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1 Executive Summary

As per the Dissemination and Exploitation Plan (D5.3) the project website will be a major dissemination instrument. As such, the website will be an important tool for maintaining the coherence of the full project and for promoting its progress across the many stakeholders, as well as providing a project interface to the wider public.

The CORSO project website can be accessed via www.corso-project.eu. It is the main dissemination tool for the project and provides a focal point for project outputs and news. It is to be updated regularly, both throughout the lifetime of the project and thereafter. It contains information on the project, news and events, outputs (including public deliverables), to name some of the key menu options.

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2 Introduction

2.1 Background

To enable the European Union (EU) to move towards a low-carbon economy and implement its commitments under the Paris Agreement, a binding target was set to cut emissions in the EU by at least 40% below 1990 levels by 2030. European Commission (EC) President von der Leyen committed to deepen this target to at least 55% reduction by 2030. This was further consolidated with the release of the Commission's European Green Deal on the 11th of December 2019, setting the targets for the European environment, economy, and society to reach zero net emissions of greenhouse gases in 2050, outlining all needed technological and societal transformations that are aiming at combining prosperity and sustainability. To support EU countries in achieving the targets, the EU and European Commission (EC) recognised the need for an objective way to monitor anthropogenic CO₂ emissions and their evolution over time.

Such a monitoring capacity will deliver consistent and reliable information to support informed policy- and decision-making processes, both at national and European level. To maintain independence in this domain, it is seen as critical that the EU establishes an observation-based operational anthropogenic CO₂ emissions Monitoring and Verification Support (MVS) (CO2MVS) capacity as part of its Copernicus Earth Observation programme.

The CORSO research and innovation project will build on and complement the work of previous projects such as CHE (the CO₂ Human Emissions), and CoCO₂ (Copernicus CO₂ service) projects, both led by ECMWF. These projects have already started the ramping-up of the CO2MVS prototype systems, so it can be implemented within the Copernicus Atmosphere Monitoring Service (CAMS) with the aim to be operational by 2026. The CORSO project will further support establishing the new CO2MVS addressing specific research & development questions.

The main objectives of CORSO are to deliver further research activities and outcomes with a focus on the use of supplementary observations, i.e., of co-emitted species as well as the use of auxiliary observations to better separate fossil fuel emissions from the other sources of atmospheric CO₂. CORSO will deliver improved estimates of emission factors/ratios and their uncertainties as well as the capabilities at global and local scale to optimally use observations of co-emitted species to better estimate anthropogenic CO₂ emissions. CORSO will also provide clear recommendations to CAMS, ICOS, and WMO about the potential added-value of high-temporal resolution ¹⁴CO₂ and APO observations as tracers for anthropogenic emissions in both global and regional scale inversions and develop coupled land-atmosphere data assimilation in the global CO2MVS system constraining carbon cycle variables with satellite observations of soil moisture, LAI, SIF, and Biomass. Finally, CORSO will provide specific recommendations for the topics above for the operational implementation of the CO2MVS within the Copernicus programme.

2.2 Scope of this deliverable

2.2.1 Objectives of this deliverables

This deliverable 5.2 outlines the structure of the CORSO Project Website and provides illustrations of pages which are being constructed for the project. As this is an evolving site, there will be continuous updating of the site over the course of the project.

2.2.2 Work performed in this deliverable

For this deliverable, an agency was appointed to carry the website construction work. Input was provided by the coordinator on the design as well as structure and content of the website.

2.2.3 Deviations and counter measures

No deviations have been encountered.

3 The CORSO Project Website

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The website structure is as follows:

Home

About:

- Objectives
- Structure
- Consortium
- Team
- Links with other projects

News

- news and progress

Outputs (List based):

