Welcome to COnCEPT FP7!

COnCEPT in a Nutshell:
The COnCEPT project (http://www.concept-fp7.eu/) aims to conceive and implement a platform to assist professional designers when in remote collaboration during the creative stages of the design process. The project is co-funded by the European Commission, under the 7th Framework Program.

The main aims of this second newsletter are to stay in touch with relevant stakeholders and provide updates about the new project developments.

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COnCEPT News:
COnCEPT is now in the midst of development phase. Important advances have been reached so far.

- Functional and Non-functional requirements have been already determined
- Recent advances in Knowledge have been investigated and applied in the COnCEPT platform
- Semantics technologies and Linked Data has been researched in order to support COnCEPT in several aspects:
  - Metadata content publication is served by Linked Data
  - Content annotation interoperability is facilitated by ontologies.
- A deep analysis of the user interface requirements has been carried out in order to guarantee COnCEPT platform will support collaborative design activities.
- A preliminary phase for describing Pilots has started in order to test the final platform
- COnCEPT platform architecture has been conceptualized and designed, as describes the picture below

![COnCEPT's high level architecture](image-url)
Meetings

Three plenary meetings have been held: the Kick off Meeting in Madrid (March 2014), Dublin (September 2014) and Eindhoven (May 2015). In all these meetings CONCEPT partners worked together on all relevant aspects related to the status and development of the project.

Events & Conferences

CONCEPT has been presented in several different conferences and events, such as ARCC 2015 (www.arcc2015.com), PIN-C 2015 (http://sites.thehagueuniversity.com/pinc2015/home) or i-KNOW 2015 (http://i-know.tugraz.at); CONCEPT results are expected to be presented in important conferences such as or CIKM 2015 (http://www.cikm-2015.org).

Several scientific papers have been published in different specialized ways: “Procedia Environmental Sciences” or “Springer Verlag” contains information related to CONCEPT results.

Workshops

Besides the workshop in collaboration with the Second Skin project (March 2014), two more internal technical workshops has been organized in Hasselt (October 2014 and December 2014), and other in Norwich (March 2015). In these workshops relevant technical CONCEPT issues were discussed.