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2023
A YEAR
IN REVIEW



INITIAL MESSAGE

A REFLECTION FROM **PROFESSOR MARIA JOÃO RODRIGUES**, CHAIRWOMAN OF THE ADVISORY BOARD

Dear Re-Imagine Europa friends, partners, and dedicated colleagues,

Reflecting on the activities performed over the past year, I am greatly proud and inspired by what we have accomplished together.

2023 has seen the consolidation of many founding pillars of our work, launching several ambitious projects that significantly increased our reach and societal impact in areas like combatting false and polarising narratives, understanding the new digital and media ecosystems to make them a safer place for democracy, and sustainable food systems that put farmers and citizens at the centre.

Back in March, Re-Imagine Europa launched the first Narratives Observatory to fight Disinformation in Europe Systemically (NODES), setting up the foundations of an innovative approach that combines the knowledge and expertise of leading scientists and experts from the fields of Narratology, Social Psychology, Computing Network, and fact-checking. Our Planet area broadened its focus towards building sustainable food systems and innovation in agriculture, forging an innovative path towards a more sustainable Europe, and we just launched the first Depolarisation Manual to facilitate dialogue and building trust on this crucial sector. Depolarising the public debate about the key challenges of society and rebuilding citizen's trust on institutions was precisely the focus of the first Future4Citizens Dialogues organized by Re-Imagine Europa in Barcelona in October. Among many other developments in the area of AI and digital technologies, we introduced 'Reimagine Talks' - a podcast series distributed in six languages by leading newspapers across Europe featuring some of the most inspiring and bright minds of our time.

Our organisation has been growing steadily through the year, and several new people and partners have joined to contribute with their efforts to Re-Imagine Europa's development. Your dedication, expertise, and collaborative spirit are the driving forces behind our success.

2024 will present a critical juncture in shaping our future. Over the next months, more than 4 billion people worldwide, including the European citizens in the European Elections 2024, will cast their votes in a landscape where autocratic tendencies are on the rise globally. This period is crucial, yet it's confronted by growing distrust, polarisation and social fragmentation, exacerbated by the ongoing conflicts in Ukraine and the Middle East. While there is widespread recognition among European citizens of the need for profound societal change to address contemporary challenges and adapt to a global, mobile and digital world, these very challenges have led to extreme polarisation that impedes meaningful change.

Our commitment to reimagining Europe's path remains resolute in an era marked by profound complexities and uncertainties. In February, during our annual Forum in Lisbon – **DEPOLARISING EUROPE** – we will seize the opportunity to reassert our belief in the power of diversity and the wealth of ideas.

Together, let us continue to navigate the complexities and foster innovation to reimagine a Europe that stands as a beacon of inspiration for the world.

Onward, with purpose and unity.



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1.

FUTURE OF CLINICAL TRIALS AND HEALTH DATA IN EUROPE

On the 25th of January, at the Bibliothèque Solvay in Brussels, **Re-Imagine Europa, Viedoc and the Society for Clinical Data Management (SCDM)** brought together leading data and clinical operations representatives from biotech, pharma as well as clinical research organisations and representatives from the European institutions to discuss the lessons learned from different stakeholders on the ongoing application of the EU Clinical Trial Regulation. The event and the debate also took the 2022-2026 workplan of the initiative Accelerating Clinical Trials in the EU (ACT EU) and the ongoing negotiation of the European Health Data Space (EHDS) into consideration.

In the welcome address, **Tomislav Sokol**, a Member of the European Parliament, contextualised the ongoing negotiations of the European Health Data Space, clarifying the importance of defining the patient's role in consenting to the secondary use of data. **Dr Andrzej Rys**, Principal Scientific Adviser of the DG SANTE of the European Commission, presented the main objectives and expected benefits of the EHDS legislation.

The debate had fruitful contributions from several speakers representing the different stakeholders of the health sector. Among them were **Emer Cooke**, Executive Director of the European Medicines Agency (EMA), **Kaisa Immonen**, Director of Policy at the European Patients' Forum, **Björn Eriksson**, Director General of the Swedish Medical Products Agency (MPA), **Vytenis Andriukaitis**, Former European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety and Chair of AP4HE, **Mats Klaar**, CEO at Viedoc, and **Jonathan R. Andrus**, Societal regulatory liaison at Society for Clinical Data Management (SCDM).



