Euro-limpacs



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Project acronym: Euro-limpacs

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Deliverable No. 2 Project web-site incorporating public and private components

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Dissemination Level (tick appropriate box)		
PU	Public	X
PP	Restricted to other programme participants (including the Commission Services)	X
RE	Restricted to a group specified by the consortium (including the Commission Services)	
CO	Confidential, only for members of the consortium (including the Commission Services)	

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The Euro-limpacs website <u>www.eurolimpacs.ucl.ac.uk</u> has been operational since February 2004. Figure 1 shows a screenshot of the home page. The website provides information about the project to members of the general public and project partners via an intranet which is accessible only to registered participants.

Additional information available to the general public is found in the *About Eurolimpacs* section. This has contains the latest project news, project objectives and some background information about each of the partner organisations, the work package structure and funding. The *For stakeholders* section currently contains more detailed information about the project and is aimed at water managers, consultants and national agency staff with an interest in the project. As the project develops this section will contain results from the scientific work carried out in each of the work packages and links to additional resources.

The intranet is accessed through the *For project partners* link which is prominently displayed at the top of each page. This section contains a number of useful tools for project management, dissemination of results and display of data. Figure 2 shows a screenshot of the intranet homepage.

The main features of the intranet are:

- News and announcements
- Discussion board / forum
- Diary of events and project deadlines
- Document store for upload/download of project documents
- Meeting minutes
- Contact database
- Project output (bibliography, reporting, meetings etc)
- Specialist areas (e.g. Database, Paleolimnology, Time-series)
- Admin tools for the web team

All of the features (except the admin tools) can be accessed by all participants and authorised members are allowed to add and edit items in the database such as event details and documents.

The project bibliography allows registered users to view and edit details of published output from the project (Figure 3). The Consortium Agreement states that details of proposed publications must be made available to the consortium for 30 days, this tool provides means for doing this.

Another useful tool is the *Minutes* section which provides a clear presentation of minutes of project meetings with links to detailed agenda items and actions (Figure 4).

One of the main objectives of the website is to improve communication with the project and the project forum provides an alternative means to email for carrying out internal discussions - both for administrative and scientific purposes. There are many

advantages of a forum over email. The forum establishes an archive of discussions in a threaded format so that discussion of a subject matter can be recorded in a chronological sequence. This archive can be searched and read by all authorised members. Figure 5 shows a screenshot of the forum. The forum also has a mass email tool which is linked to the contacts database. This eliminates the problem of email lists becoming out-of-date and ensures that all members of the project are kept informed of important issues. It also reduces the email burden on project members and provides a virtual 'meeting place' which is always available.



Fig 1. Screenshot of www.eurolimpacs.ucl.ac.uk front page.

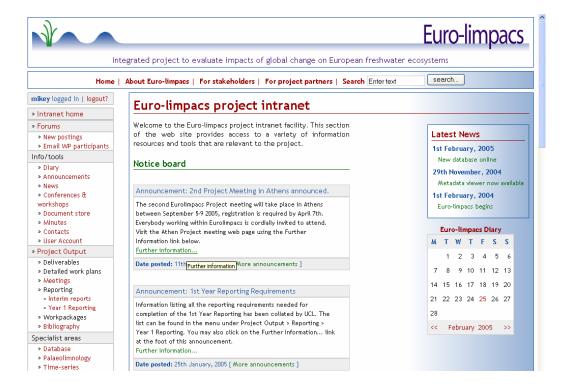


Fig 2. Screenshot of For project partners intranet home page.



Figure 3. Screenshot of Project bibliography articles page.



Figure 4. Screenshot of Minutes of Meetings page

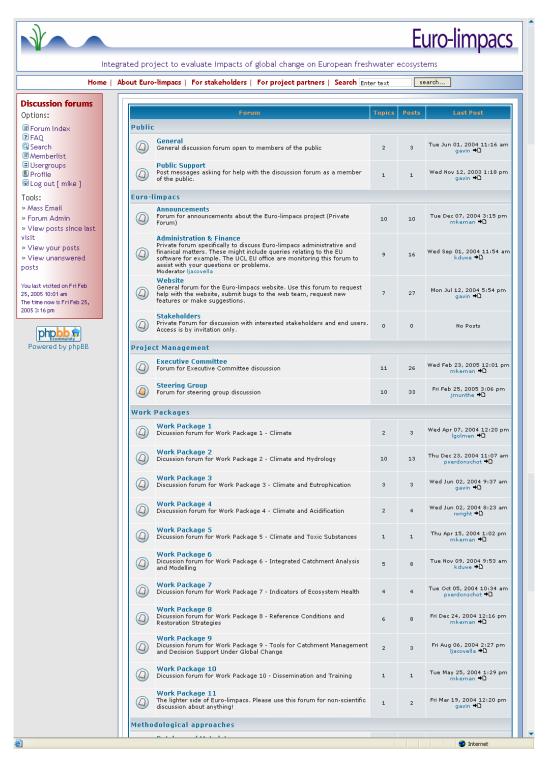


Fig 5. Screenshot of Euro-limpacs forum homepage.