda for the Frankfurt Book Fair 2023, the buchmesse's application was used to network and invite targeted profiles to attend each activity. This phase started one week and a half before the fair's kick-off. Twenty-five messages per day were written during this period to publishers, digital publishers, authors, audiobook developers, eBook creators and others related to the industry, specifically to each of the scheduled panels, and to come to visit the stand and experience the Mobile Immersive Book Box.

Not only did the Frankfurter Buchmesse app's matchmaking tool work for the project but the use of Scrab.in. This is a Google extension used by Mobile World Capital Barcelona to send LinkedIn messages to targeted profiles. They sent 91 LinkedIn messages (invites) inviting professionals from the sector to attend the Möbius sessions and visit the booth.

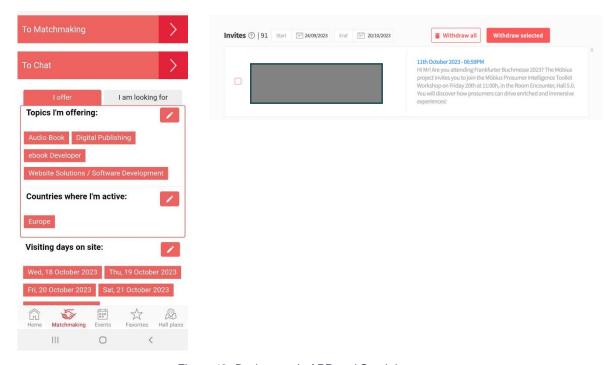


Figure 12: Buchmesse's APP and Scrab.in

Messages were separated between sessions. MVB sent emails to 7,844 publishers to specifically invite them to the Prosumers Intelligence Toolkit Workshop, where the project's activities, tool, and objectives were explained. Nonetheless, the vast number of activities happening simultaneously and overlapping at that very time frame affected the attendance rate of the workshop.

To avoid this kind of situation, it would be recommended to consider the whole activity of the fair and its size for future editions and projects; when an event is smaller, it is





easier to attract the target audience. Also, the approach could be different, such as inviting high-level experts to do a brief presentation and their points of view about the workshop so that they might attract bigger audiences.



Figure 13: MVB's Mailing report

12. During

Throughout Möbius' participation in the Frankfurt Book Fair, Mobile World Capital Barcelona maintained ongoing communication, actively promoting Möbius's scheduled activities and summarising its accomplishments.

X:







Figure 14: X posts during the event

LinkedIn:

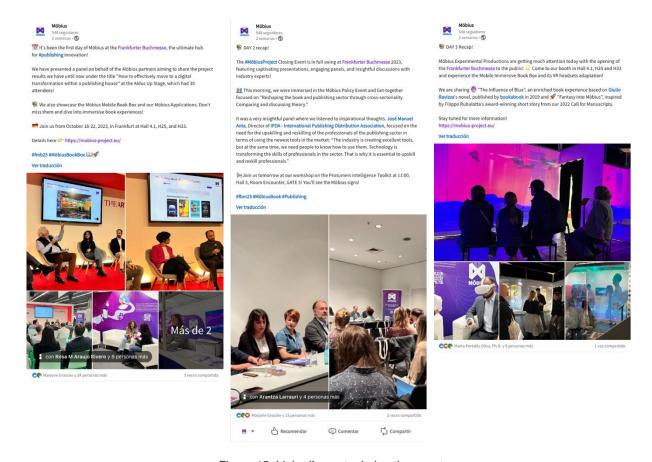


Figure 15: LinkedIn posts during the event





The Möbius partners also posted about the Möbius participation in the Frankfurter Book Fair:



Figure 16: Some of the Möbius partners' posts during the event

Also, the project received social media support from its ecosystem:

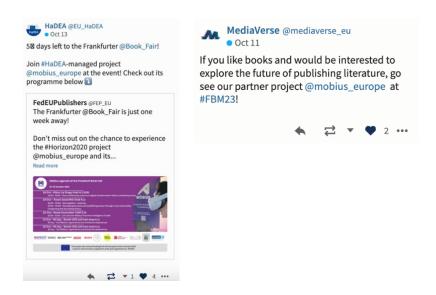


Figure 17: Posts from HaDEA and Media Verse talking about the Möbius Project

At the booth, visitors were given several flyers that the Möbius communication team (FMWC) designed to inform about the Möbius Agenda at the Frankfurt Book Fair, the explanation of the





Möbius Book Experiences, and the description of the inspirational stories to develop the Mobile Immersive Book Box and its adaptation into VR headsets.

