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## INTRODUCTION

Popular press refers to information written for and distributed to the general public. In modern society, it has become increasingly important that the public understands the basics of science to make informed decisions. The public acceptance and understanding of science can influence governmental decision making with regard to regulation, science policy and funding.

In particular, the communication about European research projects should aim to demonstrate the ways in which research and innovation contribute to a European 'Innovation Union' and account for public spending by providing tangible proof that collaborative research adds value.<sup>1</sup>

From the Grant Agreement, art. 38.1.1 'Obligation to promote the action and its results': "The beneficiary must promote the action and its results, by providing targeted information to multiple audiences (including the media and the public) in a strategic and effective manner. [...]".

From the TEQ's Grant Agreement – Part B: "Effective communication will be a core activity that will involve the Consortium in many ways. [...] External communication will be targeted for specific audiences, including senior/junior researchers, industry and general public. [...] For the general public: *i. Popular press*: Significant research findings will be advertised on local/national newspapers, popular scientific magazines."

With all the above mentioned in mind, the TEQ Consortium has been implementing a communication action with the respective national and local press.

### IMPLEMENTATION

Each partner of the Consortium has put efforts in activating links and contacting the general press, local and national, with the aim of giving visibility and increasing awareness of the TEQ project.

In agreement with the PI, TEQ's Consortium members have started the communication work since the announcement of award of the TEQ proposal by the funding agency in 2017.

The target group of the communication through popular press is, by definition, the largest general public. The style of the articles on the popular press is generally easy to read and understand for the average reader, with a limited use of scientific terms, many examples, analogies and metaphors. Given the topic of the TEQ project, seemingly very far from people's every-day life, articles often try to stir the audience's imagination and emotions. In a few cases, articles focused on a person participating in the project to make the issue more human-cantered and draw the attention of the reader to a person's efforts and work rather than to the topic.

In certain cases, TEQ Press Releases were sent to the press to develop articles.

The popular press articles related to the project are stored on the TEQ Website in the section 'Dissemination' at the link <u>http://tequantum.eu/?q=press\_articles</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "Communicating EU research and innovation guidance for project participants", H2020, European Commission, 2014.

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Before it's news (UK)				Frascati Scienza (Italy)				
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Newswise (UK)				INFN (Italy)				
Accentmontreal (CA)				MeteoWeb (Italy)				
New Scientist (UK)				TechEconomy (Italy)				
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1. The "Popular press articles" page on the TEQ Website

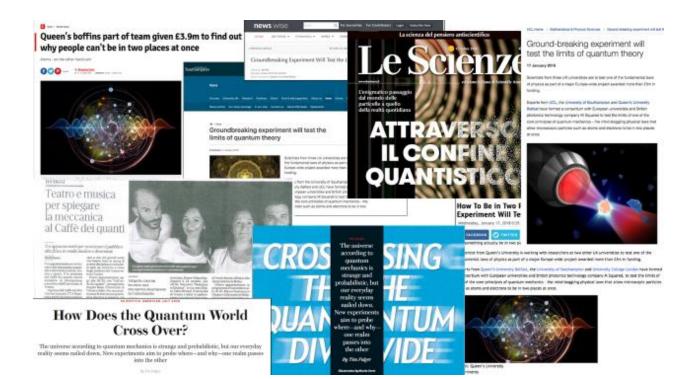
Through the year 2017, a total of 8 popular press articles have been published on-line and in paper mentioning the TEQ project, its content and aim. 7 of them were published on Italian papers, one in a Romanian paper. Here below a selection.





2. Article on Trieste's (IT) local newspaper "II piccolo": "Bassi's Quantum Physics matched with space programmes" - 22 Dec 2017

During the year 2018, a total of 13 articles on paper and on-line popular press have been published, mentioning not only the efforts and the progresses of the TEQ project but also TEQ's side events and communication activities (Trieste Quantum Café). 6 of them were published in the United Kingdom, 5 of them in Italy, one in a Canadian on-line paper and one in a well-known US science magazine. The TEQ Consortium is particularly proud of the project having been on the cover of the New Scientist (UK) in the issue of July 2018. TEQ Consortium members have been also interviews for the cover story of the Scientific American (issue July 2018) that has been then picked up by its Italian edition Le Scienze for the October 2018 issue. Here below a selection of the articles of 2018.





## TIMETABLE

The communication of the TEQ project via popular press articles has started with the announcement of the grant award in 2017 and has intensified during the first year of TEQ's lifetime (from January to December 2018). The Consortium members will steadily continue to develop this type of communication to the general public through the years 2 to 4 of TEQ with the leadership of the PI assisted by the Consortium Press Officer.

#### **ISSUES MET AND SOLUTIONS**

None

### CONCLUSION

Communication through popular press has been very successful during the first year of TEQ's lifetime. Aware that this is a continuous process, the TEQ Consortium will keep working to ensure coverage of the TEQ project and news by the popular press in the countries involved and beyond.