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Kicked-off in early September 2020, the EU-funded project Affordable5G is nearing the end of its first year, which saw the partners engage on a wide array of activities, bringing the research work forward, disseminating and communicating results and endeavours, and establishing connections in the wider 5G ecosystem. The project aims at creating a 5G network that will deliver a complete, disaggregated and affordable solution covering the needs of private and enterprise networks through technical innovation including Radio Access, Edge, 5G Core and Orchestration.

Looking back at an eventful year

The project further defined its **use case pilots** on <u>emergency communications</u>, <u>smart</u> <u>cities</u> and <u>manufacturing</u>, and crossed an important checkpoint in Spring 2021, with the **closure of the analysis of architectural components**. The year saw the partners also working **on 10 scientific publications**, some of which already released and presented through international platforms.

Despite the restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic, partners could give the project visibility and connect with similar projects and initiatives by participation to online events - such as the virtual and joint **EuCNC/6G Summit** - and stepped back into the field as soon as feasible, with the presence of several partners at this year's **Mobile World Congress** in Barcelona, **with a total reach of over 100,000 people.**

Events aside, Affordable5G engaged stakeholders through continuous animation of its **online** presence, with **over 360 between news**, tweets, posts and videos published, reaching an audience of over 30,000.

The activities also focused on the private networks field, highlighting the direction of the market (*Predictions on private 5G networks*) and the key importance of Open Source (*Open Source to drive private 5G*).

What's next?

Affordable5G partner Nemergent Solutions SL will attend **Critical Communications World** in Madrid on November 3-5 2021: don't miss the chance to know more about the project's **emergency communication pilot** at the event, which brings missioncritical and business-critical end-users and manufacturers all together, under one roof.

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