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1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This document deliverable D6.1.3, as the Project Website report describes the website, www.concept-fp7.eu that is the web presence and visual identity of the EU project COnCEPT as well as an effective tool for publicity, disseminations and collaborative working across the Consortium. This document sets out the functions and features offered by the website design to cater for:

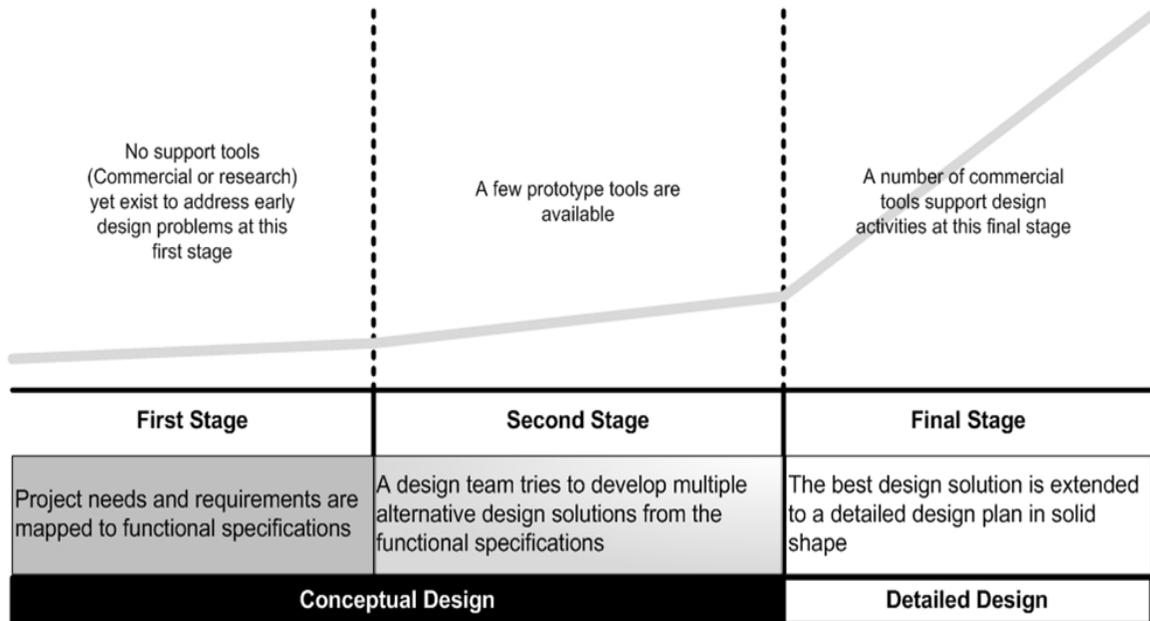
- i. Dissemination of the project results to the external public
- ii. Collaborative working within the Consortium
- iii. Exclusive area for Partner only access to internal project information.

2 INTRODUCTION

2.1 BACKGROUND

Product design and development is performed through a range of processes such as engineering design, analysis, process planning, assembly planning, manufacturing, inspection, etc. Professional designers utilize the Internet and Web technologies to collaborate and improve the new product time-to-market, supply chain management, and to reduce development life-cycle cost, in order to stay competitive.

The technology developed to support professional designers focuses mainly on the modeling stages of the design process while the early conceptual stages remain unexplored. The conceptual stage of the design process is mainly focused on ideas generation, which are evaluated against general requirements. Distributed collaborative design is a complex process, and the lack of computer support tools in the field makes it difficult for Small to Medium Enterprise (SME's) businesses, to bring new products to market, on time and survive market competition. There is a great need for seamlessly integrating product development processes, into a comprehensive collaborative design environment, that could assist professional product designers when distributed during the early stages of the design process, to innovate, and shorten product development life-cycle.



