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#### Abstract

This deliverable presents the final report for standardisation and dissemination activities of the H2020 RISE-6G project considering all 36 months of its duration. It constitutes the main report of activities conducted under the first two tasks of WP8. Hereafter, we provide the list of activities relevant to scientific outreach and wider communication, and we introduce the standardisation roadmap that will include the identification of relevant standardisation development organisations and open-source projects with corresponding accepted contributions. This deliverable is an updated version of D8.3 which included the intermediate standardisation and dissemination report and has a close correspondence to D8.4, which is submitted in parallel and contains the report on the industrial exploitation under the third task of this WP.

#### Keywords

Beyond-5G, 6G, Standard, 3GPP, ETSI, O-RAN, RIS, Rel-18, publications, dissemination, communication



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# List of Acronyms

Acronym	Full term
3GPP	3 <sup>rd</sup> Generation Partnership Project
5GPPP	5 <sup>th</sup> Generation Public Private Partnership
B5G/6G	Beyond 5G/6G
CC-by	Creative Commons by attribution (License)
CN	Core Network
СТ	Core Network and Terminal
DOI	Digital Object Identifier
DMP	Data Management Plan
DX.Y	The <b>Y</b> -th deliverable document of the <b>X</b> -th WP.
EC	European Commission
ETSI	European Telecommunications Standards Insitute
GR	Group Report
H2020	Horizon 2020
ICT	Information and Communication Technologies
IPR	Intellectual Property Rights
ISAC	Integrated Sensing And Communications
ISG	Industry Specification Group
KPI	Key Performance Indicator
O-RAN	Open Radio Access Network
PoC	Proof-of-Concept
RAN	Radio Access Network
RIS	Reconfigurable Intelligent Surface
SDO	Standards Development Organisation
SNS-JU	Smart Networks and Services – Joint Undertaking
TRL	Technology Readiness Level
TSG	Technical Specification Group
URL	Unified Resource Locator
WP	Work Package
WG	Working Group

# 1 Introduction

The main goal of the RISE-6G project is to introduce and demonstrate a disruptive, scalable, and smart wireless connectivity paradigm enabled by Reconfigurable Intelligent Surfaces (RISs), while addressing both the design of key hardware building blocks and their integration within future Beyond 5G/6G (B5G/6G) networks. The work carried out throughout the 36 months of its lifespan toward achieving this objective has been materialised in numerous scientific and



technological results, which have been reported through the rest of the deliverables and the European Commission (EC) portal.

To maximise the Project's impact as well as coordinate and improve the outreach and exploitation of such results, WP8 has carried out numerous activities relating to its three intertwined tasks that focus on dissemination, standardisation, and industrial exploitation, respectively. The visibility and openness brought by such actions aligns with the European vision of a full digital inclusion toward green and sustainable environments and follows the Open Research Initiative illustrated under Horizon 2020.

In doing so, RISE-6G has taken full advantage of the diversity of its project partners; drawn from the wireless industry and importantly from the academic research that in fact provide the focus for value creation activities. The industry is broadly defined by the themes of two different real applications that pose the basis of field trials and demonstrators: the rail station in Rennes (France) and the industrial plant in Turin (Italy). Such a consortium has been well equipped to participate in numerous and wide dissemination activities including academic publications and lectures, standardisation contributions, proofs-of-concepts and real-life demonstrations.

This report provides a summary of the outcomes towards dissemination and standardisation, assessing the activities of T8.1 and T8.2 for the entirety of the project duration. This report has been partly compiled via continual reporting of the individual partners' activities in internal project documents, providing the added value of self-evaluation and re-planning of dissemination and standardisation activities. Concurrently, the living nature of this report up to its submission has provided an opportunity for organisation and planning of future coordinated activities for the duration of the project.

The rest of this document is organised as follows: The reminder of this section gives a brief overview of the Project's dissemination and communication plan, that embellishes previous deliverables and gives context and motivation for the reported activities. Section 2 illustrates the dissemination and communication activities, by considering individual and coordinated efforts relating to wider and academic outreach and by listing the implemented activities. The activities themselves have been analysed and taxonomised to illustrate a clear picture of the level, quantity, and nature of such works. Section 3 presents the contribution by RISE-6G to relevant standardisation bodies and gives an overview of their motivation, expected outcome, as well as roadmap for future developments and contributions in the standards.

This deliverable is designed to be self-contained, however, it has a close relation to the following RISE-6G deliverables:

- D1.3: "Final project management report": WP8 and WP1 have a close correspondence due to their organisational and reporting nature. Additionally, multiple types of project results (such as publications) constitute by nature individual dissemination items.
- D8.1: "Dissemination plan and project website": The reported activities illustrated in this deliverable implement the initial dissemination plan outlined at the first stages of the project.
- D8.2: "Standardisation action plan": Similarly, the overall strategy of the Project's standardisation's activities has been reported in D8.2.
- D8.3: "Intermediate dissemination and standardisation activity report": The current deliverable constitutes an updated version of the previously submitted report. Content from that document related to overview and analysis of the performed activities has not been repeated in the current document. However, the activities of the whole 32 months of the project are reported here in order to provide a single point of reference and to better contextualise and ascertain their efficacy.
- D8.4: "Final report on exploitation of knowledge and results": While this deliverable reports on T8.1 and T8.2, the results of the project that are exploited industrially (or in the

academic domain) are reported in D8.4, submitted concurrently. There is a close correspondence of the two documents regarding some of the reported items that offer dual benefits of dissemination (or standardisation) alongside exploitation.

 D8.6: "Data Management Plan": D8.6 illustrates the initiative, plans, and procedures for making the results of the project as open as possible. Alongside the social benefits brought by publicly sharing the Project's advancements, the Open Access items shared by RISE-6G also provide excellent opportunities for outreach. For this reason, such items are reported in this deliverable.

While this deliverable is intended to be self-contained, it is strongly encouraged to be read alongside the above documents. Where needed, the relationship to individual documents is mentioned in the text.

#### 1.1 Types of results

Throughout its duration, RISE-6G has developed results that broadly fall under the following categories:

- 1. Scientific advancements, including algorithmic, theoretical, mathematical, and technological developments.
- 2. RIS prototypes and components
- 3. Measurements and field trials
- 4. Concepts and knowledge

The results are reported in the corresponding deliverables from the technical work packages, and corresponding exploitation strategies are presented in D8.5. As illustrated in the next section, the main process of publicly announcing them is by submitting academic publications, and proceeding, inserting them in standardisation documents and general media. The rest of the dissemination and communication strategy generally involves presenting the published material in different forms (tutorials, lectures, newsletters, etc) and via diverse media (website, live demonstrations, videos, etc).

#### 1.2 Target audience

In the context of this deliverable, a distinction between two main audience groups, although understandably, this distinction admits some overlap:

- Audience stemming from the academic and technology circles: This includes scientists, researchers, engineers, especially from relevant fields from Academia, as well as industrial leaders. The main characteristics of such a group is that (i) they possess a prior background relevant to the work carried out in this project, and (ii) monitor scientific and industrial venues, events, and advancements. To this end, this group is reached via standard scientific practices, such as journal publishing, presentations at conferences, lectureships, etc. Commonly, the term "dissemination" is used to refer specifically to such precise outreach actions.
- 2. The wider audience: This refers to individuals and bodies that are broadly familiar with the technological landscape of the Project but are not actively following the standard scientific discourse channels. Of particular interest are legislation bodies, the EC, media, stakeholders, as well as the general public. "Communication" activities illustrate a less technical presentation of the project's results for a wider audience. Understandably, recipients of communication activities also belong to the first group. Our dissemination



plan takes this opportunity to provide a high-level description of the technical results through communication actions, and invite interested audience to more informative dissemination material.

#### **1.3 Goals of dissemination and communication strategy**

Communication to a wider audience as possible has the following benefits to the RISE-6G project:

- Invites a higher level of engagement with the stakeholders and instigate more fruitful interactions.
- Generates a market demand, beneficial to the Project's exploitation plans, and increases the awareness of the technological landscape under the RISE-6G project.
- Shows the success of European collaboration and provides transparency of how public money is spent to the citizens.
- Attracts field experts and potential collaborators, either from the scientific areas associated with the Project, or more crucially, with scientific, technological, and industrial domains where synergies are only starting to emerge.

At the same time, the importance of academic dissemination of the project's results is paramount for maximising the RISE-6G impact on the relevant community. The following goals contribute to this endeavour:

- Exploitation of the project's results: As pronounced in D8.4, the usefulness of the results developed in this project is enhanced the wider their adoption becomes.
- Accelerating research progress in the relevant areas: The widespread adoption of RISE-6G outcomes has the potential to spark exciting and fast-paced research works in numerous relevant fields, as illustrated by the acceptance and citations of the Project's publications.
- Contribute to the state-of-the-art: The technological improvements developed under RISE-6G are expected to constitute benchmarks in the fields for the following years.
- Convert scientific results into common goods: RISE-6G has carried out works under the lower to middle Technology Readiness Levels (TRLs). The Open Access nature of the dissemination strategy adopted by the project ensures that either the initial stakeholders or third parties (for open IPR results) are able to implement the studied technology toward consumer-ready applications.



# 2 Dissemination Activities

#### 2.1 The Dissemination Package and Policy

To organise and coordinate the various dissemination activities carried out under WP8, a set of policies have been outlined, as illustrated in D8.3 and D8.1. Briefly, the dissemination plan is structured along the following axes:

- 1. Coordinated actions that include the participation of multiple partners or the entirety of the Consortium. These actions require sizable effort in terms of coordination, planning, and execution but are expected to have a high-level of visibility.
- Individually led or collaborative activities, such as those carried out under standard academic and scientific discourse. Upon initial planning under WP8, individual partners are tasked with implementing the relevant dissemination activities. This mode of operation allows for agile and fast participation in numerous parallel dissemination and communication opportunities.
- 3. Outreach channels, that are used by the entirety of the consortium to communicate with the wider community, announce the project's results and other dissemination material, as well as to invite and attract engagement from collaborators, stakeholders, end-users, etc.

