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NET-HERITAGE

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TO THE PROTECTION OF TANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE**

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Design and implementation of the NET-HERITAGE Observatory web portal

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An Observatory Sub contractor was officially employed in December 2008 in order that the design of the architecture and content of the web portal could be documented. Following consultation with all Partners via email, telephone questionnaire and in person through the Editorial Advisory Board meeting of the 25th March in Berlin, a Design Document was put together by the Sub Contractor in collaboration with the WP2 Project Manager. The document took into account the requirements laid out in the DOW under task 2.2.

The architecture of the site has now been fully developed, with inspiration drawn from the 'Science and Development Network'. Following consultation with all Partners, the completed document sets out the broad areas of functionality identified; detailing the following information on the website components and including the lay out of user profiles through a full set of audience profiles developed as part of the scoping of the Observatory:

Information for the Front-end sub-systems

- Design template (sample templates have been documented)
- Web content
- User Comment
- User registration
- User Preferences
- Language Selection
- Search
- Navigation
- Email to a friend
- Subscribe via RSS

Information for the Observatory sub-systems

- Content Submission
- Content Syndication
- Descriptive Metadata (including information on CERIF)
- Rights Control

Information for the Back-end sub-systems

- Site Management
- Content/page Management
- User Administration
- Observatory/database Management
- Web Statistics
- Terminology Control

With the architecture and content of the portal established, due to legal reasons, it has been necessary for an invitation to tender to take place so as to secure development for the portal. A document has been compiled and sent through to Research Councils UK

(RCUK) <http://www.rcuk.ac.uk/default.htm> for administration. RCUK are the body responsible for administering UK Council procurement. Currently we are due to interview potential suppliers to begin work on the site. This is envisaged to begin by 1st September and estimated delivery for the site is approx 6-8 weeks.

A Content Template has been created to capture content suitable for upload to the Net Heritage Observatory and sent to all Partners, requesting a minimum of 2 items per Partner by August 20th.

Examples of content that could be considered:

- ♦ Research items
- ♦ Grey literature
- ♦ Published editorial content
- ♦ 'Live' data such as details of events, vacancies etc
- ♦ Meeting notes and articles
- ♦ Policy developments, where subject-related
- ♦ Standards and guidance
- ♦ Training materials and links (note, the Work Package 5 questionnaire will be providing much of this information)
- ♦ Expert technical guides published as navigable web pages
- ♦ GIS content
- ♦ 'Raw' data and tables
- ♦ Images to accompany documents/literature

Appendix A (attached to email) is a copy of the final content template document. It is envisaged that the Portal will be a mix of actual content and summaries/introductory entries with links to fuller content elsewhere on the internet. We expect to receive data, text and images from all Partners, giving us a better understanding of the content that will be of value for the future of the site. It has been pointed out to all Partners that at this stage inclusivity is the key, with the above list to be used as a guide only.