The booth:





Figure 18: Images of the Möbius booth





The flyers:



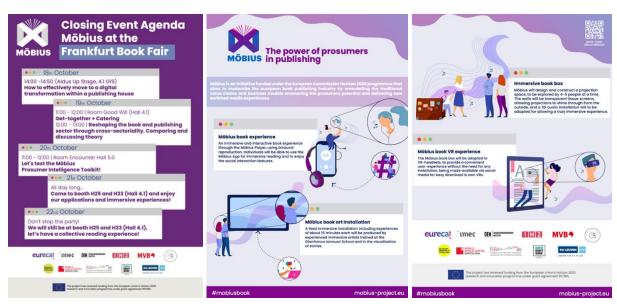








Figure 19: Möbius flyers



Figure 20: Image of the flyers in a Möbius stand

The Möbius Book Experiences:

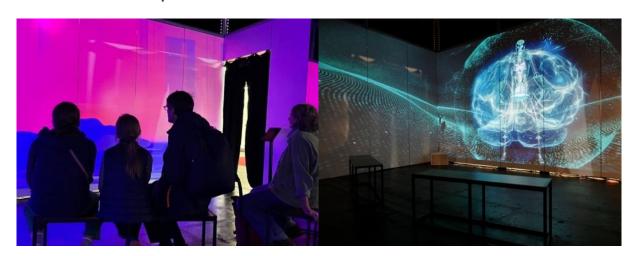








Figure 21: Images of the The Möbius Book Experiences

During the project's participation in the Frankfurt Book Fair, which was a key component of the Möbius closing event featuring a variety of prepared activities, as well as the presence of consortium at the event's booth, FMWC actively disseminated the project's outputs and preliminary results to the visiting attendees.

Not only social media coverage was fulfilled, but also FMWC engaged an audiovisual production company based in Frankfurt, Silent Village, to document the most significant moments of Möbius' activities at the Frankfurt Book Fair. They crafted a thorough recap video that effectively conveyed the project's essence through visuals, including highlights from panel discussions, debates, productions, and quotes from various Möbius partners.

Furthermore, FMWC wrote a <u>press release</u> that provided an overview of the project's actions during the Buchmesse. This release incorporated quotes from panel discussions and roundtable sessions, and it underwent validation by all consortium members. On the 20th of October, 2023, Mobile World Capital Barcelona distributed this press release using the





Einpresswire platform. The distribution garnered substantial media attention, with a total of 214 impacts. Notable media outlets that covered the press release included <u>AP News</u>, German Science & Technology Today, Spain Technology News Network, The German Update, and The German News Today.



Figure 22: Main media covering the Möbius press release

13. Post

After the conclusion of the Frankfurt Book Fair, FMWC shared a concise summary of the project's activities across its social media platforms. FMWC also provided a direct link to the updated Möbius website, where visitors could access the detailed press release. This allowed to inform the project's audience about the insightful topics covered in the panel and roundtable discussions.







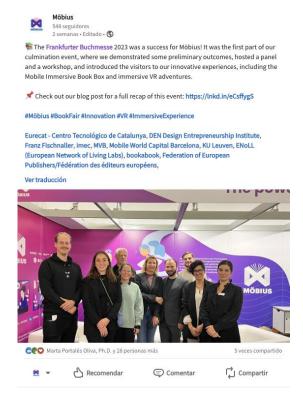


Figure 23: Posts in X and LinkedIn with the Frankfurt Book Fair press release link

Upon receiving the <u>recap video</u>, FMWC launched a campaign to promote it and encapsulate the Möbius' activities at the Frankfurt Book Fair and its accomplishments up to that point. This campaign served as a teaser of what the project has done to its target audience, hinting that those attending Mobile World Congress 2024 in Barcelona would have the opportunity to get to know the project's conclusive results.

The LinkedIn post to promote the Möbius recap video was also promoted through a paid campaign.





