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## **D.7.1. Webpage launch and management**

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# 1. Introduction

The project *Converging conflicting ethical values in the internal/external security continuum in Europe* (INEX) shall according to the contractual obligation set out in *Annex I – Description of work*, construct and maintain a public webpage for the project. The INEX official webpage was hence launched on March 7<sup>th</sup> 2008 constructed by the assigned project webpage coordinator Francesco Ragazzi who also is responsible for the regular management of the webpage. Since the initial launch the project website has been instrumental in disseminating the findings of the project to the consortium and to the project end-users. All project publications, once submitted to the European Commission, have been posted on the internal section of the website for the interest of the partners. Meetings and events relating to the INEX project have also been posted on the website. The webpage has proved a significant tool in ensuring that all consortium members are kept up to date on the work being done within other work packages, but also successfully contributed to the dissemination and visibility of the project to the wider audience and to the ultimate end-users.

This deliverable will explicit the objectives, structure, and management of the website dedicated to internal communication, collaboration and dissemination of the INEX project (<http://www.inexproject.eu>).

## **2. Objectives**

In its inception, the website of the INEX project had 3 main objectives

- Internal communication
- Collaboration between partners
- Dissemination

### **2.1 Internal Communication**

The goal of internal communication was to ensure sure that :

- All members of the INEX projects are constantly up to date as to the work of other work packages, and similarly have the possibility of updating their colleagues about their current stage of research.
- All members of the INEX project are informed about the project's events (meetings, workshops, conferences)

### **2.2 Collaboration between partners**

Pushing further the possibilities of communication, the goal of the objective was also to facilitate online collaboration of the INEX partners, by providing tools to:

- Communicate easily, share and review documents through the website,
- Through the constitution of an online file repository which would contain all working and research documents produced by the different work packages.
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- Facilitate information exchange between members of the INEX project on external activities related to the project attained from the collaborators individual networks.

### **2.3 Dissemination**

Finally, the third objective, of dissemination was to ensure that all potential end-users of the INEX project would be constantly up to date as to the events, meetings and

public documents created by the work packages and project collaborators.<sup>1</sup> This also includes the aim of increasing the general visibility of the INEX project to the wider public.

### **3. Structure and function**

In order to pursue these objectives, the website has been divided between a “front-end” and a “back-end”. The front-end is the section of the website which is available to anyone who visits the page <http://www.inexproject.eu>. The back-end is the section of the website which is only accessible to the members of the INEX project, when logging in the appropriate access page with a dedicated login and password. What follows details the structure of both sections of the website.

#### **3.1 Front-end**

The front-end covers both the objectives of general dissemination and in part internal communication. The first page of the site is the homepage. The remainder of the website is divided in the following sections: 1) About Us 2) People 3) Work Packages 4) Publications 5) News 6) Links 7) Login. In what follows, a brief description of each of these sections is provided.

#### **Homepage**

The goal of the homepage is to provide an overview of the nature of the project, as well as the latest news and publications. On the left hand of the website, a column provides access to the various sections described above. In the center, the main content is displayed, while on the right side of the homepage the latest publications appear.

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<sup>1</sup> During the Mid-Term Conference (M19) Members of WP 1 kindly asked that their work would not be published on the INEX homepage due publishing reasons. All other work packages agreed that their output shall be made available on the official homepage of the project.

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The Law, Science, Technology and Society (LSTS) research centre of the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB) and the Justice and Home Affairs Section at the Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS) are organizing a Luchtime Briefing on 'Data Protection, Borders and Criminal Justice' within the framework of INEX Project (Converging and conflicting ethical values in the internal/external security continuum in Europe), a Research Project funded by the 7th Framework Programme of the DG Enterprise of the European Commission.

This lunchtime briefing will be the second of a Series of Five Lunchtime Briefings, which will take place in Brussels at the CEPS (Place du Congrès, 1 – 1000 Brussels) on the 29th June 2010 from 12.00 – 15.00h, and it will aim at linking the results of the early stages of the project with policymaking processes. The events' purpose is to allow an open discussion on the conceptual and empirical research on social and cultural dimensions of security in Europe, linking analyses of law and technology with current discussions on borders, mobility and fundamental rights.