- Data
- Publications
- Deliverables

Events

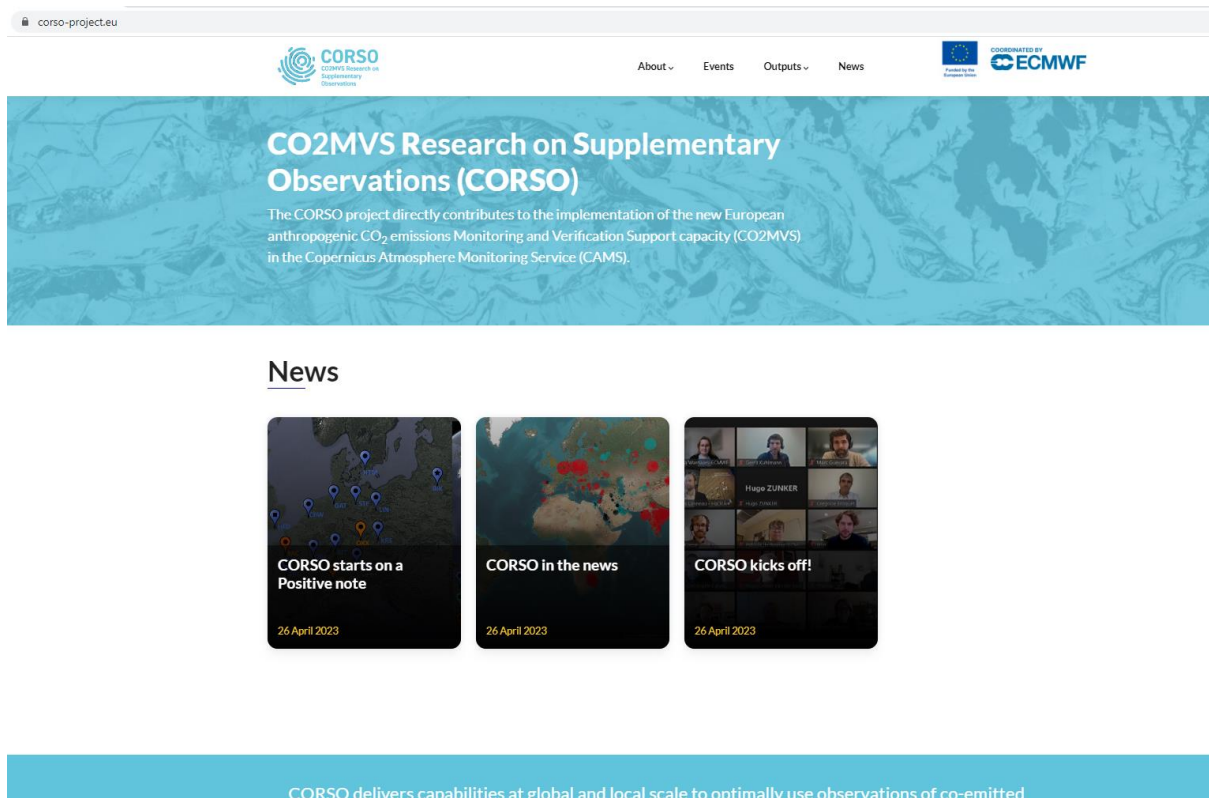
- list of upcoming meetings (project and non-project), conferences and link to previous events.

CORSO

All pages allow sharing via social media networks (e.g. Twitter and LinkedIn). In the following we will present illustrations of the various project website sections.

3.1 Home Page

The Home Page is the starting point for the project website.



It provides the entry points for the sections “About”, “Events”, “Outputs” and “News” via the top bar, and highlights from “News” and “Events” are presented on the page. In addition, a facility for *contact-us* is provided via the bottom bar.

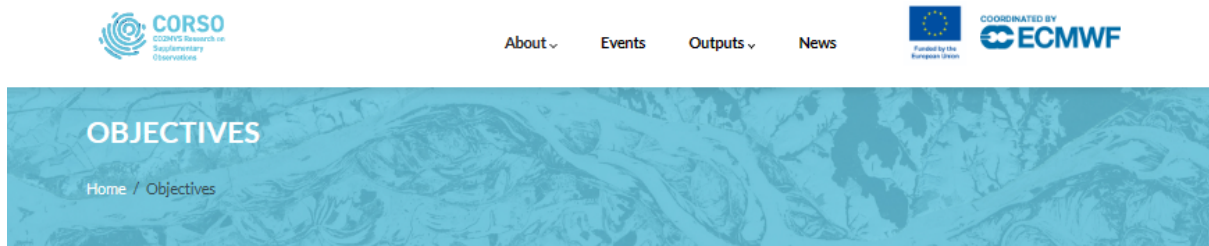
The footer acknowledges EC funding and includes links to the project Privacy Policy as well as our Terms and Conditions.

3.2 About page

The “About” section describes the project in further detail: its mission, objectives, and has the following subsections “Objectives”, “Structure”, “Consortium”, “Team” and “Links with other Projects”.

3.2.1 Objectives Page

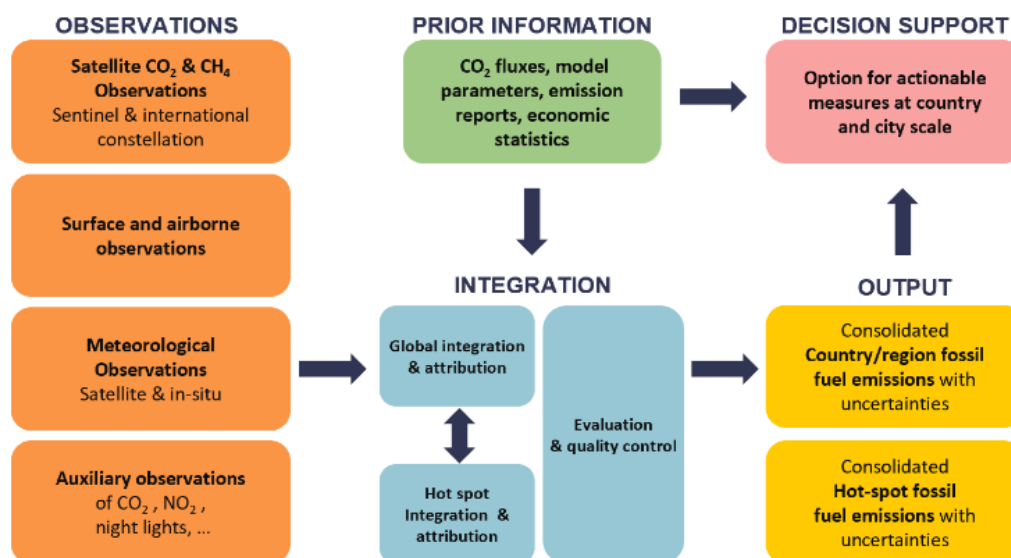
The screen shot below displays the layout of the Objectives page:



The CORSO project will address the requirements of the community by delivering further research activities and outcomes with a focus on the use of supplementary* observations, i.e., of co-emitted species as well as the use of auxiliary observations to better separate fossil fuel emissions from the other sources of atmospheric CO₂.