In support of those actions, the WP8 team has prepared the "dissemination package", as presented in D8.3, to provide a harmonised presentation image and establish a "brand-name" for RISE-6G. In the second term of the project, this package has been embellished with updated presentation and visual templates, as well as two template presentations that contain the results of the project. Those templates have been modified and used by individual partners across different venues including special sessions, conferences, and the RISE-6G Workshop.

#### 2.2 Outreach channels

#### 2.2.1 Social Media

The project maintaining active social media LinkedIn is two accounts on (https://www.linkedin.com/groups/12492572/) and Х (formerly, Twitter) (https://twitter.com/RISE\_6G).

- The LinkedIn group numbers 417 members and 58 posts. The topics posted are related to interesting papers submitted by the Consortium, conferences, special sessions, and workshops RISE-6G is organising or participating in, as well as various other dissemination opportunities such as the face-to-face meetings, deliverables, and newsletters. It is noted that external accounts of individuals from the academic and industrial land-scape have often used the group to post relevant content (of dissemination opportunities and recent developments), which indicates that RISE-6G is recognised as an important entity in its domain and attracts substantial interest. The community built under the LinkedIn group is the main target of outreach, as it indicates a professional outlook for the project.
- The Twitter account (19 followers, 17 posts) is designed to be of complementary nature. Posts about main RISE-6G activities (such as the Workshop, deliverables, and meetings) are being made. Following the platform's more direct and informal, the account is additionally used as a channel of displaying the project's internal workings (e.g. via pictures, or short announcements). Additionally, the account has been used to provide a



centralised view of relevant happenings under the SNS/6G/EU/H2020 ecosystem. This is achieved by "re-twitting" mentions from accounts such as HEXA-X, 6GWorld, CORDIS\_EU, as well as posts from partners' institution or individual accounts. The #RISE6G, #RISE\_6G tags number 50 mentions at the time of writing.

#### 2.2.2 Website

The website (<u>https://rise-6g.eu/</u>) has been the focal dissemination point of project's activities and results from its inception. Its structure, design, and strategy of content upload has been reported under D8.1 and D8.3. The individual items are disseminated under the following pages:

- Deliverables
- Talks and Workshops
- Newsletters
- Open Access & Submitted Publications
- Issued Journals & Magazines
- Issued Publications & Conferences

Additionally, its blog-post design has been used for posting events and content on its Home page, including uploaded presentations, videos, summer school, the Workshop, etc.

#### 2.2.3 YouTube channel

The project has been additionally established its YouTube channel (<u>https://www.youtube.com/@RISE-6G</u>). Three types of videos have been uploaded:

- Videos with presentations of the individual WPs of the Project, each one given by the corresponding WP leader. The videos contain a top-level presentation of each WP and intermediary results.
- The RISE-6G Training Workshop, posted as individual presentation videos. Since the Workshop provided one of the most important outreach activities of the project and was the main channel of the PoC demonstrations, its presence on YouTube has been paramount. The choice of cutting the 4-hour video into its individual components has been made specifically to showcase the highlights of the project to the interested audience.
- Tutorials, lectures, and presentations given by individual Researchers. Note that while numerous such activities are reported, a few selected items have been posted for the following reasons: (i) The recordings of the given presentations come with exclusive rights from the venue organisers (e.g., conferences) that do not allow public broadcasting. (ii) The recordings have not been available.

#### 2.2.4 Newsletters

RISE-6G has published four newsletters during its lifecycle with the following contents:

- Issue #1: Introduction to the RISE-6G project
  - Project Outline
  - Smart Wireless Environments
  - Technical Approach



- Dissemination
- The Consortium
- Issue #2: Half-term technical updates & in-depth presentation of the WPs.
  - Project Updates
  - Work Package 2
  - Work Package 3
  - Work Package 4
  - Work Package 5
  - o Work Package 6
  - Project Partners
- Issue #3: Two-year progress report & submitted deliverables.
  - Project Updates
  - o D2.1, D2.2, D2.3, D2.4, D2.5
  - o D3.1, D3.2, D3.3
  - o D4.1, D4.2
  - o D5.1, D5.2
  - o D6.1, D6.2
  - o D7.1
- Issue #4: Final RISE-6G results, Proofs-of-Concepts, Workshop
  - Project Achievements
  - Final round of deliverables
  - Proofs-of-Concepts
  - o Training Workshop



Figure 2-1: The front pages of the four newsletter issues from RISE-6G.

The content from the newsletters was extracted from the related deliverables, internal reports concerning dissemination, standardisation, and exploitation, as well as dissemination items

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such as press releases. The visual template (shown in Figure 2-1) was created using the material from the dissemination package. The issues were circulated electronically via e-mails, LinkedIn, Twitter/X, and on the website.

#### 2.2.5 Flyer and Posters

As reported in D8.3, the 2-page flyer has been created as shown in Figure 2-2. Its two-page format allowed for two-side printing handouts to be created that were disseminated during physical presence in the venues attended by RISE-6G members, as well as electronic circulation in PDF format. Additionally, the first page has been used as a standalone poster and displayed in similar RISE-6G activities. For the purposes of the RISE-6G Training Workshop (reported below), a specific poster has been created (shown in Figure 2-3) alongside a poster-themed version of the agenda. This material was also been used as a means of further dissemination by highlighting the main Project results.



Figure 2-2: The RISE-6G leaflet and flyer.

#### 2.3 Project-level coordinated activities

#### 2.3.1 Project-level publications

The Consortium has resulted in numerous publications to disseminate its technical results as illustrated in the following of the document. The majority of the publications involve the participation of few of the Partners as collaborators and are coordinated in work-package-level or as

joint efforts between two to three WPs. A number of key publications, however, resulted as joint efforts and collaborations between all or almost all Partners of the Project, as listed below:

- E. C. Strinati, G. C. Alexandropoulos, V. Sciancalepore, M. Di Renzo, H. Wymeersch, D-T Phan-huy, M. Crozzoli, R. D'Errico, E. De Carvalho, P. Popovski, P. Di Lorenzo, L. Bastianelli, M. Belouar, J. E. Mascolo, G. Gradoni, S. Phang, G. Lerosey, B. Denis, "Wireless environment as a service enabled by reconfigurable intelligent surfaces: The RISE-6G perspective", in Proc. Joint EuCNC & 6G Summit, Porto, Portugal, 8–11 June 2021.
  - The inaugural paper of RISE-6G (108 citations), written as one of the first dissemination actions has been presented in Joint EuCNC & 6G Summit, among other SNS-JU/H2020 European Projects. It shows the overall motivation, goals and objectives, and key concepts under RISE-6G.
- E. C. Strinati, G. C. Alexandropoulos, H. Wymeersch, B. Denis, V. Sciancalepore, R. D'Errico, A. Clemente, D.-T. Phan-Huy, E. De Carvalho and P. Popovski, "Reconfigurable, Intelligent, and Sustainable Wireless Environments for 6G Smart Connectivity," in IEEE Communications Magazine, vol. 59, no. 10, pp. 99-105, October 2021.
  - The magazine publication (137 citations) highlighted the technical approach of the RISE-6G project and emphasised the concept of smart radio environments as one of the key components of future networks.
- G. C. Alexandropoulos, D.-T. Phan-Huy, K. D. Katsanos, M. Crozzoli, H. Wymeersch, P. Popovski, P. Ratajczak, Y. Bénédic, M.-H. Hamon, S. Herraiz Gonzalez, P. Mursia, M. Rossanese, V. Sciancalepore, J.-B. Gros, S. Terranova, G. Gradoni, P. Di Lorenzo, M. Rahal, B. Denis, R. D'Errico, A. Clemente, and E. Calvanese Strinati, "RIS-enabled smart wireless environments: Deployment scenarios, network architecture, bandwidth and area of influence," EURASIP Journal on Wireless Communications and Networking, to appear, 2024.
  - The recent journal publication highlights two of the most important concepts developed under RISE-6G, namely the area and bandwidth of influence and has been submitted to a high-visibility journal to better emphasise the importance of those findings to the community. Those concepts have been a centrepiece of the project's outreach efforts, as they have been further introduced in RISE-6G standardisation contributions as well as exploitable items (see also D8.4).
- A. Albanese, G. Encinas-Lago, V. Sciancalepore, X. Costa-Perez, D. Phan-Huy, S. Ros, "RIS-Aware Indoor Network Planning: The Rennes Railway Station Case", in Proceedings of IEEE International Conference on Communications (ICC) 2022.
  - One of the papers highlighting the PoC plans of RISE-6G, overseen by WP7 leadership alongside the involved technical and industrial collaborators.
- Nielsen, L., Gavras, A., Dieudonne, M., Mesogiti, I., Roosipuu, P., Houatra, D., & Kosmatos, E. (2022). Beyond 5G/6G KPIs and Target Values. Zenodo. <u>https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.6577506</u>
  - RISE-6G has actively participated in the whitepaper authored by 5G PPP, and specifically, the Test, Measurement, and KPIs Validation Working Group with a focus of presenting the current status of the B5G/6G KPIs from 5G PPP Phase III and ICT-52 projects. Contributions from RISE-6G's vision, definitions, and use of relevant metrics and KPIs have been incorporated.

#### 2.3.2 Collaboration with other Projects

RISE-6G has seek collaborative opportunities with other H2020/SNS-JU and 5G PPP projects throughout its activities. Apart from its contributions to the whitepaper listed above, the Consortium has participated in various joint efforts such as the ICT-52 Workshop on 6G (under the Hexa-X flagship project). RISE-6G Partners have participated in in the 5GPPP Architecture Working Group and the 5GPPP Test Measurement and KPI Validation Working Group. Additionally, the Consortium has co-authored publications with relevant projects, including METAWIRELESS, RISE-6G, and HEXA-X. Finally, the RISE-6G workshop included both participants as well as invited panellists from ICT-52 partnerships.

#### 2.3.3 Training workshops

Apart from its participation in established workshops (please refer to the full lists below) and the organisation of special sessions therein, RISE-6G has additionally organised two summer schools in 2021 and 2023 under the <u>Lake Como School of Advanced Studies</u>. Additionally, the dissemination activities of the Project culminated in the **RISE-6G Training Workshop**, that took place virtually on 12 December 2023. The workshop was consisted of 12 presentations that spanned 4 hours and included:



#### Figure 2-3: The RISE-6G Training Workshop poster and agenda.

- A tutorial on RIS technology,
- results of the technical WPs of the project,
- highlights of the conducted PoCs,
- an overview of the overall Project's innovation, dissemination, standardisation, and industrial exploitation outputs, and



a panel discussion from RISE-6G and external, invited, experts focused on the commercialisation aspects of RIS technology.