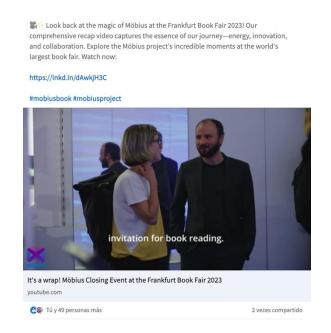


Figure 24: LinkedIn post with the Möbius recap video at the Frankfurt Book Fair 2023

14. Event Communication and Dissemination Plan: Möbius Closing Event at the Mobile World Congress 2024

The Communication and Dissemination plan for the Mobile World Congress 2024 in Barcelona started a month and a half before the event. The preparation for Möbius's participation in this event began weeks before the Frankfurt Book Fair 2023. Includes the booth reservation within the Mobile World Capital Barcelona's stand, stage booking for a panel discussion and results presentation. Thus, a communication campaign was created with all elements in place and a well-defined strategy to promote the Möbius Closing Event. It followed the same structure and organisation as the one for the Frankfurt Book Fair 2023. To ensure widespread dissemination, FMWC equipped the entire consortium with a communication toolkit, empowering them to spread the word through their network.

15. Before the event

Since the communication and dissemination strategy for Möbius participation in the Mobile World Congress 2023 followed the same strategy as the one used for the Frankfurt Book Fair 2023, it started a month and a half before the event by making awareness, engaging and boosting the messages to the targeted audience.





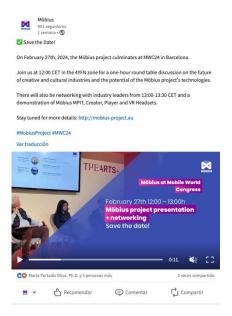


Figure 25: Save the date Möbius at the Mobile World Congress 2024

First, a save-the-date message was released to the Möbius social media channels for the 27th of February at 12:00 CET in the 4YFN zone for a one-hour round table discussion of the future of creative and cultural industries and the potential of the Möbius technologies.

Moreover, the information about the save the date was included in the Möbius LinkedIn Newsletter for the month of December 2023.







Figure 26: Save the date Möbius at the Mobile World Congress 2024 in the December newsletter

As more information about the activities was being released, new communications were published:

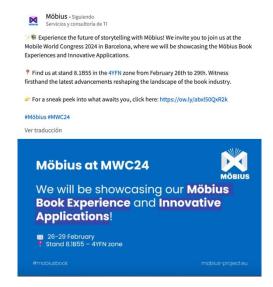






Figure 27: Möbius detailed activities at the Mobile World Congress 2024

After saving the date and providing concrete information about the activities at the event, a #MeetOurSpeakers campaign was released to engage attendees at the round table on the innovative technologies developed by Möbius. This will start with Julià Vicens, Head of Computational Social Science at Eurecat, introducing the project's main features. Richard Elelman, Head of Politics at EURECAT in Barcelona and co-leader of the RENAISSANCE Science-Art-Sustainability programme, will emphasise the European Commission's role in creative and cultural industries. Alenxandru Stan, Innovation Project Manager at IN2 Digital Innovations, will give insights on using digital and data-driven technologies in the cultural sector, exploring the potentialities of prosumer communities and AI. Followed by Enrico Turrin, Deputy Director at the Federation of European Publishers, who will go through the latest trends in the publishing industry, shedding light on topics such as audiobooks, social media's impact and immersiveness. Lastly, Markus Löffler, Founder of the Kunstkraftwerk Leipzig, will share some benefits of integrating Möbius technologies into publishing. Thus, people could get interested in attending thanks to the amazing profiles of the panelists.

