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1. Executive Summary

The European Newspapers project aims at the aggregation and refinement of newspapers for The European Library and Europeana. In addition, the project addresses challenges particularly linked with digitised newspapers:

- use of refinement methods for OCR, OLR/article segmentation, and named entity recognition (NER), and page class recognition to enhance search and presentation functionalities for Europeana customers,
- quality evaluation for automatic refinement technologies,
- transformation of local metadata to the Europeana Data Model (EDM),
- metadata standardization in close collaboration with stakeholders from the public and private sector.

Each library participating in the project will distribute digitised newspapers and full-texts to Europeana besides several other tasks. There will be a special focus on newspapers published during the First World War, thus providing a meaningful addition to the resources aggregated by the current Europeana Collections 1914-1918 project.

The document at hand describes the Project Guide, a central online information point within the web-based online workspace for the project partners, providing information on the project partners, schedules, Deliverables and Milestones.





2. Purpose of the Project Guide

The Project Guide is supposed to be the central information point for all project partners. It provides all administrative information needed for the performance of the project as contact details, an overview on contact persons inside the libraries, tracking lists for the project's deliverables and milestones and a project calendar which consolidates all appointments and due-dates within the project.

The availability of this information for all persons participating in the Europeana Newspapers project in one single spot will make the internal communication easier and more efficient.

This Deliverable describes the structure and content of the project guide around mid 2012. As the document is going to be updated according to the current needs of the project, the structure and the content might change during the lifetime of the project.





3. Structure of the Project Guide and Screenshots

3.1 The Project Guide as part of the project's internal web-based online workspace

The Europeana Newspapers project consortium decided to use Microsoft Sharepoint Online 2010 as web-based online workspace. The set up of this online workspace was in charge of the project co-ordinator Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin (MS1.2).

The aim of the Project Guide is to unify all the basic information on the project and its participants in the most accurate and up-to-date version. To avoid difficulties by storing information in several places or even to risk the loss of information, it was decided to integrate the project guide into the web-based online workspace instead of producing a paper version which required constant distribution of the most current version to all the partners.

This solution brings along the following advantages:

- all information within the Project Guide can be updated easily by the Sharepoint administrator or by the users themselves
 - changes of contact data which may occur with the time of the project can be updated at one central point
 - the tracking of deliverables and milestones can be managed by an interactive co-operation of all project partners
 - all partners can update the calendar directly and add new appointments and due dates by themselves
- the project partners always access the latest version of information

3.2 Content of the Project Guide

The Project Guide builds one single access point for any kind of administrative information inside the project. It provides information on:

- the consortium members incl. contact details
- Deliverables/Milestones and other tasks within the project
- Events, meetings and further relevant dates like telephone conferences.

It is the central access point to important documents like

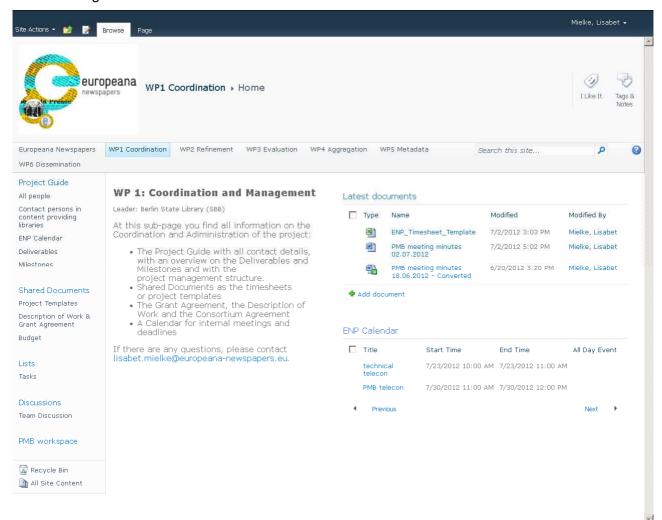
- The Grant Agreement
- The Description of Work (DoW)
- The Consortium Agreement (and the information contained within, like decision making etc.)





3.3 Homepage

Within Sharepoint, the Project Guide is part of the section on co-ordination/management, which is Work Package 1.



Homepage of the Project Guide

A user can either access the summary page of the Project Guide or directly go to specific subpages as for example the contact information form on content providing libraries or the project calendar by clicking the link at the sidebar.