The workshop invitations have been circulated prior to the event via the social media accounts, the website, e-mails, as well as personal invitations. Figure 2-3 displays the promotional poster and the agenda that were used for dissemination. Overall, there were 103 participants present during the call, and the presentations were recorded. The presentations have been uploaded as individual videos on the website and on the Project's YouTube channel. An automatic transcription of the ongoing conversations was enabled, and the resulted transcript is uploaded on the website to enable access to the workshop to people with accessibility requirements, along-side replies to the live questions asked by the participants. By processing the transcript, a wordcloud has been prepared, as depicted in Figure 2-4 where the size of the displayed words corresponds to their frequency of occurrence within the workshop presentations.



Figure 2-4: Wordcloud of most frequent terms used during the RISE-6G Training Workshop presentations.

#### 2.4 Academic dissemination activities

#### 2.4.1 Publications

The project has submitted so far **188 publications** to conferences (69), journals (86), magazines (11), letters (17) and pre-prints (5). That number includes papers that have been officially published, are pending to appear, or awaiting decision under the peer-review process. Highimpact venues are primarily targeted, ass it can be seen from Table 2-1. The full list of the project's publication is given in 3.2.2.

In Figure 2-6, the number the publications have been classified according to their relevant WP(s). Inter-WP collaborations are strongly encouraged and **40 of the publications that relate to more than one WP** have emerged. The detailed numbers of inter-WP collaborations are given in Figure 2-5. In a similar manner, collaborative authorship between multiple Partners has

been pursued. In fact, **56 of the submitted publications include at least two Partners** in the authors' list, **while 15 publications include at least 3**.

Apart from the large number of output papers, RISE-6G has also achieved high-visibility in its body of published works. At the time of writing, the project's publications count more than **7287** citations. As a whole, the project has an **H-index**<sup>1</sup> of **43** and an **i10-index**<sup>2</sup> of **107**.

#### Table 2-1: Top venues by number of RISE-6G publications accepted.

Journal / Conference name	Number of accepted publications
IEEE Transactions on Wireless Communications	17
IEEE Wireless Communications Letters	15
IEEE International Conference on Communications (ICC)	11
IEEE International Workshop on Signal Processing Advances in Wire- less Communications (SPAWC)	10
IEEE Transactions on Communications	9
European Conference on Antennas and Propagation (EuCAP)	9
IEEE Journal of Selected Areas in Communications	8
IEEE Transactions on Vehicular Technology	7
IEEE Global Communications Conference (GLOBECOM)	7
European Conference on Networks and Communications (EuCNC) & 6G Summit	6
IEEE Open Journal of the Communications Society	5
IEEE Transactions on Antennas and Propagation	4
IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing	4

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> H-index of X means that exactly X of the papers have at least X citations.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> i10-index of X means that X papers have at least 10 citations.



Figure 2-6: RISE-6G publications classified according to the WP(s) of relevance.



Figure 2-5: RISE-6G inter-WP collaborations in paper authorship.





#### 2.4.2 Various Dissemination Activities

There have been various further dissemination actions taken by all the partners to ensure the increased visibility of the project in the academic circles. The full list of **117 individual items** is given in Appendix II. Toward better communicating the results and ideas of the joint works conducted in the past term, 46 total talks, tutorial, presentations, and lectures were given by individuals in multiple venues and settings. Members of RISE-6G have also featured in 9 panels and booths during academic conferences. In such events, the opportunity has been taken to co-organise and co-chair 24 relevant special sessions to further enhance the outreach of the project in the community. Five special issues of related topics have been edited by project members. Finally, 21 appearances have been made in public events (including interviews, multimedia, etc) and two summer schools have been organised, apart from the Training Workshop.





Figure 2-8: Relation charts of inter-WP collaborations (left) and inter-Partner collaborations (right) in terms of publications. The width of each line corresponds to the relative proportion of the collaborations between each pair.

#### 2.4.3 Open Access Data

Another facet of the dissemination policy of RISE-6G is the openness of the produced results. The open access initiative, the data management plan, and the corresponding internal processes have been described in D8.6 (in the updated version). As part of this endeavor, the items made publicly available by RISE-6G are listed in Table 2-2. Note that the open access publications contain more details of code implementations and measured data, however the following ones have been curated as individual repositories and data sets. The descriptions of those items are as follows:

- 1. Implementation of the state-of-the-art and newly developed approach for online RIS control based on Deep Reinforcement Learning, including channel simulator code.
- 2. Implementation of a proposed Deep Learning approach for RIS configuration, including simulated measurements from reference material.
- 3. Tabulated values of the re-flection coefficient magnitude and phase as a function of the voltage, characterized experimentally, for the unit-cell of a prototype of varactor-based reconfigurable intelligent surface.
- 4. Measured beampattern along the azimuth direction for every configuration in a pre-defined codebook of the NEC RF-switch-based sub-6GHz RIS. Measurements were collected in an anechoic chamber.
- 5. Python code for the SCA method that is presented in the paper Let. [16].
- 6. MATLAB code for the scientific paper Let. [8].
- 7. MATLAB the code for the algorithm that is presented in the paper Jour. [45].
- 8. MATLAB simulation code for the paper Jour. [77].



#	Part- ners	Rele- vant WP	Type of data	Stor- age Plat- form	Upload date	Version	License	Refer- ences
1	NKUA	WP4	Code reposi- tory	<u>Github</u>	15/01/2022	a8d8155	Apache License	Jour. [28], Conf. [19], Conf. [36]
2	NKUA	WP4	Code reposi- tory	<u>Github</u>	07/01/2022	781b71f	Apache License	Conf. [18]
3	ORA	WP3, WP7	Dataset (from meas- urements)	<u>Zenodo</u>	24/02/2023	V0 (7674707)	CC-by	Mag. [4]
4	NEC	WP3, WP4, WP7	Dataset (from meas- urements)	<u>Github</u>	10/02/2023	1675a23	For re- search purposes – Attribu- tion re- quired	Conf. [41]
5	CNRS	WP4	Code reposi- tory	<u>Code</u> <u>Ocean</u>	09/02/2023	1.0	MIT	Let. [16]
6	CNRS	WP4	Code reposi- tory	<u>Code</u> Ocean	25/09/2023	1.0	MIT	Let. [8]
7	CNRS	WP4	Code reposi- tory	<u>Code</u> <u>Ocean</u>	24/02/2022	1.1	МІТ	Jour. [45]
8	CNRS	WP4	Code reposi- tory	<u>Code</u> Ocean	25/09/2023	1.0	MIT	Jour. [77]

#### Table 2-2: Open access code and data made available by RISE-6G.



# 3 Standardisation Activities

RISE-6G project has addressed a number of standardisation activities across relevant standards bodies and fora based on specific standard involvement of key-partners of the project. A specific focus was given to 3GPP and the European standardisation group, namely ETSI, related standards activities, as the most relevant on the definition of upcoming network generation designs.

Generally, the identification of standardization activities is crucial for promoting the adoption and widespread deployment of innovative technologies like RIS by core industrial stakeholders such as vendors and operators. Table 3-1enumerates the standard groups expected to benefit from RISE-6G's contributions, with additional standardization forums reserved for forthcoming deliverables. For a comprehensive list of RISE-6G's standardization contributions, please refer to Appendix III.

Bodies or fora	Groups	RISE-6G Contribution	Partners
		3GPP will be the key-standards body for Be- yond-5G and 6G system definition. This has been included in some discussion within the Release-18 workshop and will be definitely in- cluded as Study Item within the Release-19.	
	SA1 SA2 SA3 SA5	Reference architecture for integrating innova- tive and novel services that might comprise RIS-enable networks that will impact directly on the Radio Access Networks, including BS (gNB) improvements and novel UE algorithms.	
3GPP	RAN1	Advanced localisation techniques that might re- quire timing, synchronisation and novel signals, such as Demodulation Reference Signal (DMRS), Channel Modelling Sounding Refer- ence Signal (SRS) and Orthogonal Time-Fre- quency Space (OTFS)-related modulation for RIS environments.	NEC, TIM, ORA, CEA
	RAN2	Monitoring of 5G NR guidelines for advanced solutions that might include RIS specifications	
	RAN3	Handover mechanisms in a cell-less deploy- ment where RISs might be in place to provide service continuity.	
ETSI	RIS	RIS-related interfaces and protocols. Integra- tion with other existing ETSI ISG.	NEC, NKUA, CEA, CNRS

Table 3-1: Up-to-date impact on main standardisation bodies



		Two RISE-6G key-partners are rapporteurs of two main GRs of the ETSI RIS standard.	
	THz	RIS-empowered networks working at Terahertz frequencies. Potential liaison between RISE- 6G and ETSI THz group.	
	NFV	NFV-MANO administrative domains, Manage- ment and connectivity of multi-site network ser- vices, Network slicing in NFV), Reconfigurable Radio Systems (RRS) (Cognitive Radio (CR), Software Reconfiguration through Radio Appli- cations)	
	MEC	RIS-aware applications that require pre/post- processing on edge data centres (involving AI- based algorithms).	
	NTECH	Enablers and associated APIs to access net- work resources, such as network-based au- thentication, location information, content cach- ing. Service and Network interconnection and interworking with RISs.	
	ENI	AI-based solution supporting RIS activation and operations.	
	ISAC	Integrated sensing and communications activi- ties where RISs can be envisioned as passive sensing nodes able to control communication as well as delivering additional sensing ser- vices.	
O-RAN	WG1, WG2, WG3, WG4, WG6	Open fronthaul contribution to have RIS-based deployments. Interface between RISE-6G architecture and ORAN building blocks.	NEC, ORA, TIM

Following the main standard bodies, the RISE-6G project has defined a clear standardisation activity roadmap to be in line with ongoing and upcoming activities. This automatically captures updates that might influence industrial choices while keeping RISE-6G output still up-to-date. RISE-6G contributes by means of each involved partner to the main discussions to disseminate project technological innovations giving more visibility to our technical achievements. An up-dated project timeline matching the major SDOs is depicted in **Figure 3-1**.