**we use the term "supplementary" to represent all observations other than atmospheric CO₂ concentrations, consisting of observations of co-emitted species and auxiliary observations (observations measuring specific elements of the carbon cycle).*

The objectives of CORSO are addressing specific elements of the high-level data flow diagram (see figure), which was developed by the CO₂ Task Force and shows the main building blocks and data flows of the CO₂MVS. To deliver policy-relevant information (red box), observations (orange box) and prior knowledge (green box) are combined using state-of-the-art Earth system models and data assimilation techniques at various scales (blue box) to provide consolidated data sets with uncertainty estimates (yellow box). CORSO will specifically focus on the Auxiliary observations box in the orange building block, aspects of the green building block, and the integration boxes of the blue building block.

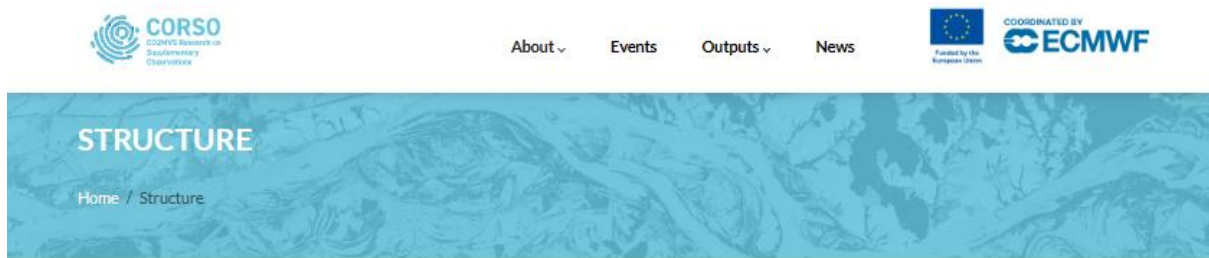


Summarizing the above figure (High-level data flow of the CO₂MVS), CORSO has set the following key objectives:

1. Deliver improved estimates of emission factors/ratios and their uncertainties.
2. Deliver the capabilities at global and local scale to optimally use observations of co-emitted species to better estimate anthropogenic CO₂
3. Provide clear recommendations to CAMS, ICOS, and WMO about the potential added-value of high-temporal resolution ¹⁴CO₂ and APO observations as

3.2.2 Structure Page

The screen shot below displays the layout of the page outlines CORSO's structure:

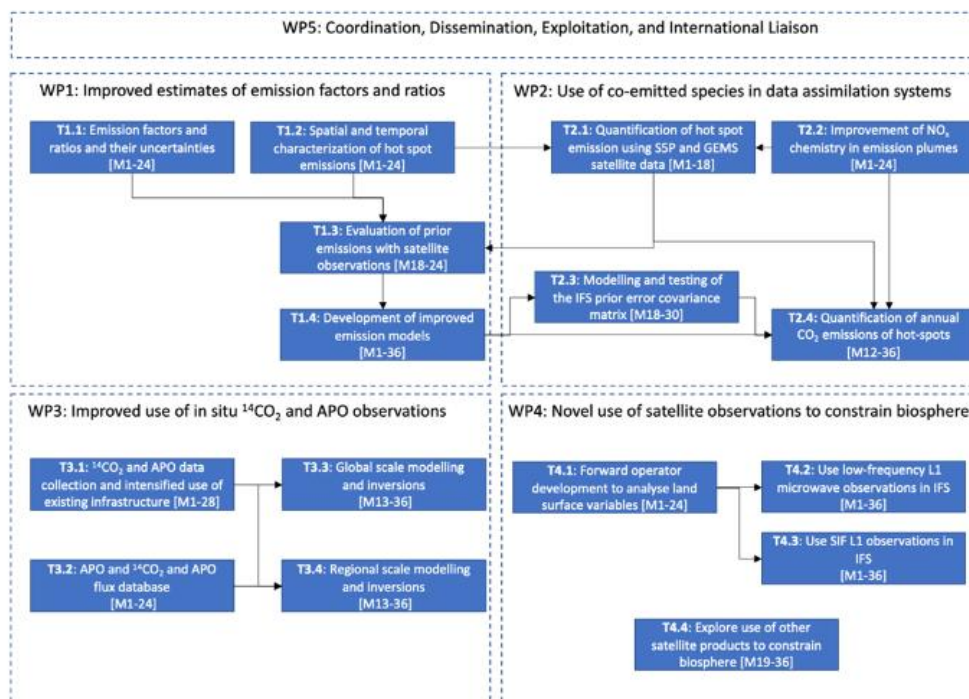


The CORSO project contributes to the set-up of the new Copernicus element for the monitoring of anthropogenic CO₂ emissions by addressing the two R&D activities identified as priorities for the Copernicus CO2MVS capacity by the European Commission's CO₂ monitoring Task Force:

- i) new and innovative methodologies to improve the definition of the correlations between emissions of co-emitted species (CO₂, NO₂, CO, CH₄) in support of CO₂ fossil fuel emission estimation and
- ii) new and innovative methods to better use of auxiliary observations such as ¹⁴CO₂ (radiocarbon), SIF (Solar Induced Fluorescence), and APO (Atmospheric Potential Oxygen) to separate anthropogenic CO₂ emissions from the natural variability of CO₂.