The scope of COnCEPT is the implementation of a semantically driven collaboration framework to be integrated into future synchronous/asynchronous collaborative design environments, dedicated to assist professional product designers when distributed during the early stages of the design process. A number of research and technological challenges will be addressed, including the semantic integration of collaborative tools and data, effective methods for communication and interaction among distributed teams, group awareness and the use of metaphors for conceptual design; which have unique considerations and applications during early-stage product design.

2.2 SCOPE OF THIS DELIVERABLE

This document is the accompanying report for the COnCEPT project website. It describes the structure and content of the website and the services it offers.

Naturally the website is under continuous development and updating, in the sense that new content is being added, e.g. news and publications, and its features are adapted to meet the evolving needs for the users. Therefore this deliverable should be regarded as a snapshot of the website at the point of release of this report.

3 WEBSITE CONTENT

3.1 GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The overall CONCEPT behind the overall creation of the website is “clean cut vanilla” with the avoidance of unnecessary clutter of information. Navigation is clear; all pages are lightweight and load quickly. Some windows intentionally open in a new window to allow users to continue to a third party website (e.g. a CONCEPT Partner’s website etc, project’s Facebook page, Linkedin Group and Twitter page). The website also contains a mobile/tablet version allowing certain flexibility to the users.

3.2 STRUCTURE OF THE CONCEPT WEBSITE

The website is divided into a public and a private section, the latter one being restricted for access by Consortium members only.

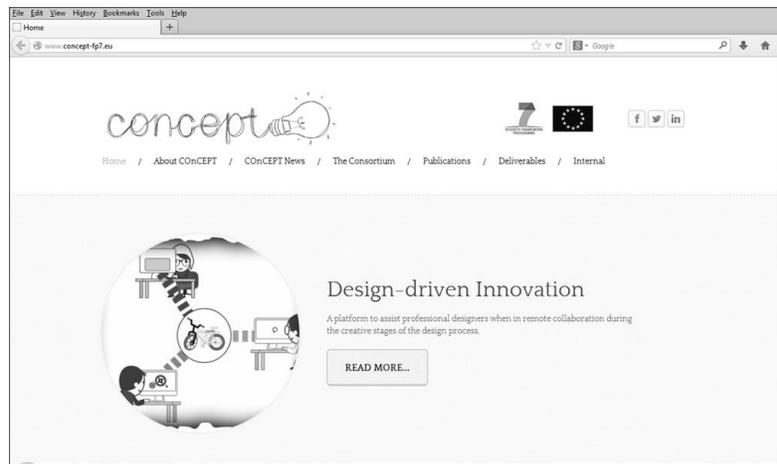


FIGURE 1: HOMEPAGE OF CONCEPT

3.2.1 PUBLIC SECTION OF THE CONCEPT WEBSITE

This section comprises of the main or starting page “home”, the overview menu “About CONCEPT”, the “CONCEPT News” page, a “The Consortium” page, a “Publications” page, and a “Deliverables” page. Figure 2 presents the site map of the public section of the website:

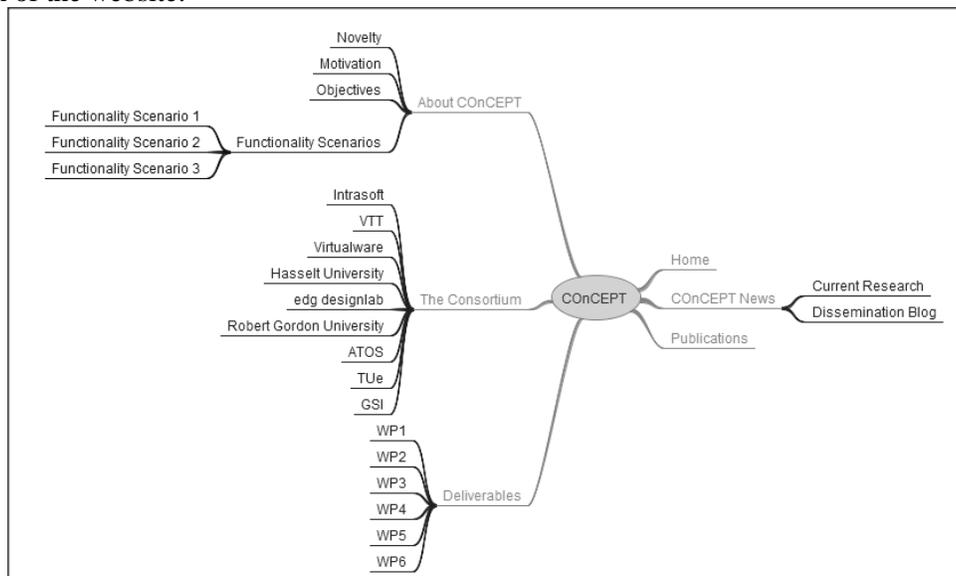


FIGURE 2: WEBSITE SITEMAP

3.2.1.1 READ MORE ABOUT CONCEPT

The “home” page is the starting point and contains a “punch-line” about the project and a Read More button for the user(s) who wish to learn more about the project’s identity and original contribution to the current state of the art (SOTA) (Figure 3).

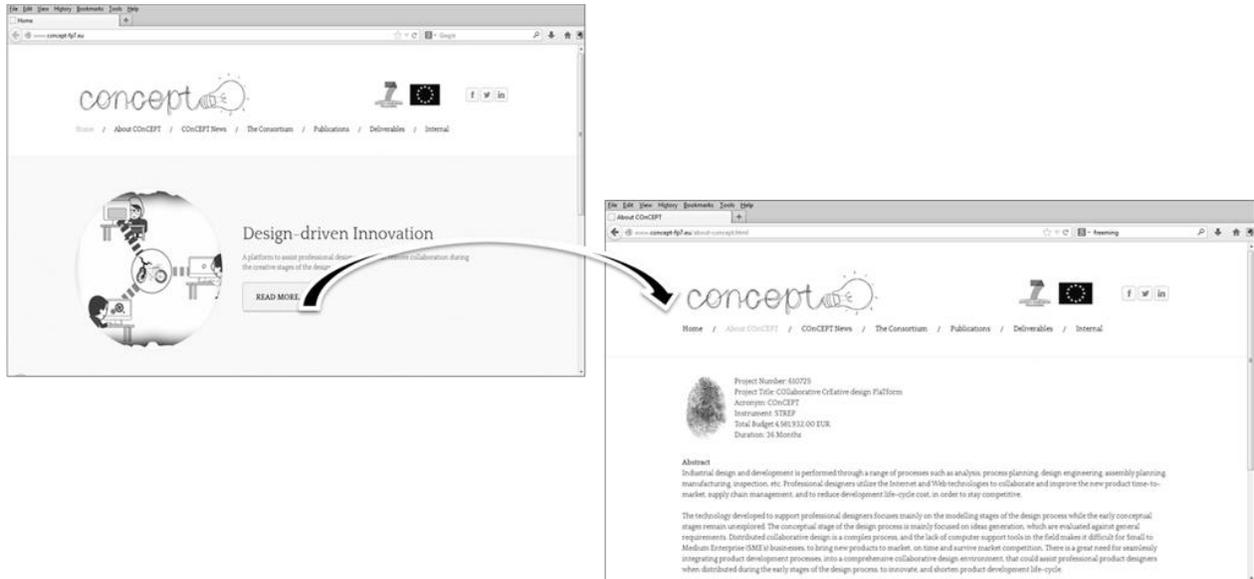


FIGURE 3: HOMEPAGE TO READ MORE ABOUT THE PROJECT

3.2.1.2 ABOUT CONCEPT MENU

The “About CoNCEPT” menu contains all the information with regard to the projects, novelty, motivation, objectives and validation scenarios (Figure 4).