For the programme, click [here](#)

To register, please complete the online registration form at <http://www.ceps.eu/event/data-protection-borders-and-criminal-justice>.

**Latest Publications**

- INEX D.6.7. Fact finding workshop: Second feedback from research in case countries (58) (WPS)
- INEX D.5.5. Fact finding workshop: Mapping the terrain of research in the case countries (83) (WPS)
- INEX D.5.2. Workshop on the internal/external continuum and the eastern neighbourhood (78) (WPS)
- INEX Paper, Observations of the effects of EU Border Security Policies Towards Algeria (134) (WPS)
- INEX Policy Brief, Security as a Commodity (95)

### About Us

This section provides an overview of the INEX project, providing information about the aims and objectives, the partners, the composition of the advisory group and the contact information. In the right-hand window, “Work Package”, “People” and “Documents” relevant to each institution is cross-referenced in the right-hand column.

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**PRIO**

The International Peace Research Institute, Oslo (PRIO) was founded in 1959 and has since 1966 been independent and international in staff and perspective. It was one of the first centres of peace research in the world, and it is Norway's only peace research institute. The staff at PRIO comprises 50–60 people, of whom two-thirds are researchers (including PhD students). In addition to this, there are 5–10 MA students. Scholarly research is at the core of all institute activities. Research at PRIO concentrates on the driving forces behind violent conflict and on ways in which peace can be built, maintained and spread. In addition to theoretical and empirical research, PRIO also conducts policy-oriented activities and engages in the search for solutions in cases of actual or potential violent conflict. This combination of scholarship and practice has brought PRIO closer to meeting the normative ambitions of peace research: to apply high-quality academic standards to the study of peace and conflict, and to help diminish violent conflict in the world at large.

**Work package**

[Work package 4](#)  
[Work package 7](#)

**People**

[J. Peter Burress](#)  
[Michael C. Williams](#)  
[Rita Abrahamsen](#)  
[Lars Even Adersen](#)  
[Jonas Gråns](#)

**Documents**

- INEX Policy Brief, The Promotion of Human Security in EU Security Policies (WPS)
- INEX D.4.3. Workshop on ethical issues of CFSP / ESDP in the European borderlands. (WPS)
- INEX D.4.1. State-of-the-Art Review of Scholarly Research on the CFSP/ESDP (WPS)

### *People*

This section provides a directory of the members of the INEX project. The center section of the page contains the biographical information of the person, while the right-hand column provides a list of the other members, subdivided in their relative work packages. This section is cross-referenced with the Work Packages section.

### *Work Packages*

This section provides a brief overview of the seven work packages of the project. On the left hand side, a clickable list allows for a more in depth description of the aims and description of each work package. Once clicked, the three-paned layout allows for the description of the project in the center column and the cross-referenced institutions, people and documents on the right side.

### *Publications*

This section provides access to all publicly available publications and documents of the INEX project. Publications are organized by work package.

### *News*

This section contains all updates that might be of interest to members of the INEX project, as well as INEX end users. The section is subdivided in 1) Announcements 2) Calls 3) Publications 4) Newsletter archive. The newsletter archive contains all the newsletters sent to the subscribers of the site.

### *Links*

This section provides useful links to research projects and journals which are of interest for INEX end-users.