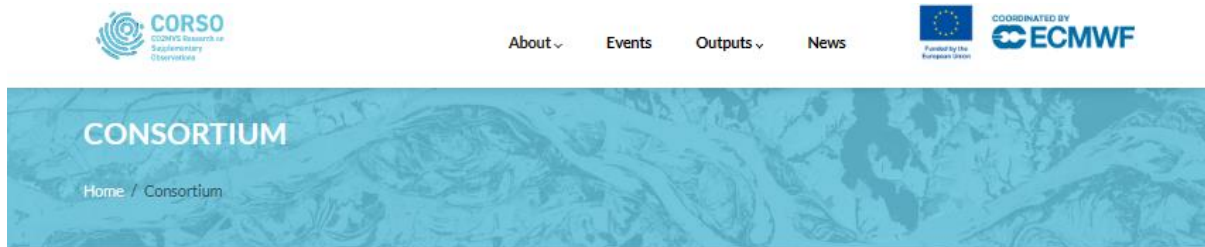
The work package breakdown structure in CORSO reflects the priorities of these research and development activities.

CORSO is split into five work packages, with WP1 and WP2 addressing the first topic, WP3 and WP4 addressing the second topic, and WP5 taking care of coordination, communication, dissemination, and outreach.



3.2.3 Consortium Page

The screen shot below displays the layout of the Consortium page, with links to the home page of each institution:



The CORSO consortium is comprised of 16 partners from 8 European countries (Germany, Netherlands, France, Poland, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom). Through ECMWF (an International European Research Organisation), the reach is extended beyond these countries due to the member and cooperating states of this international organisation. The partnership has been chosen to bring together the expertise needed to deliver the project. The coordinator ECMWF is the Entrusted Entity for the Copernicus Atmosphere Monitoring Service and also the coordinator of the CHE and CoCO2 projects. This ensures very close links with the overall implementation process of the CO2MVS to which CORSO is contributing.