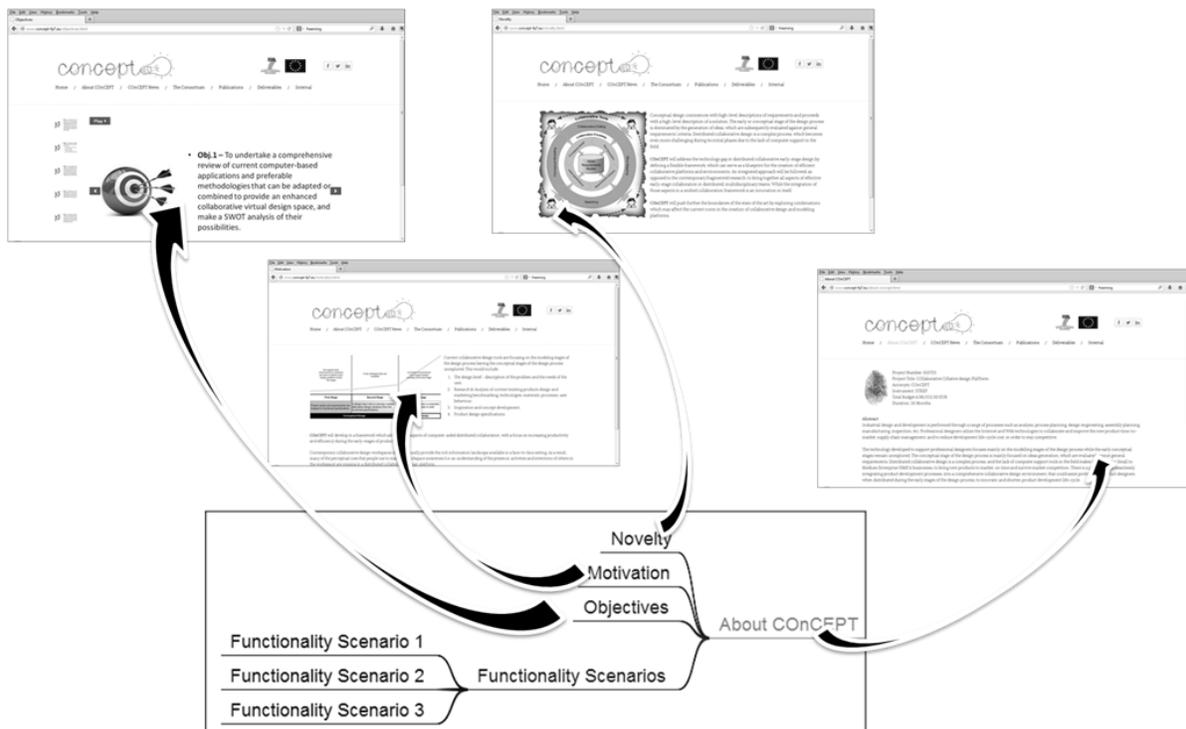
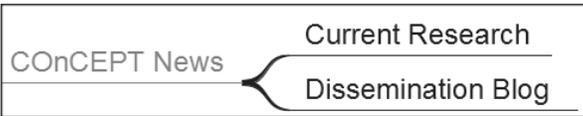


FIGURE 4: ABOUT CONCEPT MENU

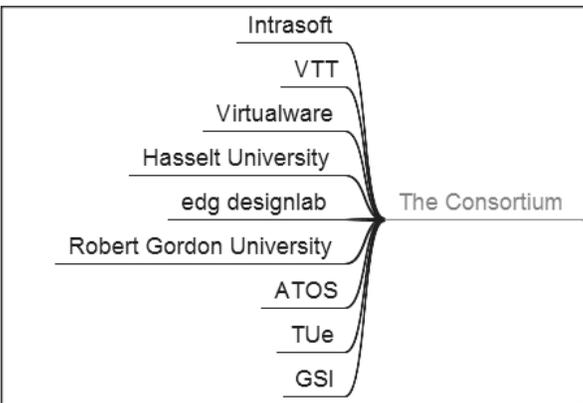
3.2.1.3 CONCEPT NEWS MENU



The COnCEPT News menu hosts two blogs; One blog “Current Research” is mainly dedicated to inform about advances in technologies related to COnCEPT to maintain the edge technology-wise and to clearly demonstrate and later position COnCEPT as a product in the market. The second blog “Dissemination Blog” is dedicated to dissemination events (e.g. conferences, workshops etc.) that we have disseminated or wish to disseminate the results of the project as well as call for chapters and journal articles from top journals and publishers to raise awareness and trigger participation from the members of the consortium. The content displayed on both blogs will be uploaded to the appropriate dissemination and communication channels already implemented by INTRASOFT:

