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1 Introduction

Within the first few project days, GLOBAL had created a specific website that represented a convenient means of an efficient advertisement of the services offered by the project. This initial website was subsequently incorporated into the *Virtual Conference Centre* (VCC v1) site [1].

In light of the initial usability issues encountered with v1 (version 1) of the VCC, the deliberate decision was made to embark on a full re-design of the VCC user interface [2] and commence the development ahead of schedule, i.e. earlier this year. As a consequence, the GLOBAL website was externalised from the VCC, mainly to reduce complexity and allow for a speedy and independent operation of the project site.

The implemented content enhancements focused on conveying a clear message of the project aim and, more specifically, on the services offered such that other e Infrastructure projects could identify collaboration opportunities and share project outcomes.

This document describes the changes and enhancements made on the website, which can be found under www.global-project.eu.

2 GLOBAL Website Enhancements

The main website (located at www.global-project.eu) now focuses on engaging visitors in the services provided by the project. For this reason, a new layout has been created that includes new sections described in this chapter.

GLOBAL PROJECT

About GLOBAL

GLOBAL Description

GLOBAL enables researchers in Europe and around the globe to set up and expand their own virtual community for exchanging the latest findings, present project results, sharing documents and media files, or simply to socialise and connect with each other by means of virtual conferencing.

Enter the Virtual Conference Centre (link to VCC) and find out more.

The short video below presents the highlights of the Virtual Conference Centre as well as its sponsor, the GLOBAL project.

Virtual Conference Centre

User experience

Peter: It is great what this project does.

Jonh: I like it. They helped our project to disseminate our results.

VCC
Virtual Conference Centre

Go to Virtual Conference Centre

Latest News

Event in Johannesburg
Read here all the informati... more >>

Minutes of the meeting
Read here the minutes of yesterday meeting.

New VCC release
A new version of the VCC has been released with document repository.

Deliverable D3.2
We are finishing it. If an... more >>

Screencasts

[How to set up a virtual meeting](#)
[How to set up a remote auditorium](#)
[How to organise a virtual event](#)
[Trouble-shooting guide](#)

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Figure 1 Main page of the GLOBAL website at www.global-project.eu

Figure 1 and Figure 2 show the new main web page of the GLOBAL project. In addition to a short project description and the contact information of the project manager, Figure 1 shows the new promotional video in which the project partners talk about the provided services and the impact on research collaboration.

At the top right, a clearly visible link to the *Virtual Conference Centre* (VCC) has been placed such that interested visitors or VCC can access it easily. Below the *Latest News* section – which can be followed through RSS feeds –, a new section with the most relevant **screencasts** has been incorporated. These screencasts are currently in development and will contain easy to follow graphical instructions on how to do certain actions and tasks, such as obtaining full access to the VCC, creating an event, inviting people, managing a space, or participating in an event.

The final addition to the main page is the inclusion of a *User Experience* section, where we will be providing quotes of people who either have had experience and gained insights as VCC users or as virtual event participants.

Towards the bottom of the page (see Figure 2), GLOBAL-supported event pictures are available in order to illustrate not only the easy to use platform but mainly the impact of virtualising event and remote participation on collaboration.

A more in-depth description of the GLOBAL project and the project partners is available via web pages that can be reached via the *About GLOBAL* link. Figure 3 shows this page with the central area containing the project description and the right side containing a list of partners.

Event pictures

Play Slideshow ◀ Previous Photo Next Photo ▶



4th BELIEF International Symposium
16th & 17th July 2009
São Paulo, Brazil

Original Size



1 2 3 Next ▶

Figure 2 Lower section of the main GLOBAL website at <http://www.global-project.eu/>



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ABOUT GLOBAL



GLOBAL Description

Global Linkage Over Broadband Links will provide a virtual conference centre using advanced communication technologies and concepts to support the promotion of e-infrastructure topics in Europe and around the world.

One main goal of GLOBAL will be to allow and help research projects to disseminate their results and training events to a wider audience located in multiple geographical locations through the organization of virtual conferences. GLOBAL will provide a user-centric interface for planning, creation, announcement, coordination, content management and realisation of virtual conferences with open and wide participation. Through these virtual conferences the participating users will be able to exchange information on e-infrastructure development in their region, identify partners for future collaboration and exchange and discuss synergies between their running initiatives.

The virtual conference events will provide advanced videoconferencing and collaboration tools and support to the participants. Each event will be recorded and stored on a repository together with documents and outcomes for future consultation. The virtual conference centre will provide three main functions focused on usability: a virtual auditorium, for planning, coordination and management of the virtual events, an event repository, to store the recordings and outcomes of the events, and a virtual corridor, which will support networking and partnership building amongst the participants.

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VCC

Virtual Conference Centre

[Go to Virtual Conference Centre](#)

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Figure 3 About GLOBAL with detailed information about the project and the project partners

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