RIBuild

Robust Internal Thermal Insulation of Historic Buildings

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Abstract:

A short presentation of the chosen solutions regarding website and extranet for the RIBuild project.

Keyword list: Website, project communication, platform for cooperation, dissemination, template, research results, network and national communication partners.

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Abbreviations

AAU – Aalborg University

D – Deliverable

SBi – Danish Building Research Institute

WP – Work package

Executive Summary

This document answers deliverable 7.8 "Project website" and includes templates for reporting, project descriptions, press material etc.

Firstly it describes the content and functionalities of the public part of the website: www.ribuild.eu. The design and layout choices are presented and screenshots from the site is shown.

Secondly it describes the collaborative part of the site: sharepoint.ribuild.eu. The SharePoint site is intended to act as both the channel for internal communication and as a collaborative workspace.

1   Introduction

1.1   RIBuild online communication plan

To answer deliverable 7.8 in the project plan, this report will present the chosen solutions for a website and extranet for RIBuild.

D7.7 Project website

For the purpose of external as well as internal communication of the progression of the total project, there will be a project website, continuously updated with actual status of the ongoing research projects and their communication. The website will be used for both internal communication among the researchers of the project and for external communication with the network of communication partners. At the website there will also be templates for reporting etc., project descriptions, press material etc.

A platform for cooperation on the website will support the cooperation between the participants. It will be possible to work together on reports and papers in a workspace based on Microsoft SharePoint.

To keep development costs reasonable it was decided to separate the public website and the SharePoint extranet. The following document describes the chosen solutions for both websites with the common entrance www.ribuild.eu.

2   Website and extranet for RIBuild

2.1   Description of the RIBuild public website

The public website for the project: www.ribuild.eu will act as an external communication channel for reaching and supplying regional communication partners with information.

2.1.1   Content:

- About RIBuild: Project information and participant organisations
- Research: results and progress of the work packages
- Join the network: National communication partners
- Press: press releases and newsletters
- A subpage for each country

This structure aims to firstly present the project and research while at the same time providing easy access to becoming a communication partner and requiring press material. The list of links to regional subpages allows for an easy way to find out what happens in the participating countries and who to contact for more information.

2.1.2   Functionalities:

- Sign up for newsletter (embedded mail chimp form)
- Sign up as communication partner (generates e-mail to editor)
- Download information kits – text and inks to images and video
- Extranet: Login for SharePoint from www.ribuild.eu.

We have focused on creating a site that is easy to maintain and update through a user friendly open source CMS Drupal, hosted on AAU servers.

2.1.3   Design

A simple design with neo-classical fonts and high resolution photos of buildings from the RIBuild projects. For now the background images are examples of the types of buildings RIBuild is working with, as soon as the cases have been chosen in the work packages, images of those buildings will be used.

Logo for the project

The logo aims to communicate that the RIBuild project concerns internal insulation of historic buildings by depicting a French-roofed house with accentuated internal insulation. The colour scheme used in the logo is also used on the website – white background and black body text, headings use a red-brown resembling bricks and a teal-green like copper patina for highlighting.
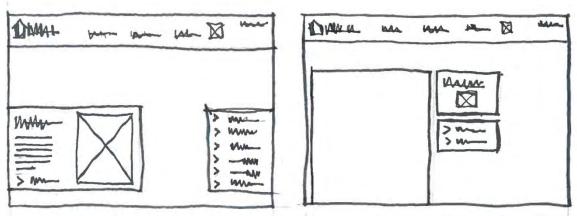

Example background images

2.1.4   Page types

The website has two types of pages, a front page and an article page.

Background images can be set individually on each page and the top menu is shown on all pages and includes link to the EU-horizon2020 project and the extranet.

Sketches of front page (L) and article page (R)

The front page has two content fields; one contains a changeable news spot, the other a list of participating countries linking to subpages.

The article page also has two types of content fields, the main content and info boxes with contact info or links on the right. By combining content types (text/images/forms) in the main content field and info boxes all needed page types can be made.

The following pages show screenshots from the actual website.
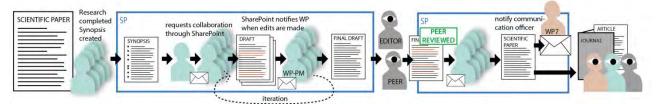
Front page – www.ribuild.eu

About RIBuild - www.ribuild.eu/about

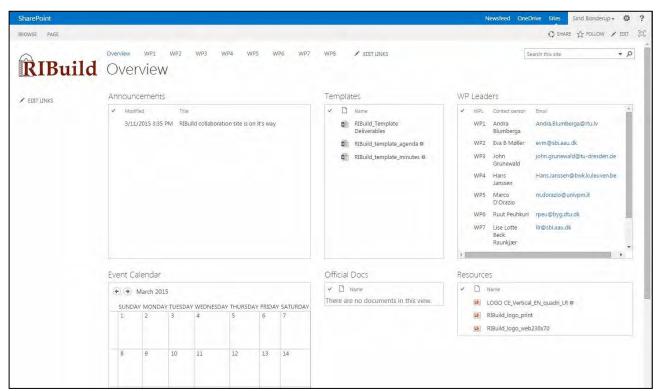Research – www.ribuild.eu/research

2.2   Description of the extranet

In addition to the public website, we have established an extranet on the SharePoint platform at sharepoint.ribuild.eu. This extranet has the purpose of both aiding the researchers in efficient teamwork and helping the project managers and work package leaders keep track of the progress and deliverables. Furthermore it will act as the primary channel for internal communication.

Example of the collaborative process using SharePoint

2.2.1   Front page

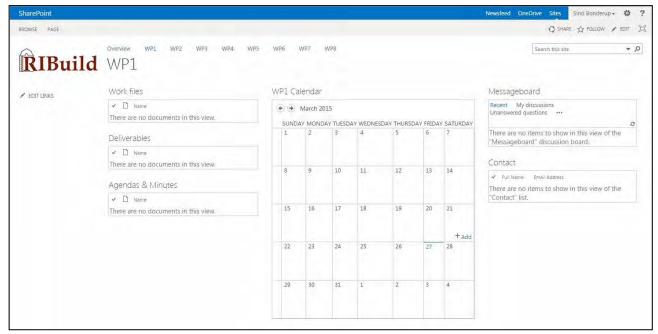RIBuild Overview – front page for the extranet

Content:
- Top menu with access to the page for each WP
- Announcements from the project management team
- Templates for download
- Contact info for WP leaders

- Event calendar
- Official documents – ex. project description and schedules
- Resources – ex. Logos and tutorials for SharePoint and templates

Template types:
- Deliverables
- Periodic reporting, incl. financial reporting (not finalised yet)
- Agenda
- Minutes
- Power point presentation

2.2.2   Work package page

WP1 – work package collaboration site

Content:
- Work files – library for collaborative documents
- Deliverables – library for collecting deliverables
- Agendas and minutes from WP meetings
- Event calendar
- Message board
- Contact info for WP participants

References

www.ribuild.eu

www.sharepoint.ribuild.eu