2.

LAUNCH OF THE NODES PROJECT

Recognizing the power and influence of narratives in shaping public understanding, the **Narratives Observatory combatting Disinformation in Europe Systemically (NODES)**, the first European Narrative Observatory, was established in early 2023.

It aims to deploy the power of narratives to tackle disinformation within the European public sphere. Led by Re-Imagine Europa, the pilot project brings together leading institutions such as **Agence France Presse (AFP)**, **the French National Centre of Scientific Research (CNRS)**, **PlusValue**, **Sotrender**, **Science Feedback** and **Università Ca'Foscari Venezia (UNIVE)**.

The NODES project will develop and critically assess a novel, large-scale mechanism to analyse and monitor the origin, development, and spread of narratives classified as "disinformation". In addition, it will effectively provide quantitative and qualitative data on the narrative approach to disinformation and misinformation, recommendations for future policy action, and novel practices.

The project, co-funded by the **European Commission** and under the scientific leadership of **Professor Andrzej Nowak**, brings together journalists, fact-checkers, other practitioners, and prominent experts on disinformation, media ecosystem, psychology, computer science and neuroscience. Together, they aim to develop a **transferable methodology to measure the impact of narratives and identify potential patterns to create positive, constructive narratives that can help tackling the increasingly polarised public debate.**

N O D E S | Narratives Observatory combatting
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3.

LAUNCH OF THE ORBIS PROJECT

“Augmenting participation, co-creation, trust and transparency in Deliberative Democracy at all scales” or ORBIS is a Horizon Europe project led by Politecnico di Milano. The consortium includes Re-Imagine Europa, the Athenian Agora for Democracy and Culture, the Center for European Political Studies (CEPS), the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS), the Center for Social Innovation (CSI), Associazione Copernicani, Novelcore, The Open University, the Prefecture of Western Greece, Rob de Matt, Unisystems, Université Côte d’Azur and Università della Svizzera Italiana.

The project was launched in February 2023 and aims to respond to the profound lack of dialogue between citizenship and policy making institutions with “pragmatic socio-technical solutions to enable the transition to a more inclusive, transparent and trustful deliberative democracy in Europe”.

Re-Imagine Europa is leading a Work Package 2 dedicated to acquiring a deep understanding of user requirements and system characteristics. Through a participatory design approach, it will identify all functional, structural and technical component of the project and design the scalable modular architecture of the ORBIS solution. Moreover, the Future4Citizens Dialogues are being implemented as an integrated case study of the project.



4.

WORKSHOP – THE NARRATIVES THAT SHAPE THE WORLD: PRACTITIONERS’ PERSPECTIVE

On May 5th, 2023, within the **NODES** framework, Re-Imagine Europa organised the first online workshop of the series “**The Narratives that Shape the World**”. The event gathered journalists and practitioners specialized in disinformation from across Europe, to share their perspectives on how disinformation affects their work and how the work developed by the Narratives Observatory could facilitate their day-to-day tasks and help tackle the polarisation of opinions on controversial topics.

Professor Andrzej Nowak, RIE Chief Narrative Scientist, and **Professor Marcin Napiórkowski**, RIE Contemporary Mythologies Scholar, held a presentation on RIE Narrative Methodology and the NODES project, followed by a Q&A session moderated by **Jastinder Khera**, **journalist and fact-checker from Agence France Presse (AFP)**. Attendees shared their experiences, worries and aims, with a strong focus on the effects that generative Artificial Intelligence could have on their fact-checking work and expressed their aim to continue collaborating with the NODES Observatory, to learn how to identify and analyse false and misleading narratives in an effective way.



5.

WORKSHOP – THE NARRATIVES THAT SHAPE THE WORLD: RESEARCHERS’ PERSPECTIVE

On May 15th, 2023, **Re-Imagine Europa** organised an online Workshop directed to researchers within the framework of the **NODES** project as part of the series “The Narratives that Shape the World”.

The event convened **scientists specialised in disinformation** from across Europe to share their perspectives on how the work developed by the NODES project can contribute to addressing the polarised opinions regarding topics such as COVID-19, climate change, and migration. **Professor Andrzej Nowak**, RIE Chief Narrative Scientist and Lead Researcher of the NODES project, and **Professor Marcin Napiórkowski**, RIE’s Contemporary Mythologies Scholar, delivered a presentation about the NODES project and the Narrative Methodology.