#### 3.1 3GPP

The 3rd Generation Partnership Project (3GPP) aims at covering cellular telecommunications technologies that will include radio access network (RAN), core network (CN) and service capabilities. This automatically provides the means for creating a complete architecture mobile telecommunication system. In general, specifications from the 3GPP standardisation group are



Figure 3-1: RISE-6G timeline over major SDOs.

proposed by each member company within specific Working Groups (WGs) and at the Technical Specification Group (TSG) level. We can identify three different TSGs, such as Radio Access Networks (RAN), Services & Systems Aspects (SA), Core Network & Terminals (CT) with their last release (17) of specifications ready and public within Q2 of 2021. Novel and innovative concepts to be included in 5G-and-beyond (B5G) and 6G network design will be part of the discussion for 3GPP Release 18 and upcoming Release 19.

RISE-6G project will mostly focus on contributions related to radio access network (RAN). However, future standard contributions may also include core networks-related topic to support seamless RIS integration into the existing system. Monitoring activities will be performed to be aligned with the relevant ongoing discussions.

#### 3.1.1 RAN1, RAN2 and RAN3 for Rel-18 and Rel-19

3GPP has introduced the concept of Smart Repeater with its Release 18, namely Network-Controlled Repeater to evolve the classical RF repeater concept, mostly used for 2G, 3G and 4G networks. Smart Repeaters are a new type of network node able to exploit some side control information to enable a more intelligent amplify-and-forward paradigm and beamforming operations. Smart Repeaters are non-regenerative with two beamforming antennas, e.g., phased antenna arrays, oriented towards the serving gNB and the service area to be covered, respectively. The Smart Repeater can be interpreted as a specific type (more complex) of smart surface. In the RAN Release 18 workshop among the endorsed list of topics for further discussion (RWS-210659), additional RAN1/2/3 candidate topics have been discussed, including RIS (Reconfigurable Intelligent Surfaces) concept. Interestingly, 3GPP will enhance the concept of Smart Repeater within Release 19 in conjunction with the novel ISAC (integrated sensing and communication) topic. In particular, the objectives of the ISAC-related study item will be the following:

• Study simulation model, channel model, and performance metric of ISAC system.

- Study framework, mechanism, and procedure to support sensing function;
- Study resource schemes of sensing and communication;
- Study and identify potential schemes of sensing;

Interestingly, RIS is envisioned as a new RAN node able to provide communications and sensing capabilities.

#### 3.2 ETSI

In Europe, ETSI is the European Telecommunication Institute, a recognized European Standards Organization that deals with telecommunications, broadcasting and other electronic communication networks and services. The standardisation work is carried out by means of different Industry Specification Groups (ISGs), which focus on specific activities and standardisation guidelines. The RISE-6G project will mostly focus on four existing ISGs, such as ETSI MEC, ETSI NFV, ETSI ENI and ETSI NTECH. A new ISG, namely **ETSI RIS**, has been launched in September 2021 with most of the RISE-6G relevant partners directly involved into the standard. Recently, a **new ISG has been approved** to focus on the **novel THz concept**, namely ETSI THz, considering the RIS concept as one of the core technologies. In addition, a new ISG has been approved to shed the light on a novel concept, namely integrated-sensing-and-communications (ISAC), where RIS is envisioned as a key-enabler for the future communication design.

#### 3.2.1 ETSI RIS ISG

This new ISG is expected to provide an opportunity for all ETSI members to coordinate their pre-standards research efforts on RIS technology across various EU/UK collaborative projects, extended with relevant global initiatives, towards paving the way for future standardisation of the technology. The main mission of this ISG is to finally explore RIS technology and all its applications across the wide spectrum of use cases and deployments, and identify any specification needs that may be required. The scope of the ETSI RIS ISG will cover the following aspects: *i*) defining use cases, KPIs, and deployment and operational scenarios for RIS; *ii*) radio-frequency aspects including surface models, channel characterization, radiation characterization, and radiation exposure limits for RIS; *iii*) RIS-aided air-interface technologies, mechanics, and requirements; *iv*) system and network level control signaling aspects for RIS; *v*) system and network architecture framework considerations for RIS; *vi*) baseline evaluation methodology and performance analysis or RIS (link-level and system-level), *viii*) RIS microelectronics, enabling technologies, and proof-of-concepts (prototyping); *viii*) RIS verification and validation (e.g., hackathons). Many relevant partners are funding the initiative. Most of them are also part of the RISE-6G consortium, as reported in Table 3-2.

Organization	Country	Туре	ETSI Member	ETSI Board Member
British Telecommunications plc	UK	Operator	Yes	Yes
CEA-LETI	France	Research Institute	Yes	No
CNIT	Italy	Research Institute	Yes	No
CNRS	France	Research Institute	Yes	No
IMDEA Networks	Spain	Research Institute	Yes	No

Table 3-2: Co-founding	members of ETSI RIS
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Document:	H2020-ICT-52/RISE-6G/D8.5		
Date:	30/12/2023	Security:	Public
Status:	Final	Version:	1.0

InterDigital Europe Ltd	UK	Vendor	Yes	No
National Physical Labora- tory	UK	Research Institute	Yes	No
NEC Europe Ltd	Germany/UK	Vendor	Yes	Yes
UK DCMS	UK	Government	Yes	Yes
University of Oulu	Finland	Academia	Yes	No
University of Surrey	UK	Academia	Yes	No
ZTE	China	Vendor	Yes	Yes

The ETSI RIS follows the roadmap as per Figure 3-2.

#### Rel#1-Exploration and Gap Analysis

#### Rel#2-Specifiation Framework

Rel#3-Final Specifications

Year-1 (2022)	Year-2 (2023)	Year-3 (2024)	Year-4 (2025)	Year-5 (2026)	Year-6 (2027)
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#### Figure 3-2: Expected ISG Roadmap

Specifically, within the first phase, an exploration and gap analysis will be carried out so as an initial specification will be defined in the next second phase. By the end of 2027 the final specifications will be released trying to make a clear link with other SDOs, such as 3GPP.

Three main ETSI Group Reports (GRs) have been recently published:

- GR RIS-001, "Use Cases and Deployment Scenarios";
- GR RIS-002: "Study on Technological challenges and Impact on networks and standards";
- GR RIS-003: "Communication Models, Channel Models, and Evaluation Methodology".

The rapporteur of ETSI GR RIS-001 and ETSI GR RIS-003 are NEC and CNRS, respectively. Some of the RISE-6G partners are monitoring and actively contributing to the ETSI RIS meetings by reflecting the main findings and intermediate results of the project (please refer to the complete list of standard contribution in the Appendix).

In addition, three new ETSI Group Reports have been recently approved:

• GR RIS-004, "Implementation and Practical Considerations";



• GR RIS-006: "Multi-functional Reconfigurable Intelligent Surfaces (RIS): Modelling, Optimisation, and Operation".

This gives visibility to the project activities and outcomes while creating a reserved path to disseminate technical solutions and project results directly into the ETSI standard path.

#### 3.2.2 ETSI ISG THz

Very recently, on the 6<sup>th</sup> of September 2022, this new ISG was approved, intending, similar to the previous group, to provide an opportunity for all ETSI members to coordinate their prestandards research efforts on the THz technology and relevant channel modelling across various EU/UK collaborative projects, extended with relevant global initiatives, towards paving the way for the future standardisation of the various technological features.

The group aims at establishing the technical foundation for the development and standardisation of THz communications (0.1-10 THz). The tentative scope of the proposed ISG can be summarised as follows:

- Definition and selection of relevant use cases for THz communications;
- Mapping of selected use cases to relevant channel measurement scenarios;
- Definition of frequency bands of interest;
- Analysis of existing work in the area of THz channel measurements and modelling
- Performing of radio channel measurements and modelling, including:
  - o indoor and outdoor environments, with and without mobility,
  - o intra/inter device measurements and models,
  - o sounding for integrated sensing and communication (ISAC),
  - o sounding including reconfigurable intelligent surfaces (RISs),
  - machine learning (ML) methods to generate and analyse radio channels;
- Specification of the evaluation methodology for THz communication systems.

Among the founding members of the newly established group are member of the RISE-6G consortium:

Organisation	Country	Туре	ETSI Member	ETSI Board Member
TUBS digital	Germany	Academia	Yes	No
CEA-LETI	France	Research Institute	Yes	No
Huawei Technologies Duesseldorf	Germany	Vendor	Yes	Yes
CNRS	France	Research Institute	Yes	No
NPL (National Physical Laboratory)	UK	Other Gov Body	Yes	No
InterDigital Europe Ltd	UK	Vendor	Yes	No
NKUA	Greece	Academia	Yes	No

#### Table 3-3: Co-founding members (not exhaustive list) of ETSI THz



NEC Europe Ltd	Germany/UK	Vendor	Yes	Yes
Keysight Tech. UK Ltd.	UK	Vendor	Yes	No
University of Oulu	Finland	Academia	Yes	No
University of Surrey	UK	Academia	Yes	No
Fraunhofer IIS	Germany	Research Institute	Yes	No

A tentative longer-term roadmap for the ISG THz is provided in Figure 3-2 with three phases of two-year duration, namely, Phase 1: Exploration, Phase 2: Initial Specifications, and Phase 3: Final Specifications.

#### 3.2.3 ETSI ISG ISAC

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of November 2023, a new ISG was approved, to provide an opportunity for all ETSI members to coordinate their pre-standards research efforts on the novel integrated communications and sensing (ISAC) topic. This emerging and novel ISG will be used to establish the RIS technology within the 6G (and beyond) landscape. Information on approved documents will be made available at the beginning of 2024. NKUA are part of the establishing members of this ISG.

#### 4 Conclusions and outlook

This final report presented the activities of the RISE-6G project under communication and dissemination (Task 8.1), as well as standardisation (Task 8.2). It included an overview of the dissemination policies, before proceeding to reporting the individual activities. 184 publications have been published, accepted, or submitted with more than 7000 citations at the time of writing. 70 individual dissemination actions have been conducted, including talks, presentations, tutorials, special sessions, special issues, summer schools, and press releases. Newsletters, posters, social media, and YouTube videos comprised the main dissemination channels and the RISE-6G Training Workshop presented a great opportunity to maximise the Project's outreach. On a similar manner, RISE-6G efforts resulted in 30 contributions to the standardisation fora ETSI, 3GPP, and O-RAN.