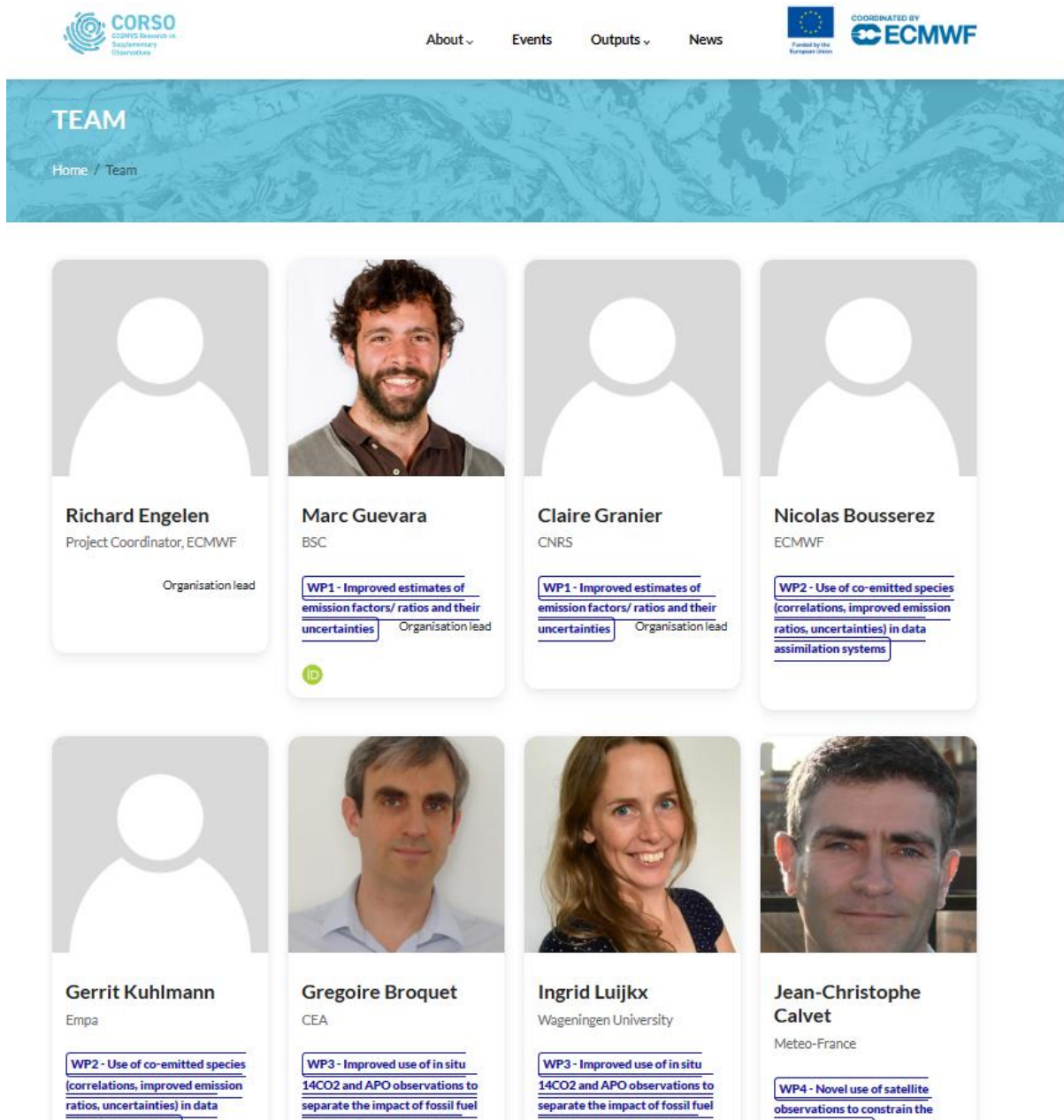


Consortium partners



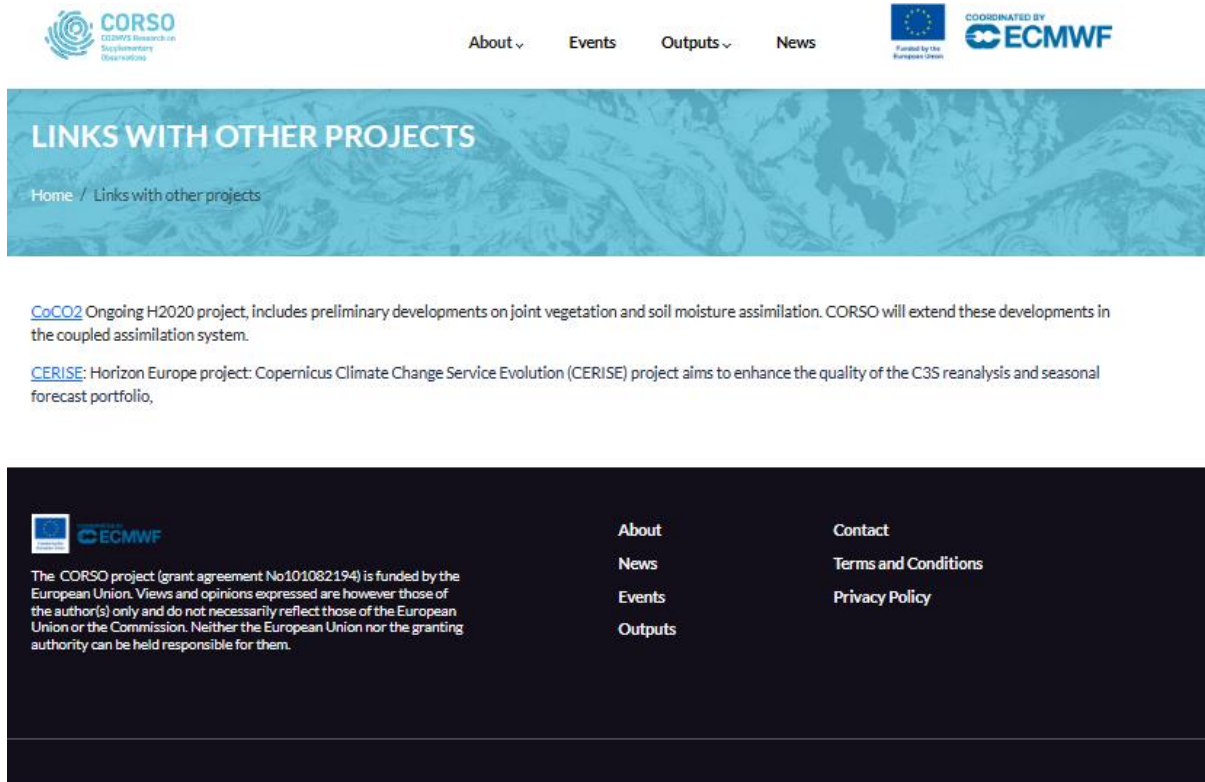
3.2.4 Team Page

The screen shot below displays the layout of the Team page: where WP leads, main contact for each partner organisation and personal researchers links are visible in the style of a business card.



3.2.5 Interactions with other projects Page

The screen shot below displays the layout of the page: this provides information on other ongoing projects of relevant to CORSO or with whom we are interacting with.



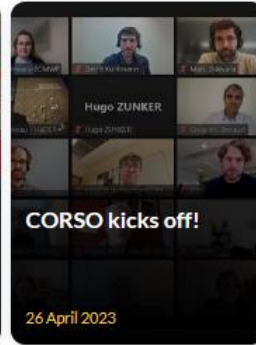
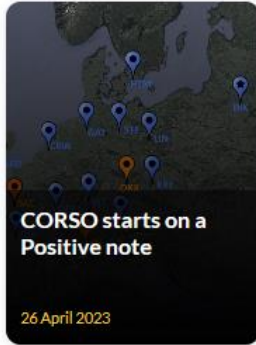
3.3 News

News items are featured on the front page and call also be accessed via the “News” section. All news article entries will be shared as news posts on the project’s Twitter account, that will become active later in the project. Relevant updates will also be disseminated to websites with high reach and impact in the science community, with particular emphasis on the CAMS community



NEWS

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Each News item opens to provide more details such as:

CORSO KICKS OFF!

Home / news / CORSO kicks off!

The CORSO project held its virtual kick-off meeting 23-24 January 2023 which brought together for the first time all project participants to discuss the work of this new project. During the meeting we heard updates from our Project Officer in Brussels about how the work of CORSO fits in to the wider ambitions of HADEA. Though it was a virtual event, there was a good energy to be starting the ambitious work of CORSO.