- LinkedIn: <http://www.linkedin.com/groups?viewMembers=&gid=7428377&sik=1386946601206>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Concept/269223439898771#>
- Twitter: https://twitter.com/COnCEPT_FP7

3.2.1.4 THE CONSORTIUM



The “Consortium” page lists the organisations involved in the COnCEPT project describing each Partner in a more detailed way and provides links to their website.

3.2.1.5 PUBLICATIONS

The “Publications” page will provide information about scientific publications from Partners, and project dissemination material such as flyers, presentations, etc. The documents will be made available as soon as they become available.

3.2.1.6 DELIVERABLES

The “Deliverables” page will provide information about all publicly available project deliverables per Work Package. The documents will be made available as soon as they become available and upon approval from the European Commission.

3.2.2 CONSORTIUM MEMBERS ONLY SECTION OF THE CONCEPT WEBSITE

The private section of the COncEPT website is only accessible by Consortium members. Figure 5 shows a screen shot of the private section's start page.

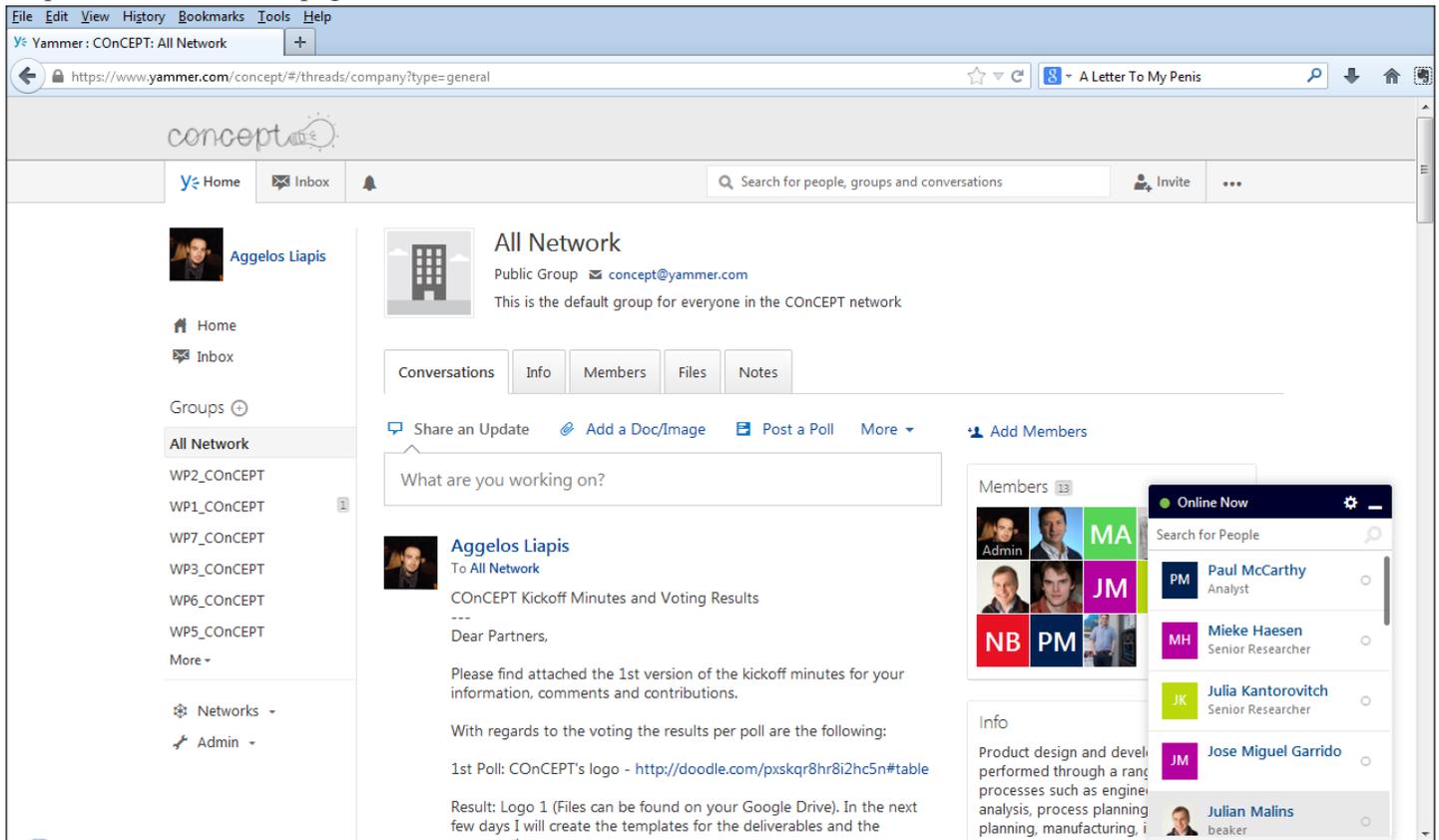


FIGURE 5: CONSORTIUM MEMBERS SECTION

The private section has been built in Yammer Enterprise Social Networking suite and features the following services for the members of the consortium:

- Interaction Management groups participants contributing to a specific task so as to better coordinate the teams working on ongoing tasks/deliverables
- The Workflow module allows uploading of user-defined workflows that can be executed by the underlying workflow-engine in order to facilitate handling information and events in a totally dynamic, user-defined way
- The Chat/IM module is responsible for providing two types of real time chat functionality, therefore assisting communication through: chat and instant messaging (IM).
- The calendar module provides all the necessary functionalities for users to keep a calendar of meetings and events, to which they can invite other users.
- Yammer offers a clipboard functionality which allows users to group documents and downloads them one by one or all together.