The event allowed the researchers to discuss the origin, role and development of polarised opinions and misinformation, especially on social media, and how they can be tackled while maintaining a healthy dose of diversity.



6.

GLOBAL CONFERENCE SUSTAINABILITY IN AGRICULTURE & FOOD SYSTEMS: INNOVATION, INDICATORS AND IMPLEMENTATION

On May 23-24, 2023, Re-Imagine Europa organised the **Global Conference on Sustainability in Agriculture & Food Systems: Innovation, Indicators and Implementation** together with its partners the **European Federation of Academies of Sciences and Humanities (ALLEA)**, the **European Food Forum**, the **European Sustainable Agriculture through Genome Editing (EU-SAGE)**, and the **Institute of Agroecology**, co-sponsored by the **Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)**.

The conference built on the work of RIE's Task Force on Sustainable Food Systems and Innovation and gathered more than one hundred academics, industry experts, policymakers and representatives from farmers and civil society organisations to compare established sustainability concepts and innovations, across a range of countries and regions with a view to identify indicators that can demonstrate the sustainability of a specific system or innovative application.

The keynote address was delivered by the European Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development, **Mr Janusz Wojciechowski**. Among the high-level speakers were **Dr Vincent Martin**, Director of Innovation at FAO, **Ms Ritsuko Yoneda**, Director for the OECD at the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan, **Dr Spiro Stefanou**, Administrator for the Economic Research Service at the USDA, **Ms Irène Tolleret MEP**, **Ms Sirkku Heinimaa**, Deputy Head of Unit E3 – Biotechnology at DG SANTE and **Dr Peter Thygesen**, Principal Regulatory Scientist of the Australian government's Office of the Gene Technology Regulator.



7.

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT EXHIBITION WHAT'S NEW IN THE FARMERS' MARKET?

Against the backdrop of the challenges facing Europe and the world in 2023, it was a strategic year for agriculture and food systems with the publication of the new NGTs legislative proposal and the regulation on the production and marketing of plant reproductive material (PRM). The European Union faces a great challenge to transform our food system and make it more sustainable and to ensure sufficient and nutritious food for all. Inevitably, farmers are at the center of this transformation.

With this in mind, Re-Imagine Europa and the **European Sustainable Agriculture through Genome Editing (EU-SAGE)** organised an exhibition at the **European Parliament in Strasbourg**, from June 13th to June 15th, titled **"What New in the Farmers' Market? The role of plant breeding in helping farmers build a sustainable, diverse, and resilient European food system"**. The Exhibition was hosted by **Veronika Vrecionová MEP (ECR)** and co-hosted by **Franc Bogovič MEP (EPP)**, **Herbert Dorfmann MEP (EPP)**, **Peter Jahr MEP (EPP)** and **Juozas Olekas MEP (S&D)**.

Building on the insights from the narrative analysis developed under **RIE's Task Force on Sustainable Food Systems and Innovation**, the aim of the exhibition was to depolarise the debate around sustainability and innovation in agriculture and showcase how they are both needed to achieve the ambitious European agenda. The main objective of this event was to put farmers at the center of the public discussion and the political debate about how to build sustainable food systems, informing key stakeholders and especially MEPs about the farmers' perspectives and concrete petitions for practical solutions to build a solid food system that addresses their needs whilst caring for citizens and the planet. Farmers from across Europe and young scientists shared their testimonies, raising awareness for the diverse challenges that European agriculture faces, and for the necessity of developing toolbox of solutions that takes into consideration the specificities and necessities of each case.



8.

UNGA78 SCIENCE SUMMIT INNOVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY IN AGRICULTURE - DO WE NEED NEW DISCOURSE?

Incorporated in the 9th edition of the Science Summit around the 78th United Nations General Assembly (UNGA78), Re-Imagine Europa organised a virtual session on “**Innovation and Sustainability in Agriculture – Do we need a new discourse?**”, on September 20th. The panel, moderated by **Erika Staël von Holstein**, Re-Imagine Europa’s Chief Executive, saw the participation of **Professor Urs Niggli**, President of the Institute for Agroecology, **Dr. Vincent Martin**, Director of Innovation at FAO, **Mildred Nadah Pita**, Head of Public Affairs, Science and Sustainability for Africa at Bayer, **V. Ravichandran**, farmer and member of the Global Farmer Network, and **Dr. Petronella Chaminuka**, Impact and Partnerships Division Executive at the Agricultural Research Council.

