



Engineering the Policy-making Life Cycle

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ABSTRACT

This is the first deliverable of the WP10 on Dissemination and Exploitation. The project web site is described here along with its main chapters and sections.



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1 ePolicy Website Description

The website

<http://www.epolicy-project.eu>

provides information about the activities of the ePolicy FP7 STREP European project to the public broadly and makes quick information releases to Consortium members.

The website uses a Content Manager System (CMS) and is based on Drupal CMS version 7 [1].

The user interface is intentionally lightweight and minimal, with the aim of focusing attention on the content. Nonetheless, the original logo and header design highlight the distinctive identity of the project.

The homepage (see fig 1) presents a general description of the project, its goals and its impact; furthermore, it clearly displays the acknowledgement of EC funding.

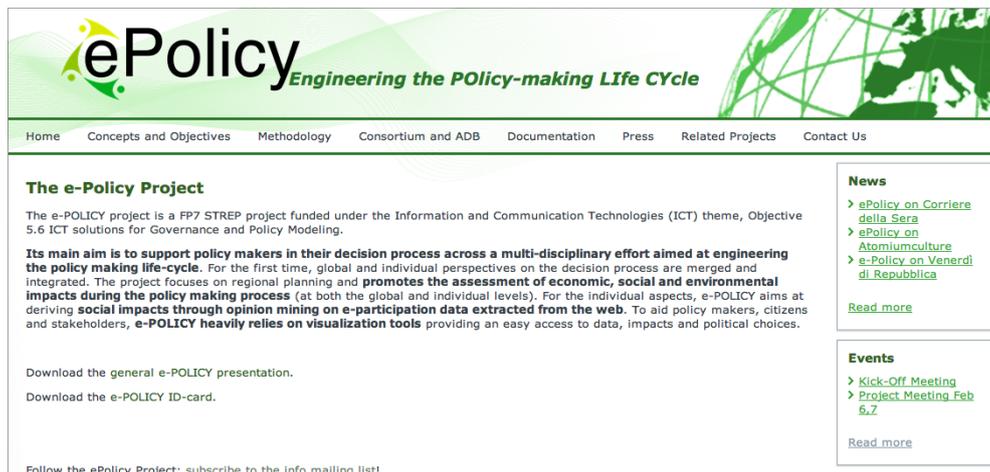


Figure 1: A Screenshot of the HomePage

A newsletter system covers both private and public communications: a public registration link can be found in the homepage of the website.

The material on the website consists of several sections:

1. Concepts and Objectives
2. Methodology
3. Consortium and ADB
4. Documentation
5. Press
6. Related Projects
7. News
8. Events

The Concepts and Objectives section (1) shows in detail the objectives the project has and declares the expected outcomes.

The Methodology section (2) provides an exhaustive description of the project, expanding upon the key concepts related to the Work Packages.

The Consortium and ADB section (3) presents the members of the consortium and the members of the Advisory and Dissemination Board (ADB). Concerning the ADB, both members listed in the DoW and members that joined the ADB after the project start are listed.

The Documentation section (4) proposes a simple and intuitive frame to browse through the public folders and files. Authenticated users can also access private documents.

The Press section (5) reports all the articles published in journals and newspapers. The six press releases and articles concerning the project are listed in the section in the initial version of the web site.

The Related Projects section (6) reports all the projects which are related to ePolicy. To cite a related project, the Coordinator should contact the Project Coordinator or the Responsible of Dissemination Activities of the related project to ask whether the Project can be cited. At the current time, we have received three confirmation about related projects that are listed in the section.

The News section (7) refers to information somehow related to the project. For example, presentations of the ePolicy projects, press releases etc are listed as news.

The Events section (8) shows in chronological order the next events related to the project. The event system is linked to an integrated calendar that shows the next events in chronological order.

News and Events are the most notable sections, so they are always accessible in the right column of the layout. This area also displays information about online users and a set of commands available to them.

A specific user account has been activated for each member of the consortium. A logged user has access to the following features:

1. an account panel, to edit profile related data;
2. a file manager, to add/remove documentation files;
3. an editor, to manage articles related to news and events.

Some Documents are public and can be accessed by everybody. Instead, private documents are accessible only to consortium partners: examples of private documents are templates for presentations (Powerpoint template), deliverables (both MS Word and LaTeX), Grant Agreement, Private Deliverables etc.

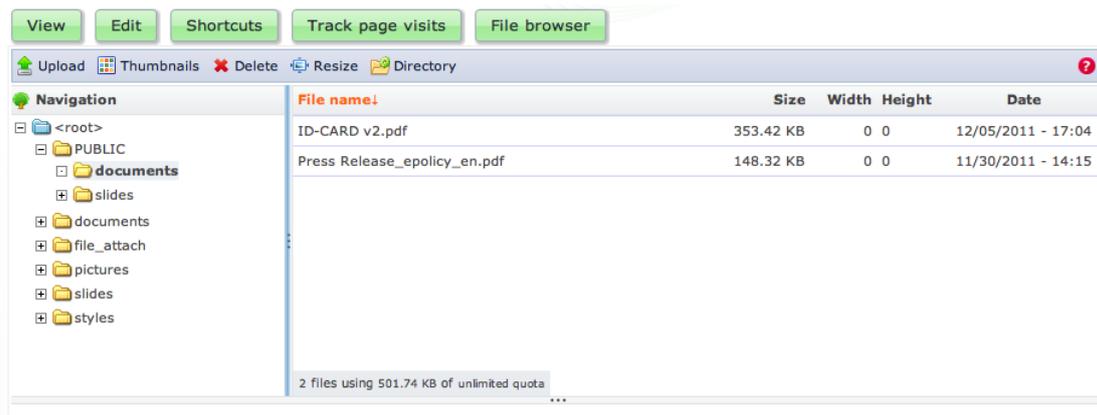


Figure 2: A Screenshot of the File Browser

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[1] <http://drupal.org/>.