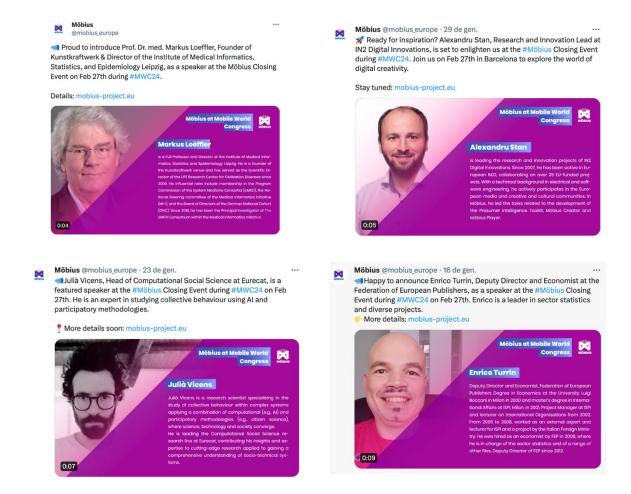






Figure 28: Tweets of the #MeetOurSpeakers campaign

16. During the event

The deadline for the deliverable D6.3 is the precise date when the event ends. This is why adding the communication and dissemination actions executed during the event is not possible. Nonetheless, a press release will be sent to the media through EinPressWire, and a recap social media post will be published daily.

Möbius is present at booth 8.1B55 showcasing the Möbius Book Applications, including the Möbius Book Player, the Möbius Book Creator and the Prosumers Intelligence Toolkit during the four days of the fair. We are also sharing with the visitors the Möbius VR Experience, 8 minutes and 360° VR demonstration of an enriched book experience based on *The influence of blue*, the Italian novel by Giulio Ravizza, published by Bookabook in 2019, and Fantasy into Möbius, the short story by Filippo Rubulotta which won the project's Call for manuscripts in 2022. The VR experience, an immersive show created by Franz Fischnaller, Media Artist, and Rupert Huber, Sound Designer, produced by Kunstkraftwerk Leipzig is being also showcased to the fair attendants.

The booth looks like the render below:



Figure 29: Render of the MWCB stand at Mobile World Congress 2024





17. After the event

After the Mobile World Congress / 4YFN 2024 ends, Möbius will share a wrap-up post on its social media channels about its participation in the event and the organised activities there. The press release will be uploaded on the project's website, where visitors will be able to access it. This will help inform the audience about the insightful topics in round table discussions. The last newsletter of the project will be sent on the 29th of February via Mailchimp and LinkedIn Newsletters. Other than that, since the project will have reached its culmination, a lessons learned blogpost will be published on the website and promoted through the project's channels.

18. Partners and Ecosystem

19. Frankfurt Book Fair 2023

The Möbius Closing Event held at the Frankfurt Book Fair 2023 was a significant milestone for the project, and it brought together various internal partners to enhance Möbius' engagement within the publishing ecosystem. Seven key internal partners participated, including MVB, Mobile World Capital Barcelona, DEN Institute, IMEC, Bookabook, IN2, KKW, Eurecat, and FEP. This collaborative effort allowed the consortium to join forces and provide support during the Möbius Closing Event activities at the Frankfurt Book Fair.

The Möbius presence at the Frankfurt Book Fair, recognised as the most significant book fair globally, was a strategic move to connect with the publishing ecosystem and expand the project's reach. In addition to the policy event, where DEN Institute and FMWC featured high-level speakers from institutions and organisations such as the University of Ljubljana, Libranda, Hello Agile, University of Gröningen, Federation of National Associations of Book Distributors, and the International Publishing Distribution Association, the project leveraged on this opportunity to interact with several organisations that offered potential synergies for the project.

During the Frankfurt Book Fair, the Möbius consortium could interact with organisations that have the potential to enhance the project in various ways, including testing its applications and increasing its visibility: Book2Look, The London Book Fair, Superbean.tv and the Toys Magazine. These interactions can drive the project forward through collaboration, testing opportunities, or increased visibility.







Figure 30: Some of the members of the Möbius project at the Frankfurt Book Fair 2023

6.2. Mobile World Congress 2024

The upcoming Möbius Closing Event at the Mobile World Congress / 4YFN 2024 promises to be an opportunity to showcase the project's technological advancements. Anticipated attendees include key Möbius partners such as Mobile World Capital Barcelona, MVB, DEN Institute, IMEC, IN2, KKW, Eurecat, FEP, KU Leuven, and Bookabook.

The project's participation in the Mobile World Congress / 4YFN 2024 holds the potential to expand its reach, similar to the impact achieved during its previous involvement in the Frankfurt Book Fair. The Möbius consortium is eager to connect with organisations that have the potential to contribute to the project in various ways, including the chance to showcase its applications and increase its visibility.