# Appendix I. List of submitted, accepted, and published publications from RISE-6G

#	Reference	WPs	Part-
			ners
	Journals		
1	J. Yuan, M. Wen, Q. Li, E. Basar, G. C. Alexandropoulos, and G. Chen, "Receive quadrature reflecting modulation for RIS-empowered wireless communications", IEEE Transactions on Vehicular Technology, vol. 70, no. 5, pp. 5121–5125, May 2021.	WP4	NKUA
2	Z. Peng, T. Li, C. Pan, H. Ren, W. Xu and M. D. Renzo, "Analysis and optimization for RIS-aided multi-pair communications relying on statis- tical CSI," in IEEE Transactions on Vehicular Technology, vol. 70, no. 4, pp. 3897-3901, April 2021.	WP4	CNRS
<u>3</u>	Z. Wan, Z. Gao, F. Gao, M. Di Renzo and MS. Alouini, "Terahertz massive MIMO with holographic reconfigurable intelligent surfaces," IEEE Trans. Commun. 69(7): 4732-4750 (2021).	WP4	CNRS
<u>4</u>	B. Yang, X. Cao, C. Huang, C. Yuen, L. Qian and M. D. Renzo, "Intel- ligent spectrum learning for wireless networks with reconfigurable in- telligent surfaces," in IEEE Transactions on Vehicular Technology, vol. 70, no. 4, pp. 3920-3925, April 2021.	WP4	CNRS
<u>5</u>	J. Hu, H. Zhang, K. Bian, M. Di Renzo, Z. Han, L. Song, "Meta- Sensing: Intelligent Metasurface Assisted RF 3D Sensing by Deep Reinforcement Learning," IEEE J. Sel. Areas Commun. 39(7): 2182- 2197 (2021)	WP5	CNRS
<u>6</u>	Y. Zhang, J. Zhang, M. D. Renzo, H. Xiao and B. Ai, "Performance analysis of RIS-aided systems with practical phase shift and amplitude response," in IEEE Transactions on Vehicular Technology, vol. 70, no. 5, pp. 4501-4511, May 2021.	WP3, WP4	CNRS
7	Y. Chen, Y. Wang, J. Zhang and M. Di Renzo, "QoS-driven spectrum sharing for reconfigurable intelligent surfaces (RISs) aided vehicular networks," in IEEE Transactions on Wireless Communications, 2021.	WP4, WP6	CNRS
<u>8</u>	S. Li, B. Duo, M. Di Renzo, M. Tao, and X. Yuan, "Robust secure UAV communications with the aid of reconfigurable intelligent surfaces", IEEE Trans. Wirel. Commun. 20(10): 6402-6417 (2021)	WP6	CNRS
<u>9</u> ]	F. H. Danufane, M. Di Renzo, J. de Rosny, and S. Tretyakov, "On the path-loss of reconfigurable intelligent surfaces: An approach based on Green's theorem applied to vector fields", IEEE Trans. Commun. 69(8): 5573-5592 (2021).	WP3	CNRS
<u>10</u>	R. Fara, P. Ratajczak, DT. Phan-Huy, A.Ourir, M. Di Renzo, and J. De Rosny, "A prototype of reconfigurable intelligent surface with con- tinuous control of the reflection phase modeling, full-wave electromag- netic characterization, experimental validation, and application to am- bient backscatter communications", IEEE Wireless Communications, to appear, 2021.	WP3	ORA, CNRS
<u>11</u>	C. Ross, G. Gradoni, Q. J. Lim and Z. Peng, "Engineering Reflective Metasurfaces With Ising Hamiltonian and Quantum Annealing," in IEEE Transactions on Antennas and Propagation, vol. 70, no. 4, pp. 2841-2854, April 2022, doi: 10.1109/TAP.2021.3137424.	WP3	UNOT
12	C. L. Nguyen, O. Georgiou, G. Gradoni and M. Di Renzo, "Wireless Fingerprinting Localization in Smart Environments Using Reconfigura- ble Intelligent Surfaces," in IEEE Access, vol. 9, pp. 135526-135541, 2021, doi: 10.1109/ACCESS.2021.3115596.	WP5	UNOT, CNRS



<u>13</u>	C. J. Vaca-Rubio, P. Ramirez-Espinosa, K. Kansanen, ZH. Tan, E. de Carvalho, and P. Popovski, "Assessing wireless sensing potential with large intelligent surfaces", in IEEE Open Journal of the Communications Society, vol. 2, pp. 934-947, 2021.	WP6	AAU
<u>14</u>	C. Huang, Z. Yang, G. C. Alexandropoulos, K. Xiong, L. Wei, C. Yuen, and Z. Zhang, "Multi-hop RIS-empowered terahertz communications: A DRL-based hybrid beamforming design," IEEE Journal on Selected Areas in Communications, vol. 39, no. 6, pp. 1663–1677, June 2021.	WP4	NKUA
<u>15</u>	K. Keykhosravi, M. F. Keskin, S. Dwivedi, G. Seco-Granados, and H. Wymeersch, "Semi-passive 3D positioning of multiple RIS-enabled users", in IEEE Transactions on Vehicular Technology, vol. 70, no. 10, pp. 11073-11077, Oct. 2021, doi: 10.1109/TVT.2021.3109786.	WP5	CHAL
<u>16</u>	JB. Gros, V. Popov, M. A. Odit, Vladimir Lenets and Geoffroy Lerosey, "A reconfigurable intelligent surface at mmWave based on a binary phase tunable metasurface", IEEE Open Journal of the Com- munications Society Special Issue, under review, 2021.	WP3	GNW
<u>17</u>	P. Mursia, V. Sciancalepore, A. Garcia-Saavedra, L. Cottatellucci, X. C. Pérez and D. Gesbert, "RISMA: Reconfigurable Intelligent Surfaces Enabling Beamforming for IoT Massive Access," in IEEE Journal on Selected Areas in Communications, vol. 39, no. 4, pp. 1072-1085, April 2021.	WP4	NEC
<u>18</u>	P. Mursia, F. Devoti, V. Sciancalepore, X. Costa-Pérez, "RISe of flight: RIS-empowered UAV communications for robust and reliable air-to-ground networks", IEEE Open Journal of the Communications Society, vol. 2, pp. 1616-1629, 2021.	WP4	NEC
<u>19</u>	L. Wei, C. Huang, G. C. Alexandropoulos, A. M. Elbir, Z. Yang, C. Yuen, Z. Zhang, M. Di Renzo and M. Debbah, "Channel estimation for RIS-empowered systems: Model-based vs model-free approaches, and opportunities," IEEE Transactions on Communications, vol. 69, no. 6, pp. 4144–4157, June 2021.	WP4	NKUA, CNRS
<u>20</u>	Qiang Liy, Miaowen Wen, and Marco Di Renzo "Single-RF MIMO: From Spatial Modulation to Metasurface-Based Modulation", IEEE Wireless Communications, 28(4): 88-95, 2021.	WP4	CNRS
<u>21</u>	P. Di Lorenzo, M. Merluzzi, E. Calvanese Strinati, S. Barbarossa, "Dy- namic edge computing empowered by reconfigurable intelligent sur- faces", IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing, under review, 2021	WP4	CEA, CNIT
<u>22</u>	V. Popov, M. Odit, J-B Gros, V. Lenets, A. Kumagai, M. Fink, K. Enomoto, G. Lerosey, "Experimental demonstration of a mmWave passive access point extender based on abinary reconfigurable intelli- gent surface", Frontiers in Communications and Networks, under re- view, 2021.	WP3, WP7	GNW
<u>23</u>	Lodro M, Gradoni G, Gros J-B, Greedy S and Lerosey G, "Reconfigu- rable Intelligent SurfaceAssisted Bluetooth Low Energy Link in Metal Enclosure". Frontiers in Communications and Networks, p.44. 2021. doi: 10.3389/frcmn.2021.733637	WP3	GNW, UNOT
<u>24</u>	G. C. Alexandropoulos, K. D. Katsanos, M. Wen, and D. B. da Costa, "Counteracting Eavesdropper Attacks Through Reconfigurable Intelligent Surfaces: A New Threat Model and Secrecy Rate Optimiza- tion," IEEE Open Journal of the Communications Society, vol. 4, pp. 1285–1302, June 2023.	WP6	NKUA
<u>25</u>	I. Alamzadeh, G. C. Alexandropoulos, N. Shlezinger, and M. F. Imani, "A Reconfigurable Intelligent Surface with Integrated Sensing Capabil- ity." Nature Scientific Reports, vol. 11, no. 20737, pp. 1–10, Oct, 2021.	WP3	NKUA