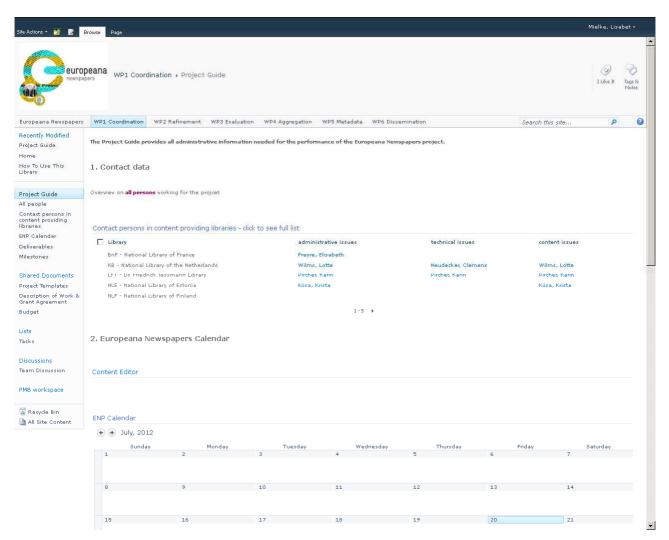




3.4 Overview page

At the summary page of the Project Guide the users get an overview on the content of the Project Guide. The first section contains lists concerning contact data, the second section provides the project calendar and the third section helps monitoring the progress of deliverables and milestones.

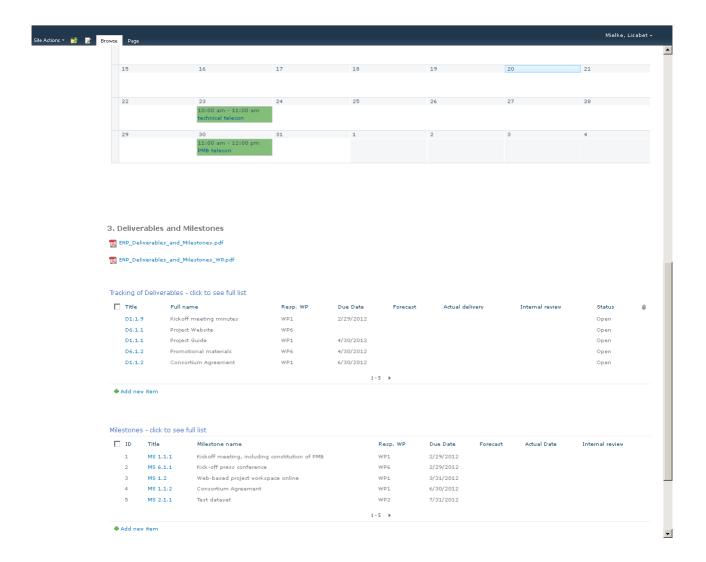
Within this summary the users find preview versions of all lists and can directly access the full version of the lists by clicking at the list's title. Additionally they still find direct links to the provided lists in the sidebar.



Overview page of the Project Guide (top)







Overview page of the Project Guide (bottom)





3.5 Contact Data

The Project Guide provides two important lists on contact information:

Firstly, there is one list on all persons participating in the Europeana Newspapers project, giving information on their contact details. To grant the security and accuracy of the central information the contact data can exclusively be changed by the site administrator.¹

A second list is providing overview on contact persons for specific tasks in the project.

Out of the 17 project partners within the Europeana Newspapers Consortium there are 12 libraries, which are going to provide digitised newspaper pages for technical refinement processes. Because of the complex workflows envisaged in the project, the technical project partners expressed the need to get a detailed list of contact persons within the participating libraries. Each content providing partner has appointed one staff member to be the contact person for administrative issues, one for technical issues and one for content related issues.

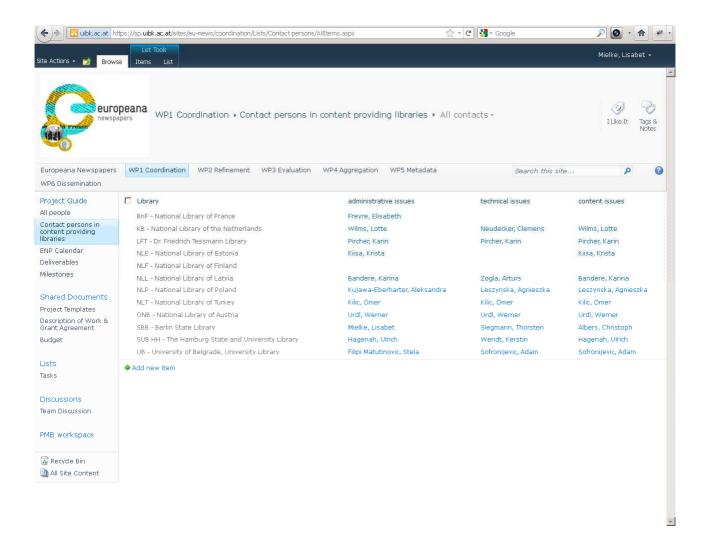
For a sound communication it proved to be very helpful to get in contact directly with the person responsible either for administrative, for technical or for content related issues.

The libraries are able to change these pieces of information easily in case of any changes of their personnel structure.

¹ As this is a public Deliverable, there is no screenshot with the detailed contact data of the consortium members copied into this document.