The panel discussed how developing new narratives could help achieve the objective of sustainability in food production, by addressing polarisation, thus ensuring that all the relevant voices are considered. It also examined the possible role of novel approaches, such as agroecology, and the need to put the farmers and their interests at the forefront of this crucial reform of the planet's agricultural systems. A new, more resilient, and more sustainable framework for food systems can be achieved by involving all the stakeholders in a dialogue.



9.

DIGITAL WITH PURPOSE GLOBAL SUMMIT BIG DATA AND HEALTH CARE

Under the **2nd Digital with Purpose Global Summit (DWP)** hosted by the **Global Enabling Sustainability Initiative (GeSi)**, Re-Imagine Europa organised a special panel on “Big Data and Health Care”, on September 27th.

Introduced and moderated by RIE’s Research and Media Director **Luca De Biase**, the panel featured **Federica Alberti**, Director of the Wellness Foundation, **Jonathan Andrus**, President and Chief Operating Officer of CRIO and member of the board of the Society for Clinical Data Management, and **Roberto Trasarti**, Leading Project Manager of the **SoBigData Research Infrastructure**.

The resulting debate took stock of recent developments, addressed new opportunities in the changing **legislative framework on health data in Europe**, the **creation of a new “data space” in health as well as the impact of Big Data on AI and tackling disease**. It also discussed the opportunity to empower citizens or patients’ groups to use health data responsibly. The event also offered a look into future developments, regarding how to further adapt the governance of health data and how to improve cooperation between the public and private sector to ensure that the rapidly evolving technical innovations in digital health match the changing public health requirements in modern societies.



10.

WORKSHOP – CLIMATE UNFILTERED: THE NARRATIVES THAT SHAPE OUR WORD

Considering the upcoming European elections and the growing political polarisation around issues related to climate change, **NODES, the first European Narratives Observatory**, convened an expert roundtable co-hosted by MEP **Nils Torvalds** on October 9th, 2023.

It brought together leading thinkers, practitioners, policymakers, and experts from institutions, CSOs, and NGOs working in the fields of climate change, disinformation and polarisation and included a hybrid session with a presentation on the climate change narratives from **Professor Andrzej Nowak**, Chief Narrative Scientist at Re-Imagine Europa, and **Professor David Chavalarias**, Research Director at Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS) and Director at Institut des Systèmes Complexes. The focus was on providing an analytical overview of the evolution and shifts in climate change narratives, examining their implications and trajectory.

The workshop gathered dozens of experts from public and private organisations in a fruitful debate with thoughtful insights from experts such as **Krisztina Stump**, Head of the Media Convergence and Social Media Unit at the European Commission, and **Professor Antonios Nestoras**, Deputy Executive Director at European Liberal Forum.



11.

FUTURE4CITIZENS DIALOGUES BARCELONA

More than fifty citizens between 18 and 83 years old participated in the first Future4Citizens Dialogues (F4C) organized in Barcelona by Re-Imagine Europa, Fundación La Caixa and the Spanish Committee of the European League for Economic Cooperation (LECE). The event gathered national and international students, professionals working for a wide variety of public and private institutions, unemployed citizens, small entrepreneurs, youngsters who came to the country as non-accompanied minor migrants, experts from academia, civil society organizations, and former members of the European Parliament. The Future4Citizens Dialogues were part of the official program of **Barcelona, European Capital of Democracy**, and under the framework of **ORBIS (Augmenting participation, co-creation, trust and transparency in Deliberative Democracy at all scales)**, a Horizon Project led by Politecnico di Milano.

Working with Re-Imagine Europa's methodology - *Listen, Reframe, Act* - the F4C Dialogues aim to depolarise conversations in the public sphere and break the Cycle of Distrust, by addressing the real causes behind the sentiment of societal discontent and rethinking modern challenges from a common ground. Participants worked on designing alternative scenarios and solutions to build a brighter future for all citizens with proposals that share strong social and environmental approaches.

Two requests were among the most widely shared by participants: a more transparent and accountable public administration and more fiscal equity within the taxation system to help combat economic inequality.



12.