<u>26</u>	E. Björnson, H. Wymeersch, B. Matthiesen, P. Popovski, L. San- guinetti, and E. de Carvalho, "Reconfigurable Intelligent Surfaces: A Signal Processing Perspective with Wireless Applications," IEEE SPM, 2021.	WP2	CHAL, AAU
<u>27</u>	G. Gradoni, M. Di Renzo, "Smart Radio Environments," Review of Electromagnetics, Vol. 1, 2022.	WP2	UNOT, CNRS
<u>28</u>	G. C. Alexandropoulos, K. Stylianopoulos, C. Huang, C. Yuen, M. Bennis, and M. Debbah, "Pervasive Machine Learning for Smart Ra- dio Environments Enabled by Reconfigurable Intelligent Surfaces," IEEE Proceedings, vol. 110, no. 9, pp. 1494–1525, September 2022.	WP4	NKUA
<u>29</u>	K. Keykhosravi, M. F. Keskin, G. Seco-Granados, P. Popovski, and H. Wymeersch, "RIS-Enabled SISO Localization under User Mobility and Spatial-Wideband Effects", IEEE Journal of Selected Topics in Signal Processing, 2021.	WP5	AAU, CHAL
<u>30</u>	A. Fascista, M. F. Keskin, A. Coluccia, H. Wymeersch, and G. Seco- Granados, "RIS-aided Joint Localization and Synchronization with a Single-Antenna Receiver: Beamforming Design and Low-Complexity Estimation", IEEE Journal of Selected Topics in Signal Processing, 2021.	WP5	CHAL
<u>31</u>	Y. Liu, X. Liu, X. Mu, T. Hou, J. Xu, M. Di Renzo, N. Al-Dhahir, "Re- configurable Intelligent Surfaces: Principles and Opportunities," IEEE Commun. Surv. Tutorials 23(3): 1546-1577 (2021).	WP2	CNRS
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- 4. George C. Alexandropoulos, "Simultaneous Reflecting and Sensing Metasurfaces for 6G Wireless Communications", Recent Progress in Antennas and Metasurfaces for 6G, Special Session, 2021 Joint EuCNC & 6G Summit (virtual), 9, June 2021.
- 5. B. Denis, "Localization and Sensing Through Reconfigurable Intelligent Surfaces: Benefits and Challenges", Leti Innovation Days 2021 (LIDs'21), Wireless Communications Workshop, Virtual Event, 22-23 June 2021.
- R. D'Errico, A. Clemente, and J. B. Doré, "Millimiterwave antennas system for 5G/6G: from radio channel modelling to field trials," Scientific Workshop on Integration Challenges for mm-Wave Phased Arrays, 15th European Conference on Antennas and Propagation, EuCAP 2021.
- 7. OFCOM Report on "Future of Reflective Surfaces in Wireless Communication," in preparation (Gabriele Gradoni, Anas Al Rawi, Simon Burley).
- 8. Gabriele Gradoni, invited presentation on "RIS design via quantum annealing" at the CNRS ISIS meeting on reconfigurable intelligent surfaces for wireless communications, 2021.
- 9. Julien Mascolo, Davide Masera (CRF), Internal meetings (physical, remote) with Stellantis staff from technical departments (Supply Chain Management, Manufacturing Engineering) and plants (Mirafiori, Russelsheim).
- Q. Jian Lim, C. Ross, G. Gradoni, Z. Peng, "Quantum-Assisted Combinatorial Optimization of Reconfigurable Intelligent Surfaces.", 16<sup>th</sup> European Conference on Antennas and Propagation (EuCAP 2022), Madrid, Spain, 27 March – 1 April 2022. [*Best Electromagnetics Paper Award*]
- D.-T. Phan Huy "Electro-Magnetic Field Exposure Aware Radio Design Thanks to Backscattering and Reconfigurable Intelligent Surfaces" <u>Meeting of GdR ISIS (gdrisis.fr</u>) on "Reconfigurable Intelligent Surfaces for Programmable Wireless Environments", 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021.
- Tutorial "T1: Reconfigurable Intelligent Surfaces for Future Wireless Communications" (1 day) Organiser: Alessio Zappone, Marco Di Renzo, Dinh-Thuy Phan-Huy, Merouane Debbah. EUSIPCO 2021, 23-27 August 2021.
- 13. Vincenzo Sciancalepore, "RISE-6G: Reconfigurable, intelligent, and sustainable wireless environments for 6G smart connectivity", ICT-52 Workshop on 6G, 3 February 2022.



- 14. George C. Alexandropoulos, Invited talk at the 1st Open Annual Workshop on Future ICT in Athens, Greece on 25 May 2022 with title: Programmable radio propagation environments: The RISE-6G perspective. The talk was part of the 5G/6G future ICT area.
- 15. George C. Alexandropoulos, Henk Wymeersch, "Reconfigurable Intelligent Surfaces: Localization and Communication Convergence", 2021 Joint EuCNC & 6G Summit (virtual), 9 June 2021.
- 16. George C. Alexandropoulos; Lingyang Song; Henk Wymeersch; Zhu Han; Boya Di; Hongliang Zhang, "Reconfigurable Intelligent Surfaces for 6G: Communications, Localization, and Sensing", 2021 IEEE Globecom.
- 17. George C. Alexandropoulos, K. Keykhosravi, Tutorial at the IEEE Sensor Array and Multichannel Signal Processing Workshop, Trondheim, Norway on 20 June 2022 with title: Leveraging smart wireless environments for beyond 5G localization and sensing.
- 18. George C. Alexandropoulos, Research seminar on 9 May 2022 with title: Reconfigurable intelligent surfaces for 6G wireless communications, localization, and sensing. The seminar was organized by PAINLESS, the H2020 Marie Sklodowska-Curie Innovative Training Network with grant number 812991, in the framework of School 4.
- 19. George C. Alexandropoulos, IEEE ComSoc Distinguished Lectureship at the Institute of Radiocommunications, Faculty of Computing and Telecommunications, Poznan University of Technology, Poznan, Poland on 16 November 2023 with title: *Joint sensing and communications with full duplex radios and reconfigurable metasurfaces*.
- 20. George C. Alexandropoulos, IEEE ComSoc Distinguished Lectureship at the School of Physics, Engineering, and Computer Science, University of Hertfordshire, Hatfield, UK on 14 September 2023 with title: *Hybrid reconfigurable intelligent surfaces: From conventional optimization to autonomous learning*.
- 21. George C. Alexandropoulos, IEEE ComSoc Distinguished Lectureship at the Department of Computer Science and Technology, Cambridge University, Cambridge, UK on 13 September 2023 with title: *Reconfigurable intelligent surfaces: From programmable wireless propagation to holographic MIMO*.
- 22. George C. Alexandropoulos, Keynote talk at the IEEE PIMRC Workshop (virtual) "6G Envisioned Reconfigurable Intelligent and Holographic Surfaces" on 5 September 2023 with title: *RIS-empowered smart wireless environments: Capacity characterization and optimization*.
- 23. George C. Alexandropoulos, Research seminar at the Summer School on Integrated Sensing and Communication, Baiona, Spain on 28 June 2023 with title: *RIS-aided joint radar and communication*. The school was sponsored by the IEEE Signal Processing Society, IEEE Aerospace and Electronic Systems Society, and EURASIP.
- 24. George C. Alexandropoulos, Tutorial at the IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech, and Signal Processing, Rhodes, Greece on 4 June 2023 with title: *Machine learning for smart wireless environments*. (tutorial given together with M. Debbah and Y. C. Eldar)
- 25. George C. Alexandropoulos and Henk Wymeersch, Tutorial at the IEEE International Conference on Communications, Rome, Italy on 28 May 2023 with title: *Leveraging smart wireless environments for beyond 5G localization and sensing.*
- 26. George C. Alexandropoulos, IEEE ComSoc Distinguished Lectureship at the University of Glasgow, Glasgow, Scotland on 30 March 2023 with title: *Reconfigurable metasur-faces for 6G wireless: Hardware architectures, modeling, optimization, and applications.*
- 27. IEEE ComSoc Distinguished Lectureship at the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, USA on 10 March 2023 with title:

Hybrid reconfigurable intelligent Surfaces: From channel estimation improvement to selfoptimization.

- 28. George C. Alexandropoulos, IEEE ComSoc Distinguished Lectureship at EURECOM, Campus Sophia Antipolis, Nice, France on 9 February 2023 with title: *Integrated sensing and communications with multi-functional reconfigurable metasurfaces*.
- 29. George C. Alexandropoulos, Invited talk at the session "Radio and sensing for 6G" of the ICT-52 and Hexa-X Workshop on 6G on 18 January 2023 with title: *Localization, sensing, and their integration with reconfigurable intelligent surfaces.*
- 30. George C. Alexandropoulos, IEEE ComSoc Distinguished Lectureship at the IEEE Com-Soc Greece Chapter, Computer Engineering and Informatics Department, University of Patras, Greece on 16 December 2022 with title: *Reconfigurable intelligent surfaces: An enabling technology for smart radio propagation and its beyond 5G applications.*
- 31. George C. Alexandropoulos, IEEE ComSoc Distinguished Lectureship at the IEEE Spanish Signal Processing and Communications Joint Chapter and IEEE United Kingdom and Ireland Section on 14 December 2022 with title: *Reconfigurable intelligent surfaces: Communications, sensing, and their integration.*
- 32. George C. Alexandropoulos, IEEE ComSoc Distinguished Lectureship at the IEEE Atlanta Chapter, USA on 8 December 2022 with title: *Reconfigurable intelligent surfaces: Communications, sensing, and their integration.*
- 33. George C. Alexandropoulos, Invited talk at the Round Table "mmWaves and sub-THz Ranges in Wireless Communication: Promising Applications and Coverage Problems" at the Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology, Moscow, Russia on 23 November 2022 with title: *Metasurface-based holographic MIMO: Communications, localization, and sensing.*
- 34. L. Bastianelli, E. Colella, G. Gradoni, V. Mariani Primiani and F. Moglie, abstract with title: Numerical analysis of metasurfaces by using the FDTD technique. The abstract was presented at 3<sup>rd</sup> URSI AT-AP-RASC, Gran Canaria, 29 May – 3 June 2022
- 35. Eric Mercier, ''EnablingTechnologies for Future of Wireless Comm. : From System to Nano-Electronics'', November, 17<sup>th</sup> , KeyNote at the Wireless Congress 2022, Munich.
- 36. Dinh-Thuy Phan Huy, Keynote 'Electromagnetic Field Exposure Aware Radio Thanks To Reconfigurable Intelligent Surfaces and Backscatters' COST Action: CA20120, Intelligence Enabling Radio Communications for Seamless Inclusive Interactions, 2nd Scientific Meeting (Working group meeting) 13th June 2022, Lyon.
- 37. George C. Alexandropoulos, on 6G with title: "Localization, sensing, and their integration with reconfigurable intelligent surfaces", at session "Radio and sensing for 6G", ICT-52 and Hexa-X Workshop, 18 January 2023.
- Dinh-Thuy Phan Huy, Keynote, 'Electromagnetic Field Exposure Aware Radio thanks to Reconfigurable Intelligent Surfaces and Backscatters', Delta Winter School Reconfigurable Intelligent Surfaces and Multi-Antenna Backscatter Devices, Feb. 13-15, 2023, Ruka, Finland.
- 39. Dinh-Thuy Phan Huy, ' Reconfigurable Intelligent Surfaces A network operator perspective', RIS Forum#2, RIS Technology Alliance (RISTA), online, 12 Feb. 2023.
- 40. Dinh-Thuy Phan Huy 'New 6G challenges: the time for electromagnetic field awareness has come', Journée URSI France, « l'énergie au cœur des ondes ressources et environnement : gestion intelligente », 21-22 march 2023, Saclay, France.