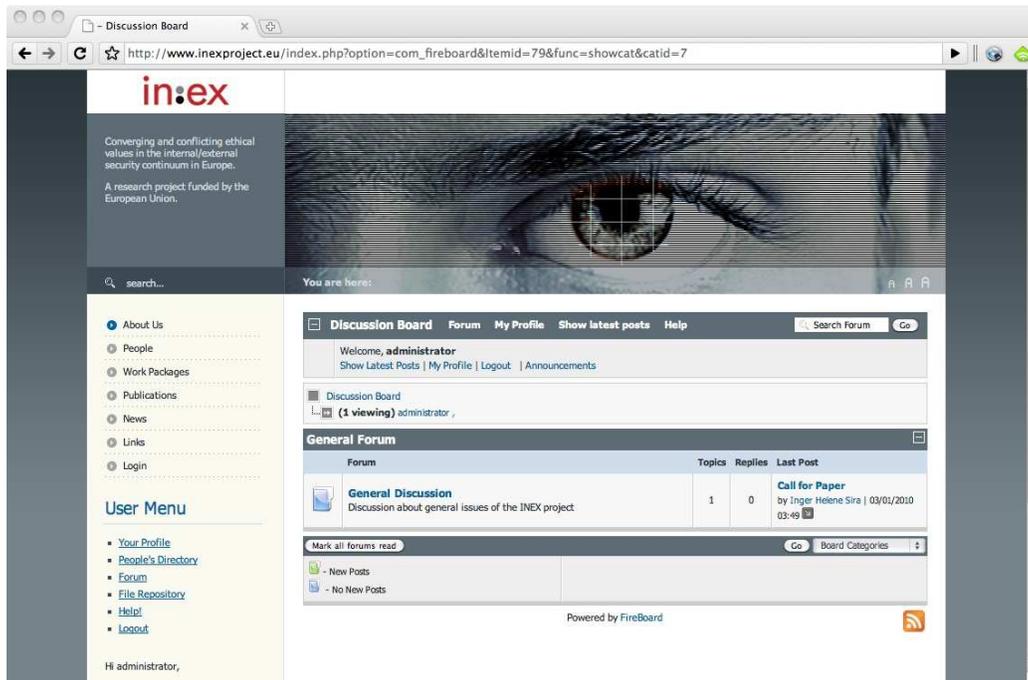
### *Subscribe to the newsletter*

New users can subscribe to the INEX newsletter directly from any page of the front end.

## **3.2 Back-end**

### *Login*

Through the login section, members of the INEX project access the restricted area of the site. This section allows for internal communication and collaboration between members of the INEX project.



After logging in as a user, a new menu, invisible to the other users of the site, appears, offering the following categories.

#### *Your profile*

In this section, members fill in their profile information. The site keeps track of their published content, and the various forum topics they are subscribed to. A dedicated button allows to send a direct message to other members of the team, or to the webmaster.

#### *People's Directory*

This section lists all profiles.

#### *Forum*

This section (which is the homepage of the restricted area) allows members of the project to engage in discussions and exchange ideas about papers, projects and events. Each of the INEX members can “subscribe” to a discussion topic and be updated.

#### *File Repository*

This section allows members to post documents either on the front-end of the website, where they appear in the various cross-referenced sections, or in the back-end section, only accessible to other members of the INEX project. When posted in the back-end, users can “checkout” files for modification, share and collaborate with other users.

### *Help!*

This section allows to send a message directly to the webmaster without leaving the restricted area (back-end).

### *Logout*

By clicking on this link, the user logs out of the restricted area.

## **4. Management and statistics**

### **4.1 Management**

- The website has been conceived by Francesco Ragazzi (webpage coordinator) in close coordination with INEX coordinator Peter Burgess, and launched on March 7<sup>th</sup> 2008. The first phase of the work of the coordinator has involved designing the website's architecture and programming the interface in accordance to the needs of the work packages. Particular effort has been put on a user-friendly interface and a functional back-end for enhanced collaboration.
- The second phase of the webpage's work has involved webpage maintenance and updating.
  - Maintenance relates to the necessary software updates (Joomla, DOCman, Acajoom), network backups (mySQL) and overall health of the database containing the bulk of the website.
  - Updating has been carried out in close coordination with the coordinator from Work Package 7, and has involved the publication of news, announcement and other related items, including layout design (photographs).
  - Elaboration, in collaboration with the coordinator from WP7 of newsletters, and their publication on the website.
  - Update of INEX members profiles and layout of personal information page.

### **4.2 Statistics summary**

- The website has known a steady progression of visits since its creation.
- 8,114 single visits (30,005 pageviews) in 27 months of website existence
- An average of 300 single visits per month
- Visits from 115 countries, a majority of which from Western Europe and the USA

- 21 elements of news have been published since the creation date, i.e. an average of almost 1 update per month (0.7)
- 111 email addresses are subscribed to the newsletter
- Documents have been downloaded 3225 times

## **Appendix: Statistics (Google Report)**