23 January 2023

Plenary session

- 09:30 - 09:50: Welcome & introduction - Richard Engelen (ECMWF) [CORSO Introduction.pdf](#)
- 09:50 - 10:20: Horizon Europe context & implementation guidelines - Lukas Lanneau (HaDEA)
- 10:20 - 10:40: WP1 - Marc Guevara (BSC) & Claire Granier (UT3) [CORSO kick-off-WP1.pdf](#)
- 10:40 - 11:00: WP2 - Gerrit Kuhlmann (EMPA) and Nicolas Bousseret (ECMWF) [CORSO kick-off-WP2.pdf](#)
- 11:00 - 11:20 *Coffee break*
- 11:20 - 11:40: WP3 - Ingrid Lujikx (WU) & Gregoire Broquet (LSCE) [CORSO kick-off-WP3.pdf](#)
- 11:40 - 12:00: WP4 - Patricia de Rosnay (ECMWF) & Jean-Christophe Calvet (MF) [CORSO kick-off-WP4.pdf](#)
- 12:00 - 12:20: Project management - Tanya Warnaars (ECMWF) [CORSO kick-off-WP5.pdf](#)

WP discussion breakouts

- 13:30 - 16:00: **WP1** (*Improved estimates of emission factors/ratios and their uncertainties*) discussion meeting
- 13:30 - 16:00: **WP3** (*Improved use of in-situ ¹⁴CO₂ and APO observations to separate the impact of fossil fuel emissions from observed CO₂ variability*) discussion meeting

24 January 2023

WP discussion breakouts

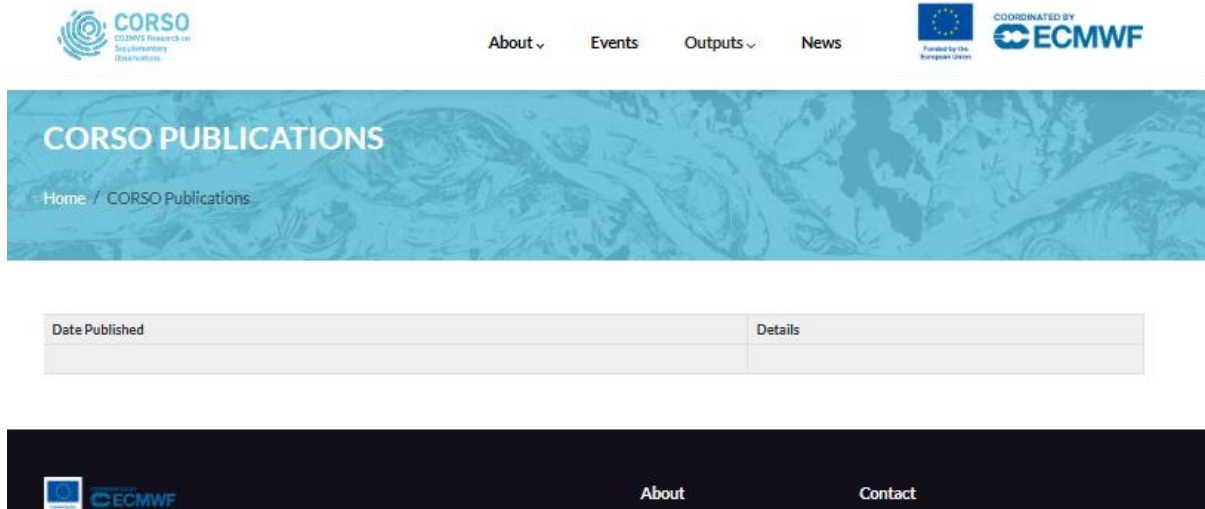
- 09:30 - 12:00: **WP2** (*Use of co-emitted species (correlations, improved emission ratios, uncertainties) in data assimilation systems*) discussion meeting
- 09:30 - 12:00: **WP4** (*Novel use of satellite observations to constrain the natural biosphere*)

3.4 Outputs

This section is an entrance point for partners or stakeholders to find the information and the general outputs provided by the project. Outputs is foreseen as a general repository for all project's results. It includes the library of CORSO documents including deliverables and reports, publications, and other relevant material. A sub-menu option provides a list based display of the project outputs, notably: Publication, Deliverables, and Data. The relevance of these sub-menus will be reviewed to include further items as necessary through the project's lifetime.

3.4.1 Publications

This page will display the peer-review publications arising from the project. At this starting point of the project there are no Publication to list but this screen shot shows the list structure to be used:



3.4.2 Deliverables

This page will display the list of deliverable reports arising from the project, as the public deliverable reports become available these will be added here as downloads.