- 41. Philippe Ratajczak, 'Orange's Experiments on Reconfigurable Intelligent Surfaces', Workshop "The Evolution of Smart Wireless Environments Research and Industrial Perspectives", EUCAP, 26 31 March 2023 | Florence, Italy.
- 42. B. Denis, "Recent Advances in Estimation and Control for RIS-aided Localization and Sensing: The RISE-6G Proposals", Workshop on Synergies between Communication, Localization, and Sensing towards 6G, Joint European Conference on Networks and Communications 2023 & 6G Summit 2023 (EuCNC'23 & 6G Summit'23), Gothenburg, June 2023
- 43. L. Colella, G. Gradoni, F. Bastianelli, E. V. Mariani Primiani and Moglie, asbstact with title: Time Reversal for Evaluating the Influence Scattering Objects on Chaotic Environments. The of abstract was presented at 2023 XXXVth General Assembly and Scientific Symposium of the International Union of Radio Science (URSI GASS), Sapporo, Japan, 2023.
- 44. D. Micheli, Ε. V. R. Diamanti, L. Bastianelli, Colella, Mariani Primiani, F. Moglie, G. Gradoni, A. Allasia, M. Crozzoli and M. Colombo, 5G abstract with title: Beyond mm-wave Wireless Systems With Reconfigurable Intelligent Surfaces. The abstract was presented at 2023 XXXVth General Assembly and Scientific Symposium of the International Union of Radio Science (URSI GASS), Sapporo, Japan, 2023.
- 45. D. Micheli, R. Diamanti, L. Bastianelli, E. Colella, V. Mariani Primiani, F. Moglie, A. Allasia, M. Crozzoli and M. Colombo, paper with title: Test of 5G System in the Reverberation Chamber at mm-wave. The paper was presented at 2023 17th European Conference on Antennas and Propagation (EuCAP), Florence, Italy, 2023, pp. 1-4.
- 46. E. Colella, Bastianelli, F. Moglie and V. L. Mariani Primiani, paper Near Field Optimization Reconfigurable with title: Algorithm for Intelligent Surface. The paper was presented at 2023 XXXVth General Assembly and Scientific Symposium of the International Union of Radio Science (URSI GASS), Sapporo, Japan, 2023.

#### B. Panels and Booths

- 1. Emilio Calvanese Strinati, "Full Duplex: Technologies, Standards, and Roadmap, IEEE Wireless Communications and Networking Conference", Nanjing, 30 March, 2021.
- 2. Vincenzo Sciancalepore, "Reconfigurable Intelligent Surfaces (RIS) for B5G Wireless Communications", Nanjing, 1 April, 2021.
- 3. RISE-6G Booth (hosted by Greenerwave) at EuCNC & 6G Summit Grenoble, France, 7–10, June 2022.
- 4. Panel with Marco di Renzo, Dinh-Thuy Phan Huy World Wireless Research Forum Meeting #47, Plenary Session 6: Joint session with ETSI ISG RIS, Bristol, UK, March 2023.https://www.bristol.ac.uk/engineering/research/smart/events/47th-wwrf-meeting/agenda/.
- Booth by Philippe Ratajczak, Dinh-Thuy Phan Huy, Marie-Hélène Hamon "Reconfigurable Intelligent Surface" live demonstration, Orange Research and Innovation Exhibition, 18-20 October 2022.
- Industrial Panel with Dinh-Thuy Phan Huy, Industrial Panel 2: RECONFIGURABLE IN-TELLIGENT SURFACES (RIS) FOR 5G-ADVANCED AND 6G, 2022 IEEE Globecom, Dec. 2022.



- 7. Industrial Panel with Dinh-Thuy Phan Huy, Industrial Panel 8: RIS FOR SUSTAINABLE MOBILE NETWORKS, 2023 IEEE ICC, March 2023.
- 8. Youssef Nasser, "unlocking the capabilities of Reconfigurable Intelligent Surfaces and Holographic Antennas", Globecom Industrial Panel, Dec. 4-8, 2023.
- 9. Booth on RIS at Mobile world congress, Feb. 2023, by Greenerwave

#### C. Workshop Organization/Chairing

- George C. Alexandropoulos (co-organizer), "Reconfigurable Intelligent Surfaces for Future Wireless Communications", workshop, IEEE Global Communications Conference, 7-11 December 2021.
- Emilio Calvanese Strinati (General Chair), Marco Di Renzo (TPC Chair), George C. Alexandropoulos (TPC Chair), "Reconfigurable Intelligent Surfaces for B5G/6G", IEEE International Symposium on Personal, Indoor and Mobile Radio Communications, 13–16 September 2021 (Virtual).
- 3. Co-organizer (Henk Wymeersch, CHAL; George C. Alexandropoulos, NKUA) of "Workshop on Synergies of Communication, Localization, and Sensing towards 6G" at IEEE ICC 2022.
- Co-organizer (Gabriele Gradoni, UNOT) of "Workshop on EMC and OTA Tests of Wireless Devices in Reverberation Chambers", at 2021 JOINT IEEE INTERNATIONAL SYM-POSIUM ON ELECTROMAGNETIC COMPATIBILITY, SIGNAL & POWER INTEG-RITY, AND EMC EUROPE, held online, 26 July – 20 August 2021.
- 5. Co-organizer (George C. Alexandropoulos, H. Wymeersch), "Synergies of Communication, Localization, and Sensing Towards 6G", workshop in the framework of the IEEE ICC, Seoul, South Korea, 16–20 May 2022.
- Co-organizer (Benoit Denis), "Localization and Sensing with Intelligent Surfaces for 6G Networks", workshop in the framework of IEEE Vehicular Technology Conference -Spring 2022 (IEEE VTC-Spring'22), Helsinki, June 2022
- Co-organizer (Benoit Denis), "Localization, Sensing, and Communications for 6G Networks", workshop in the framework of IEEE Vehicular Technology Conference - Fall 2022 (IEEE VTC-Fall'22), London/Beijing, Sept. 2022
- Co-organizer (Emilio Calvanese Strinati) "International Workshop on Cloud Technologies and Energy Efficiency in Mobile Communication Networks (CLEEN 2022)" at IEEE International Symposium on Personal, Indoor and Mobile Radio Communications, 12-15 September, 2022 (virtual).
- Co-organizers (Henk Wymeersch, Benoît Denis), "Synergies between Communication, Localization, and Sensing towards 6G", workshop in the framework of Joint European Conference on Networks and Communications 2023 & 6G Summit 2023 (EuCNC'23 & 6G Summit'23), Gothenburg, June 2023
- Co-organizers (Henk Wymeersch, Benoît Denis), "New Techniques on Positioning and Sensing for Cellular Networks" (NTPSCN), workshop in the framework of IEEE Personal Indoor Mobile and Radio Communications Symposium 2023 (IEEE PIMRC'23), Sept. 2023

#### D. Special Session Organization/Chairing

- 1. George C. Alexandropoulos and Emilio Calvanese Strinati, "Wireless Communications Empowered by Reconfigurable Intelligent Surfaces", IEEE SPAWC, 27-20 September 2021.
- 2. George C. Alexandropoulos (co-chair), "Machine Learning Driven Wireless Networking", BalkanCom, 15-17 September 2021.
- Emilio Calvanese Strinati and Benoît Denis (co-chairs), "RIS-empowered Communications and Localization for Smart Radio Environments", 2021 Joint EuCNC & 6G Summit (virtual), 11 June 2021.
- 4. George C. Alexandropoulos, Tutorial Co-Chair for 2022 Joint EuCNC & 6G Summit, Grenoble, France, 7–10, June 2022.
- P. Di Lorenzo and E. Calvanese Strinati (organizers), "Machine learning in Beyond 5G Networks", IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech, & Signal Processing (ICASSP), Singapore, 2022.
- 6. A. Clemente and R. Sauleau (organizers), "Space-fed antenna systems for SATCOM and high-performance communication systems", 15th European Conference on Antennas and Propagation, EuCAP 2022. *(planned)*
- Gabriele Gradoni co-organizer and Convener of 3 special sessions: "Near field coupling in wireless communications," "Reconfigurable Intelligent Surfaces for Wireless Communication and Sensing," "Wave modelling of novel wireless systems," at the XXXIV General Assembly and Scientific Symposium (GASS) of International Union of Radio Science (URSI), 28 August – 4 September, 2021 – Sapienza Faculty of Engineering, Rome, Italy (online).
- 8. Gabriele Gradoni convened a session on "Material Intelligence for Next Generation Wireless Systems" at 2021 IEEE AP-S Symposium on Antennas and Propagation and USNC-URSI Radio Science Meeting, held online on 4-10 December 2021, (originally planned at Marina Bay Sands, Singapore).
- Gabriele Gradoni, Ari Sihvola, Sana Salous, "Wave modelling of novel wireless systems", General Assembly and Scientific Symposium of the International Union of Radio Science, 28 August – 4 September 2021.
- Andrea Michel, Gabriele Gradoni, Paolo Nepa, "Near-field coupling in wireless applications", General Assembly and Scientific Symposium of the International Union of Radio Science, 28 August – 4 September 2021.
- 11. Philipp del Hougne, Gabriele Gradoni, "Reconfigurable Intelligent Surfaces for Wireless Communication and Sensing", General Assembly and Scientific Symposium of the International Union of Radio Science, 28 August – 4 September 2021.
- 12. Philipp del Hougne, Gabriele Gradoni, "Reconfigurable Intelligent Surfaces", Atlantic conference of Radio Science (AT-RASC), 29 May 3 June 2022.
- 13. Steve Anlage, Gabriele Gradoni, "Wave Chaos of Complex Systems", Atlantic conference of Radio Science (AT-RASC), 29 May – 3 June 2022.
- George C. Alexandropoulos and N. Schlezinger, "Machine Learning for Emerging Wireless Communications Technologies", special session in the framework of the IEEE International Workshop on Signal Processing Advances in Wireless Communications (SPAWC), Oulu, Finland, 4–6 July 2022.