- The Content Manager module includes all the necessary functionality for users to upload and share documents.
- The Mailing module allows you to exchange messages with other COncEPT users. Every work package has its own mailing list plus a generic mailing list for all WPs.

4 WEBSITE ADMINISTRATION

INTRASOFT is responsible for updating and administrating the COnCEPT project web site:

1. Administrator has full access to all parts of the website.
2. Web Designer can create lists and can change the design and layout of the web site
3. Contributor can add content to existing document libraries and lists.
4. Reader has read-only access to the web site.

Currently there is one Administrator/Web Designer, the rest of the users are Readers/Contributors. The user groups are only accessible in the private section, whereas for the public section any part can be accessed but only the Administrator/Web Designer has the right to change anything.

To add a new user, Partners send a request to the INTRASOFT's contact point. The user data, i.e. login name and password, will then be transmitted to the new user for him to be able to access the private sections. INTRASOFT saves a daily incremental backup, as well as a weekly full backup and snap shot.

5 CONCLUSION

This document, D6.1.3 - COnCEPT Website, has introduced the website representing the COnCEPT project (URL: www.concept-fp7.eu). It has described the information contained in the publicly accessible section as well as the functionalities and features of the sections accessible only to the project Partners. Accordingly the report has set out the functions and features offered by the website design to cater for:

- i. Dissemination of the project results to the external public
- ii. Collaborative working within the Consortium,
- iii. Exclusive area for Partner only access to internal project information.

The website is one of the main communication platforms to disseminate the results of the project and to promote the research carried out by the Consortium members. Therefore the website is under continuous development, meaning that content is constantly updated, and, the design is adjusted to the needs and requirements of the users.