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DELIVERABLES

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WP1 - Improved estimates of emission factors/ ratios and their uncertainties

Del No	Title	Type	Due Month	Download
D1.1	Global maps of CO ₂ , CO and NO _x emission factors and their uncertainties per sector for the year 2021	DATA	Dec-2024	
D1.2	Improved global point source emissions dataset	DATA	Dec-2024	
D1.3	Validation of the spatio-temporal characterisation of prior emissions and recommendations for improvement	REPORT	Jun-2025	
D1.5	Results of CCFDAS assessments with recommendations on the formulation/parameterisation of the MVS fossil emission model and on the observational constraints to be used for assimilation	REPORT	Dec-2025	

WP2 - Use of co-emitted species (correlations, improved emission ratios, uncertainties) in data assimilation systems

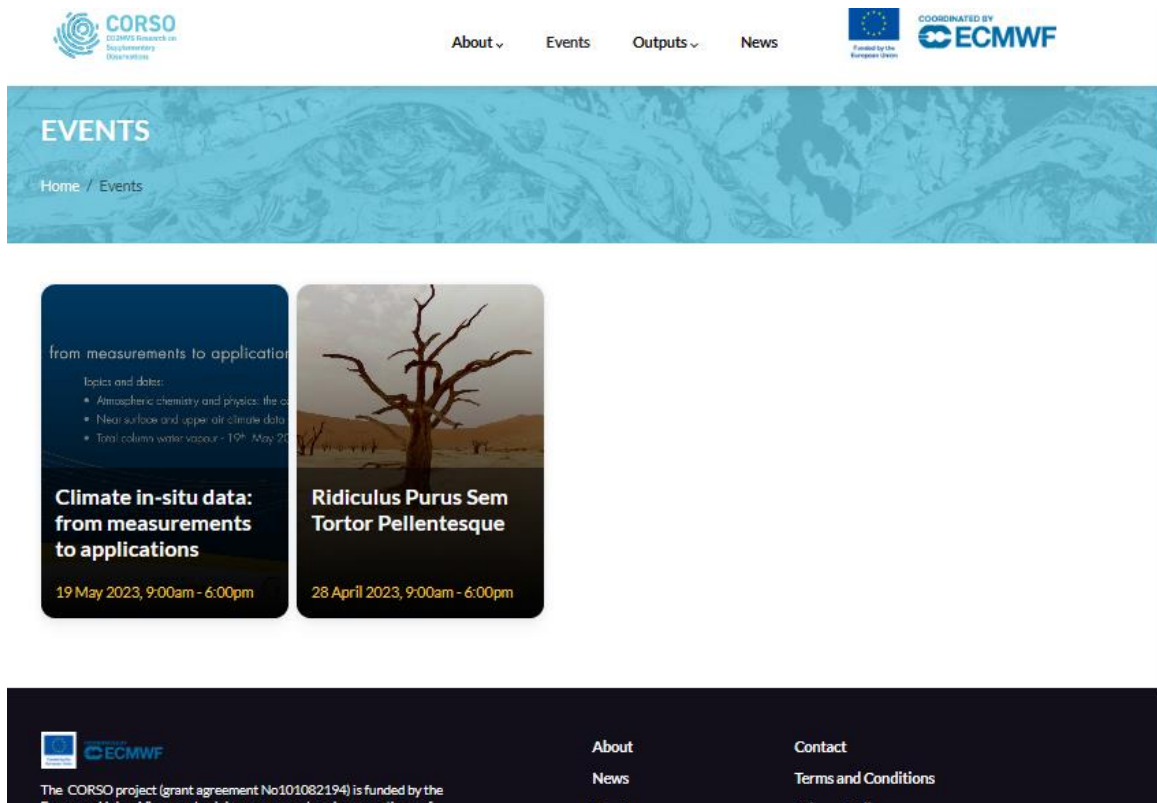
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D2.1	List of CO ₂ , NO ₂ and CO hot spot locations for the year 2021 identified in satellite observations	DATA	Dec-2023	
D2.2	Time series of NO _x and CO emissions of hot spots in Africa, Europe and SE Asia in reference year	OTHER	Jan-2024	
D2.3	Software library for data-driven emission quantification of hot spots	OTHER	Jun-2024	
D2.4	Analysis of ratios of atmospheric columns over and downwind of emission hotspots located in contrasting geographical regions and the responsible ratios of emitted trace gases	OTHER	Dec-2024	
D2.5	A prototype for a simplified chemistry scheme to describe observed variations in NO ₂ on spatial scales of ~25 km, suitable for global-scale models	OTHER	Dec-2024	
D2.6	Optimized B matrix parameters (i.e., temporal, spatial, cross-species correlations)	DEM	Dec-2024	
D2.7	Multi-scale global IFS inversion outputs (2021) with assimilated posterior emissions from hot-spots	DATA	Dec-2025	

WP3 - Improved use of in situ ¹⁴CO₂ and APO observations to separate the impact of fossil fuel emissions from observed CO₂ variability