- George C. Alexandropoulos and E. Calvanese Strinati (Co-organizers), "Signal Processing for Wireless Communications Empowered by Reconfigurable Intelligent Surfaces", special session in the framework of the IEEE SPAWC, Oulu, Finland, 4–6 July 2022.
- 16. Emilio Calvanese Strinati, Technical Program Chairing, at EuCNC & 6G Summit Grenoble, France, 7–10, June 2022.
- 17. Gabriele Gradoni (co-organizer), "Near-field coupling in Wireless Communications", special session at URSI AT-AP RASC 2022, Gran Canaria (Spain) on May 29 June 3, 2022.
- Gabriele Gradoni (co-organizer), "Reconfigurable Intelligent Surfaces: Modelling and applications", special session at URSI AT-AP RASC 2022, Gran Canaria (Spain) on May 29 June 3, 2022.
- 19. Gabriele Gradoni (co-organizer), "Wave Chaos of Complex Systems", special session at URSI AT-AP RASC 2022, Gran Canaria (Spain) on May 29 June 3, 2022.
- 20. Gabriele Gradoni and Luca Bastianelli, "Wave Chaos of Complex Systems", special session at URSI GASS 2023, Sapporo (Japan) on August 19 25, 2023.
- 21. Gabriele Gradoni and Luca Bastianelli, "Wave Modelling of Novel Wireless Systems", special session at URSI GASS 2023, Sapporo (Japan) on August 19 25, 2023.
- 22. Greenerwave hosted the 10<sup>th</sup> ISG RIS meeting in its premises (19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of September 2023)
- 23. Greenerwave participated in MWC 2023 (feb-march) through a live demon on its RIS.
- 24. Philipp del Hougne, Gabriele Gradoni, Raffaele D'Errico "RIS-Assisted Environments: Physics-Compliant Modelling and Design" EuCAP 2024.

#### E. Special Issues Editing

- 1. Gabriele Gradoni (Guest Editor), Valter Mariani Primiani (Guest Editor), "EMC Analysis in Wireless Communication", MDPI Electronics.
- 2. George C. Alexandropoulos (Guest Editor), "Intelligent Surfaces for 6G Cellular Networks: A Holistic View", MDPI Applied Sciences.
- 3. Guest Editor (NKUA) to special issue "Antennas and Propagation for 6G Wireless Communications", Int. J. Antennas Prop.
- 4. Beyond Shannon Communications: a paradigm shift to catalyze 6G JSAC journal (CEA Leti)
- 5. Special issue at Eurasip Journal on wireless communications and networking (CEA Leti).

#### F. Public Events / Interviews / News Articles / White Papers

1. "The Construction of 6G", Keynote talk by Eric Hardouin, Orange Labs Research Exhibition 2021, 23-25 March 2021. – Quoted RISE-6G.



- 2. Marco Di Renzo (interviewed), "RISE-6G Turns to Sustainable Side of Reconfigurable Intelligent Surfaces", 6gworld.com, 9 March 2021.
- 3. Vincenzo Sciancalepore, "The "O" on Radio Access Networks", ComSoc Technology News, 10 December 2021.
- 4. Orange, White Paper, <u>"Orange Vision for 6G"</u>, March 2022.
- 5. RISE-6G contributed together with other ICT-52 projects to the White Paper <u>"Beyond 5G/6G KPIs and Target Values"</u>, June 2022.
- 6. In-person presentation of RISE-6G to the Greek Subminister of Health, during her <u>visit</u> to NKUA premises, June 2022.
- 7. Presentation (TIM) at "Beyond 5G Expert Days 2021 by Rohde & Schwarz".
- Orange Research and Innovation Exhibition, Philippe Ratajczak, Dinh-Thuy Phan Huy, Marie-Hélène Hamon "Reconfigurable Intelligent Surface" live demonstration, 18-20 October 2022.
- 8. Tech Today 'Orange shows digital future with 5G innovations', Dillon Jackson, 2022.
- Computer Weekly 'Orange shows digital future with 5G innovations', Joe O'Halloran, 21 oct 2022. <u>https://www.computerweekly.com/news/252526377/Orange-unveils-digitalfuture-with-5G-innovations</u>.
- 10. 'Liberté, égalité, sécurité-you can get them if you really quantum, says Orange', Nick Booth, Mobile Europe, 19 october 2022. <u>https://www.mobileeurope.co.uk/liberte-egalite-securite-you-can-get-them-if-you-really-quantum-says-orange/</u>
- 11. TelecomTV, 'Orange's tech innovations highlight telecom's digital future,Yanitsa Boyadzhieva, ,October 20, 2022. <u>https://www.telecomtv.com/content/digital-platforms-ser-</u> vices/orange-s-tech-innovations-highlight-telecom-s-digital-future-45739/
- 12. The 10th edition of the Orange Research and Innovation Exhibition opens on 18 October, Press Release, Paris, 18 October 2022. <u>https://newsroom.orange.com/the-10th-edition-of-the-orange-research-and-innovation-exhibition-opens-on-18-october/</u>
- 13. "Orange inaugure son campus Sophia" K.Wenger, 02/06/2023. https://www.nicematin.com/economie/orange-inaugure-son-campus-sophia-851758
- 14. Inclusion of project's description, goal, and main advancements in European 6G Annual Journal 2023 part of 3GPP.
- 15. NETWORK ENERGY EFFICIENCY PHASE 2 by NGMN Alliance (Orange member of NGMN) <u>NGMN\_Network\_Engergy\_Efficiency\_Phase2.pdf</u>, 10. October 2023.

#### G. Multimedia

- 1. Public website at: <u>https://rise-6g.eu/</u>
- 2. RISE-6G LinkedIn group (/groups/12492572/)
- 3. <u>Video</u> demonstrating data transfer in non-LOS scenario, by Greenerwave's LinkedIn account.
- 4. Newsletter (4 Issues)
- 5. 2 Leaflets / flyers
- 6. YouTube channel



#### H. Summer Schools

- 1. "Complex networks and telecommunications 2nd edition: Towards 6G", Lake Como School of Advanced Studies, 5-9 July 2021, Organised by CEA-Leti.
- 2. "Complex networks and telecommunications 3rd edition: Towards 6G", Lake Como School of Advanced Studies, 3-7 July 2023, Organised by CEA-Leti.



#### Appendix III. List of contributions to Standards

- 1. RIS(22)005014r1 "TP to GR03 on Models of Unit-Cell for various examples of hardware implementations of RIS" Orange, CEA-LETI, ETSI ISG RIS M#05, June 2022
- RIS(22)004009r4 "Text Proposal to GR#03 Section 8" Orange ; VIVO TECH GmbH ; University of Athens, ETSI ISG RIS M#04, April 2022
- RIS(22)TM03016r2 "Text Proposal to GR#03 on 1) Unwanted reradiation definition, and
   Modelling CSI mismatch due to unwanted reradiation" Orange ; University of Athens
   ; UNIPI; VIVO, ETSI ISG RIS TM#03, March 2022.
- 4. RIS(22)TM02016 "TP to DGR/RIS-003 Unwanted Re-radiations models" ORANGE SA, ETSI ISG RIS TM#02, Feb 2022
- 5. RIS(22)TM02007 "TP to DGR/RIS-002 Inter-operator interference measurement and feedback" ORANGE SA, ETSI ISG RIS TM#02, Feb 2022
- RIS(22)TM02012 "TP to DGR/RIS-001 bandwidth of influence" ORANGE SA, ETSI ISG RIS TM#02, Feb. 2022.
- 7. RIS(22)TM02011 "TP to DGR/RIS-001 Use Case of Optimisation under EMF exposure constrains" ORANGE SA, ETSI ISG RIS TM#02, Feb. 2022.
- RIS(21)TM01007 "Use cases and deployment scenarios for RIS" ORANGE SA, ETSI ISG RIS M#01, Nov 2021
- 9. RIS(21)TM01008 "RIS Communication Models, Channel Models, and Evaluation Methodology" ORANGE SA, ETSI ISG RIS M#01, Nov 2021
- 10. RIS(21)TM01009 "RIS Technological Challenges, Architecture and Impact on Standardisation" ORANGE SA, ETSI ISG RIS M#01, Nov 2021
- 11. DGR/RIS-001 v1.0.1, revision by NEC
- 12. DGR/RIS-001 v1.0.2, revision by NEC
- 13. DGR/RIS-001 v1.0.3, revision by NEC
- 14. DGR/RIS-001 v1.0.4, revision by NEC
- 15. DGR/RIS-001 v1.0.5, revision by NEC
- 16. DGR/RIS-001 v1.0.6, revision by NEC
- 17. RIS(22)TM02004 "Preliminaries on DGR/RIS-001 (GR )", NEC, ETSI RIS TM#02,
- 18. RIS(22)TM03013 "TP to DGR/RIS-001 on active and passive RISs", NEC, ETSI RIS TM03,
- 19. RIS(22)TM03014 "TP to DGR 001 on RIS Modes", NEC, ETSI RIS TM03,
- 20. RIS(22)004011, "hardware\_design\_RIS\_001", NEC, ETSI RIS#04,
- 21. RIS(22)006021DGR/RIS-003 v008 working draft
- 22. RIS(22)006015Reconfigurable Intelligent Surfaces (RIS) Communication Models, Channel Models, and Evaluation Methodology – Contribution to Section 7.6 and to Section 7.8.2
- 23. RIS(22)006014 Reconfigurable Intelligent Surfaces (RIS) Communication Models, Channel Models, and Evaluation Methodology Contribution to Section 6.1
- 24. RIS(22)003006WI#3: Proposed Structure and Content
- 25. 3GPP RAN Rel-18 Workshop, "RWS-210465 Support of Reconfigurable Intelligent Surface for 5G Advanced", ZTE, Sanechips, China Unicom, NEC, August 2021.



- 26. DGR/RIS-001 v2.0.0 stable draft, revision by NEC
- 27. RIS(22)006034 "TP DGR RIS-003 on Scenarios of Interest", KNUA.
- 28. RIS(22)006036 "TP DGR RIS-003 on channel estimation", NKUA.
- 29. RIS(22)006038 "TP DGR RIS-003 on Methods for unstructured channel models", NKUA.
- 30. RIS(22)006038 "TP DGR RIS-003 on Methods for unstructured channel models".