List on contact persons in content providing libraries

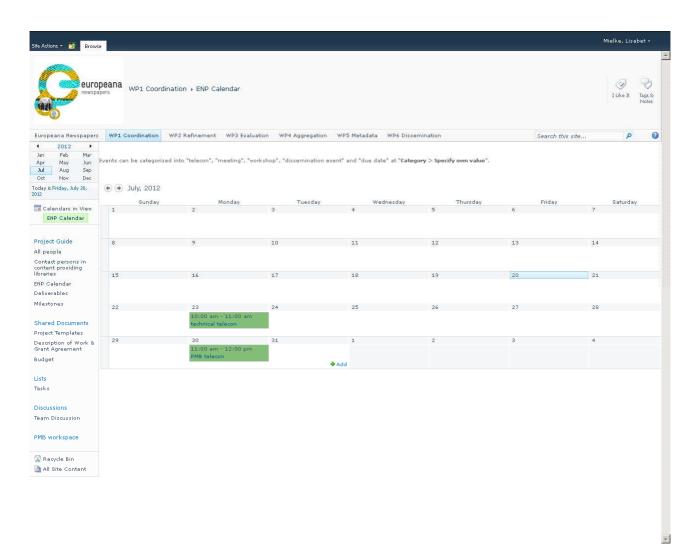




3.6 Project Calendar

The Project Calendar is one of the most important tools within the Project Guide and within the whole Sharepoint workspace: It provides an general overview on all meetings, due dates and activities related to the Europeana Newspapers project.

All users of the online workspace are able to add events to the calendar. Different categories of events are visualised by different colours. For instance events can be classified as "telephone conference" or as "workshop" and will be easily identified by all users.



Project calendar



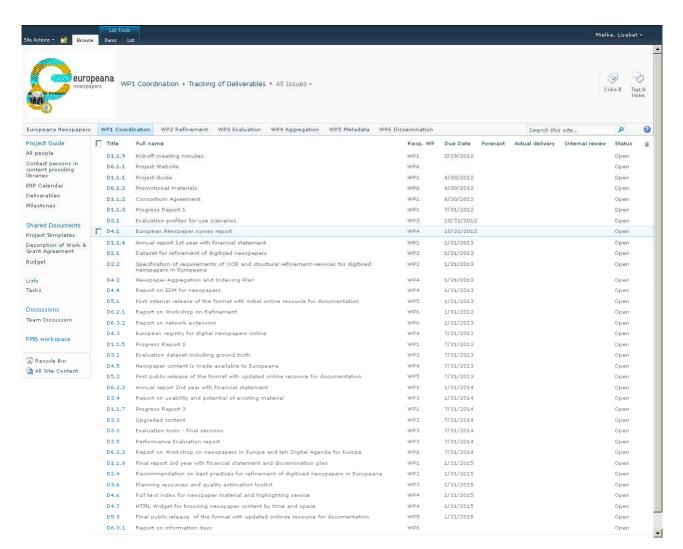


3.7 Tracking of Deliverables and Milestones

At this section the user can find an overview on the Deliverables and Milestones within the Europeana Newspapers project. All the Deliverables and Milestones, presented within two tables, are listed here.

Each Deliverable / Milestone has been assigned to one project partner in charge of it. The current status of a Deliverable / Milestone as well as its relation to the Work Packages can easily be identified from the lists. It provides information on the due date of the reports and its current status (like "open", "draft", "final", "cancelled").

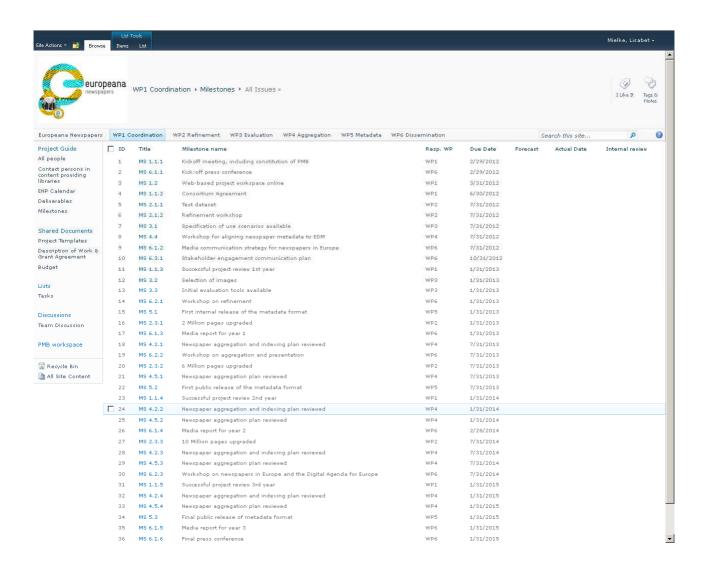
Both lists are sortable in order to enable the users to sort the information according to their needs, e.g. by person in charge of by due date.



Tracking list for Deliverables







Tracking list for Milestones