20. Conclusions

In conclusion, the project's participation in the **Frankfurt Book Fair 2023** and **Mobile World Congress / 4YFN 2024** has been instrumental in the success of the Möbius Closing event. These sector-specific events provided valuable opportunities to engage with the project's target audience and achieve its objectives.

One of the Möbius best practices of active participation at these events as **culminating points** of the project is the importance of leveraging its existing **networks** and **partnerships**. The collaboration between **MVB** and **Mobile World Capital Barcelona**, who organised the project's participation in the Frankfurt Book Fair and Mobile World Congress, respectively,





allowed Möbius to tap into their networks and enhance the visibility of the project. This strategic approach proved highly effective in attracting attendees to the events.

A valuable **lesson learned** is the power of personalised communication. The Möbius LinkedIn page and growth hacking strategies enabled the project to **establish one-on-one connections** with its target audience, fostering meaningful engagement and encouraging them to attend the Möbius events. This approach was extended to the **event-specific mobile applications**, further enhancing Möbius' networking capabilities even though the active communication through its networks and the growth-hacking strategies deployed weren't compelling to the same extent for all the organised activities. In both events, Frankfurt and Barcelona, it had to be considered that many activities were happening simultaneously from more prominent entities.

The project's **communication and dissemination plans** were crucial in driving **engagement** and interest in the Möbius project. The increase in daily social media posts and targeted campaigns involving key experts and Möbius partners proved effective. Additionally, using **animated and video content**, including video banners, interviews, and project explanations, was essential in expanding the project's reach, mainly through **paid campaigns**. Using **newsletters** via the Mailchimp channel and LinkedIn Newsletters also contributed to the project's success in reaching the target audience. Nonetheless, the presence at the stand at each of the fairs, letting visitors know about the activities and giving them a printed agenda, has also worked very well for the project to reach the targeted audience that couldn't be reached online.

The Möbius project obtained a beneficial impact from its participation in both events throughout these communication actions, such as sending the **press releases** accordingly to its activity in each event, which generated 214 clippings for the Frankfurt Book Fair. The project's presence in a **branded** stand at each event helped to enhance its visibility to its ecosystem and grow its contacts. The consortium met new organisations to showcase the project, the applications and the experiences. Overall, **feedback** was received from 94 users for the Mobile Immersive Book Box and the VR headset experiences. (this number is only for the Buchmesse). The Möbius presence at the Frankfurter Buchmesse was an opportunity to access people who are experts in the publishing industry, as well as authors and readers. Especially during the days that the event was open to the public, it was an opportunity to access a wide range of public, from younger people to stakeholders. Overall, it was considered a good opportunity to showcase the Mobile Immersive Book Box for the first time outside Leipzig, where they were created.

The **Möbius partners** are happy about Möbius' participation in the Frankfurt Book Fair and the current Mobile World Congress in Barcelona, highlighting its dual impact strategy after circulating a **survey** among the project's partners concerning the presence of the closing event in both locations. According to them, the project faced a mixed outcome in Frankfurt, with panel discussions drawing interest despite the challenge of attracting attention in a very busy event. The fair was an excellent platform for showcasing the Möbius Book and Immersive experiences to a receptive audience, although securing publishers proved challenging.





Workshops and surveys had limited impact due to low participation, primarily due to the busy schedules of publishing sector participants. Meanwhile, Möbius anticipates a two-fold impact at the Mobile World Congress in Barcelona:

"The project aims to showcase its outcomes, allowing attendees to witness tangible results. Additionally, it anticipates valuable networking opportunities and a chance to introduce Möbius to a fresh audience. The Möbius Closing Event II at Mobile World Congress Barcelona / 4YFN 2024 focuses on maximising impact through strategic dissemination and networking, prioritising engagement over piloting activities. In the booth, the team plans to engage attendees through meaningful conversations, address inquiries, and provide insightful product demonstrations." – Anonymous partner

In summary, the project's experience at the Frankfurt Book Fair 2023 and Mobile World Congress 2024 has taught the consortium **valuable lessons** and **highlighted best practices** in communication and engagement. By capitalising on existing partnerships, personalising the project's communication efforts, and utilising a diverse range of content and channels, we have maximised the impact of its presence at these events and achieve its goals for the Möbius project.