VALÉRY GISCARD D'ESTAING DINNERS

Based on the format of the dinners **President Giscard d'Estaing** used to host in Paris to “Re-Imagine Europa”, the Valéry Giscard d'Estaing dinners brought together a few key high-level personalities, members of Re-Imagine Europa’s Advisory Board and experts from RIE’s Task Forces.

The dinners offered an opportunity to work closely on specific topics, think deeply about challenges facing Europe, and devise possible solutions and pathways forward.

Two appointments were hosted in 2023, one focusing on “**Media, Democracy and Polarisation**”, with **Věra Jourová**, Vice-President of the European Commission, as the guest of honor. Participants had the opportunity to engage in rich conversations around the future of our democracy in the digital world.

A second diner centered on “**Data and AI**”, with **Roberto Viola**, DG CONNECT’s Director General, as the guest of honour, allowed constructive discussions about the impact of new technologies, and more specifically of generative artificial intelligence tools, on the social, economic, cultural and political spheres in Europe and around the world.



13.

EUROPEAN CONCLAVE

The first edition of the "**European Conclave**," a new annual strategic gathering, took place from November 24th to 26th, 2023, at the Presidential Palace of Cascais in Portugal. Operated by **EuropaNova** and supported by multiple partners, including Re-Imagine Europa, the Conclave was held under the high patronage of the President of the Republic of Portugal, **Marcelo Rebelo De Sousa**, and with the support of the **Portuguese Government**.

The initiative aimed to identify and analyse the main European geopolitical challenges that arise in different areas, with the long-term horizon of 2040 in mind, which are not yet part of European priorities or are insufficiently addressed. The Conclave marked a turning point in the strategic reflection on the future of Europe, aiming to prevent the recurrence of European inertia seen in the past.

More than **fifty leading European personalities**, including prime ministers, thinkers, business entrepreneurs, and citizen participants in the conference on the future of Europe, engaged in an in-depth, transpartisan, cross-disciplinary reflection, with the aim of developing a report containing concrete and essential strategic proposals for Europe's future focusing on solutions.



14.

WORKSHOP A TECHNICAL ANALYSIS OF THE EC'S LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL ON NGTS

On December 13th, 2023, **Re-Imagine Europa** and the **European Food Forum** organised the online workshop “**Technical Analysis of the European Commission’s Legislation Proposal on New Genomic Techniques**”, aiming to provide a useful insight into the content of the new legislative proposal on NGTs.

The event was hosted by **Irène Tolleret**, Member of the European Parliament and Chair of the European Food Forum, counted with the interventions of **Dr Oana Dima**, Science Policy Manager at EU-SAGE, **Michaela Šojdrová**, Member of the European Parliament, **Irene Sacristán Sánchez**, Head of unit for Biotechnology in the Directorate General Health and Food Safety at the European Commission, and was moderated by **Dr Peter Kearns**, RIE’s Director for Sustainable Food Systems and Innovation.

At Re-Imagine Europa, we believe in seeking common ground and in bridging the gap between opposing viewpoints, by embracing diversity, empowering the voices of those with a different opinion and effectively including them in the dialogue. To depolarise the debate of agriculture and innovation, we need open and honest dialogue. We consider it is necessary to shift the polarised narrative that defends an “one ideal model” and focus on building and developing a **toolbox for farmers** with multiple solutions, that include NGTs, and that can provide conscientious choices and sustainable answers for the farmers’ diverse challenges.



15.

WORKSHOP – THE NARRATIVES THAT SHAPE OUR WORLD: BRIDGING THE COVID-19 NARRATIVES IN PUBLIC DISCOURSE

On December 15th the Narratives Observatory combatting Disinformation in Europe Systemically (NODES), organised the workshop “**The Narratives that Shape our World: Bridging the COVID-19 Narratives in Public Discourse**”, to present the findings of its research on COVID-19 narratives, the second of three topics that are the object of their pilot project. The workshop brought together experts and researchers, aiming to uncover polarised narratives and unveil bridges, that have the potential to cultivate constructive discussions at a broader societal level.

Using methodology from various scientific fields such as network computing, neuro- and behavioural science, as well as insights from narratology, NODES researchers **Professor David Chavalarias’** and **Professor Andrzej Nowak’s** findings offer a scientific approach to combat misinformation around the pandemic and enabling productive communication.