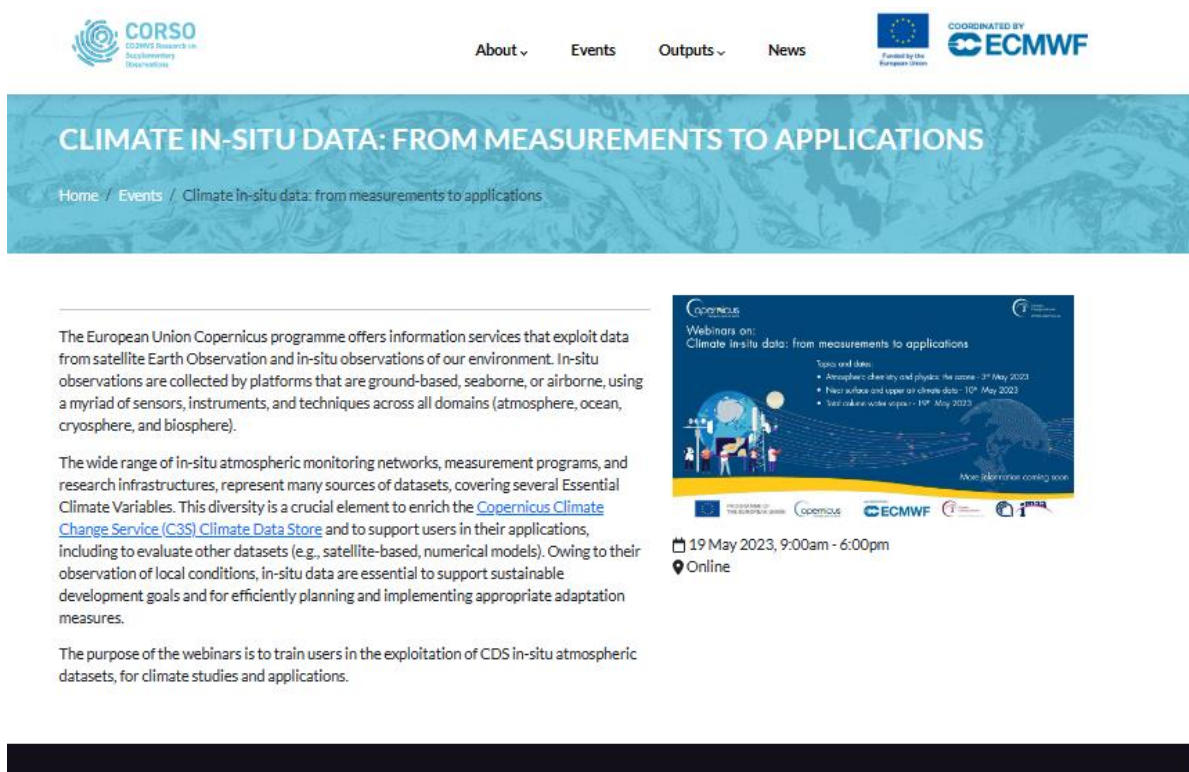
Del No	Title	Type	Due Month	Download
D3.1	Database of existing ¹⁴ CO ₂ measurements	DATA	Sep-2023	
D3.2	Database of existing APO measurements	DATA	Sep-2024	
D3.3	Final APO and ¹⁴ CO ₂ measurement datasets from the 1-year intensive observations in Western Europe	DATA	Apr-2025	

3.5 Events

Events are featured on the front page and can also be accessed via the “Events” section.



Each item will open as separate page:



3.6 Other Aspects

The website will link directly to a project's Twitter feed which aims to become active in the second year of the project. This delay is chosen to better align with the workflow of the project.

As mentioned previously there is a "contact us" option at the bottom bar, this will allow interested parties to contact us via a dedicated mailing address that is monitored by the Coordinator. This feature enables contact to project experts as the Coordinator can direct specific questions to the relevant partners.

3.7 Testing, Content Management System and Tracking

Testing: the website is built with Drupal 9, and uses reliable plugins to support part of its functionality. The website is built to be "responsive" and has been tested on different platforms and devices, and has been optimised for browsing from both PC and mobile devices. Various browsers have been tested including Firefox, Google Chrome and Internet Explorer. In this way the website has been developed to be compatible with mobile devices.

Content management: Accessing and editing, updating and uploading the material (digital media, posts) is easy for all partner members who would need to administrate the website.

Visitor tracking : In order to monitor its performance over time, the project website makes use of Google Analytics. The account is configured to secure the use of personal data and compliance with the GDPR rules. It will track the number of views, unique visits and monitor the downloads of the project's outputs

4 Project Internal Pages

The CORSO project utilises Confluence and Jira for internal communication and co-development.

Confluence is a wiki-style tool that allows for co-editing of information.

The screenshot shows the Confluence interface for the CORSO project. The header includes the ECMWF logo and navigation options like 'Spaces', 'Calendars', and 'Create'. The main content area is titled 'CORSO Project phase' and features the CORSO logo: 'CORSO CO2MVS Research on Supplementary Observations'. A detailed page tree is displayed, listing various work packages and tasks:

- Collaborative Space
 - WP1 Improved estimates of emission factors/ratios and their uncertainties
 - WP2 Use of co-emitted species (correlations, improved emission ratios, uncertainties) in data assimilation systems
 - WP3 Improved use of in situ 14CO2 and APO observations to separate the impact of fossil fuel emissions from observed CO2 variability
 - Task 3.1
 - Task 3.2
 - Task 3.3
 - Task 3.4
 - WP3 meetings and general info
 - WP4 Novel use of satellite observations to constrain the natural biosphere
 - CORSO WP4 ftp site
 - CORSO WP4 meetings
 - SIF data table
 - WP5 Coordination, Dissemination, Exploitation, and International Liaison
- Project Management
 - CORSO Staff contact list
 - Deliverables
 - Dissemination
 - Project Documents
- Project Meetings
 - 2023-01-23/24 CORSO kick-off meeting
 - 2023-03-23 CORSO EB meeting
 - 2023-04-20 CORSO EB meeting

The CORSO Confluence provides a collaborative spaces for each work package in addition to project management information. This is a secure and password protected environment where partners can share information, plans and monitor the project progress and quality procedures.

5 Conclusion

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