The study revealed a connection between the debate on COVID-19 and the discussion surrounding climate debate. To explore this interrelation, a workshop convened experts from diverse backgrounds, including **Mark Breddy**, the Communications Director at Greenpeace, and **Pat Thomas**, the Director at Beyond GM.

The workshop also offered an insight into where disinformation about COVID-19 comes from, how it spreads, how it interacts with disinformation regarding other topics such as climate change and how recommendation-based social media algorithms contribute to this process.



16.

REIMAGINE TALKS

A PODCAST TO CHALLENGE THE WAY WE THINK

ReImagine Talks is a video podcast series launched in 2023 by Re-Imagine Europa to challenge the way we think about fundamental topics of humanity: from power to ethics, democracy or capitalism. The podcast features some of the most innovative, influential, and original thinkers of our time to explore key concepts that define how we understand the world we live in, challenging conventional thinking and 'reimagining' the concept with unexpected and contemporary lens.

Hosted by **Erika Staël von Holstein**, RIE's Chief Executive, and **Luca de Biase**, RIE Director of Research, the podcast is produced in six languages and distributed by leading European newspapers as **Il Sole 24 Ore** (Italy), **La Vanguardia** (Spain), **Le Soir** (Belgium), **Público** (Portugal) and **Rzeczpospolita** (Poland). It can be listened to on **YouTube** and on **all the leading podcasting platforms**.

The list of experts participating on the series during 2023 includes Professors **Rebeca Henderson**, **Manuel Castells**, **Jeroen van den Hoven**, **Marcin Napiórkowski**, **Rita de la Feria**, **Dino Pedreschi** and Internet's pioneer and thinker **Lisa Gansky**.



17.

RIE'S COMMUNITY

ADVISORY BOARD

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the esteemed members of our Advisory Board. Their constant support, invaluable insights, and dedication have played a pivotal role in shaping the success of our organization for the year 2023. As we look ahead, the expertise and passion of our Advisory Board will remain central to guide us through challenges, and we express our sincere appreciation for their continued support in advancing our shared vision.



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Together with the extensive network of knowledge and strategic partners, we have achieved significant milestones, being integral contributors to our growth and success. We look forward to further strengthening our collaborative efforts, exploring new horizons for the year to come.

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18.

LOOKING FORWARD TO 2024

Looking ahead to 2024, our mission remains clear: to be catalysts for innovative thinking, propelling impactful proposals to the forefront of policymaking. Considering escalating polarisation around the most critical issues of our time, our work will focus on depolarising the narrative landscape. We aim to facilitate constructive debate that fosters collaboration and cultivate innovative solutions through shared understanding.

2024 will be a decisive year for our ongoing projects. To restore trust at the core of our food systems, our Task Force on [Food System Resilience](#) will launch in 2024, a **Depolarisation Manual**, serving as a rallying call for stakeholders to collaborate in dismantling the cycle of distrust, with a methodology that stands as a testament to our dedication that the debates of today create fertile ground for sustainable solutions aligned with the contemporary needs of our world. In addition, several key initiatives will be implemented as well as training sessions of our methodology to move beyond the traditional “apple of discord” that usually permeates European debates on agriculture.

The “Narratives Observatory Combatting Disinformation Systemically” (NODES) will publish the long-awaited **Handbook on Narratives against Disinformation** which will illustrate the NODES narrative methodology and provide concrete set-up steps for key practitioners to follow. In May 2024, the **White Paper** will be published with recommendations for policy experts and policymakers. In addition, a **Report on the Reconstruction of Socio-semantic Dynamics of Twitter** will be disseminated, detailing the methodology used to process Twitter data in the process of the project. Finally, the **NODES Conference** will be held to promote the final results of the first phase of the NODES project.

Furthermore, RIE will start a **new project focused on microplastics**. This project seeks to address key challenges related to using Basic Methacrylate Copolymer (BMC) for Large Scale Food Fortification (LSFF) with the aim of establishing a joint understanding among stakeholders.

We will continue to develop and amplify our flagship initiatives and projects, building bridges with European institutions, national organisations and our extended network of partners, experts and policymakers. Collaboration remains at the heart of our strategy, recognizing that collective efforts yield the most meaningful impact, especially in such a strategic year with the European Elections in June 2024.

Understanding narratives is not about changing minds but changing the conversation. **Let's stop tilting at windmills and start building the future we want!**

19.

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