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DELIVERABLE D1.2.2 FINAL REPORT WITH A PRESENTATION OF COLLECTED AND ANALYZED DATA

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Introduction

The main objective of Work Package 1 was to carry out a general work of data mining and analysis with respect to any information that may be useful, directly or indirectly, to the QIPC community in Europe. This task is concerned with establishing the framework and content of what is actually of interest for the community. In order to ensure maximum community coverage, and enable an unbiased view, a survey was initiated to collect input from different stake holders. This was the subject of Deliverable D1.1.1.

The poll on the QUIE²T public forum¹, which was also broadcast to the QUROPE mailing list², has not produced any significant new insights as to new or un-covered material that could be collected in addition to the data we already have available. The community contribution to the services offered on our web site has certainly been significant, such that it can be concluded that the community needs in this area are covered to the satisfaction of all interested parties.

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http://qurope.eu/content/survey-relevant-databases

http://qurope.eu/content/qurope-mailing-list

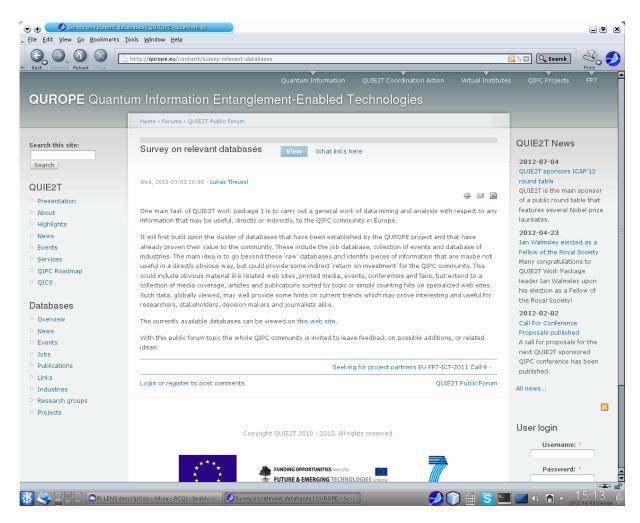


Fig. 1 Screenshot of the on-line community survey

Once the 'hot' topics had been identified, a general initial concept was worked out for the procedure of data collection and presentation. This was carried out in collaboration with WP3, whose responsibility it was to publish and disseminate the final analyzed material via the project web site. The preliminary concept of data collection and presentation was the subject of Deliverables D1.1.2 and D3.2.2; it is described in greater detail in this report, together with the final presentation of the data.

The main efforts connected to this task were put into the proper exploitation and visualization of the data collected on the qurope. eu web site. Since the beginning of the project, a dedicated space was reserved on the web portal to make available advanced functionalities, both for browsing and searching the databases, as well as submitting new data.

The view of this data via the public qurope.eu web site, together with the advanced functionalities like searching, filtering and visualization, constitute a virtual QIPC observatory that is able to serve as a tool to highlight the development and advances in the field. The work on these Virtual Observatories has been the subject of Deliverables D2.3.1 and D2.3.2.

The database main entry point is at

http://qurope.eu/db

This page also gives an overview of the latest database entries that is updated dynamically each time an entry is added or modified in the database, see Fig. 2.

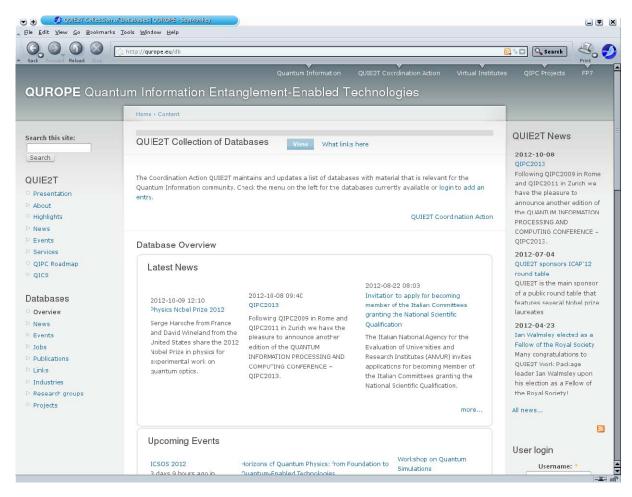


Fig. 2 The main entry point to the database collection.

Data submission

Any registered user can submit new data via the node submission page³, however, in order to minimize the spam rate, we require people to login, i.e. anonymous submissions are not allowed. Registration is free and open to anyone, and can be accomplished quickly and easily by following the link below the *User login* block that is visible on bottom of the right column on every page of the site.

Once logged in, some detailed documentation and help is available for submitting contributions and working with the on-line editor (see the ,Compose tips' link in the menu).

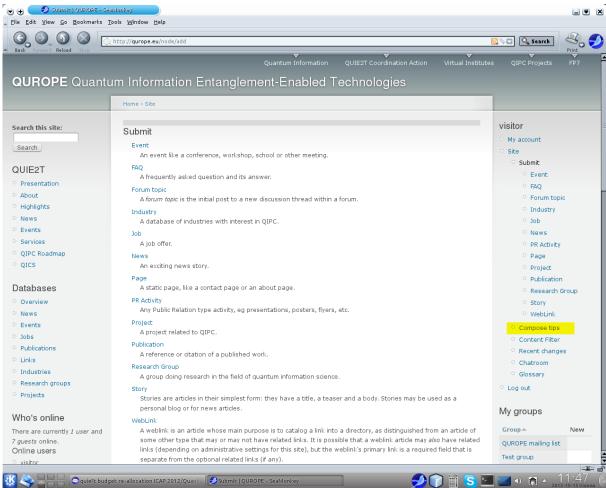


Fig. 3 The main page for data submission.

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³ http://qurope.eu/node/add

Apart from the main submission page, there is a link in the header of every database collection front page that goes directly to the data submission page for the corresponding data type. This is illustrated in Fig. 4 using as example the collection of QIPC projects⁴.

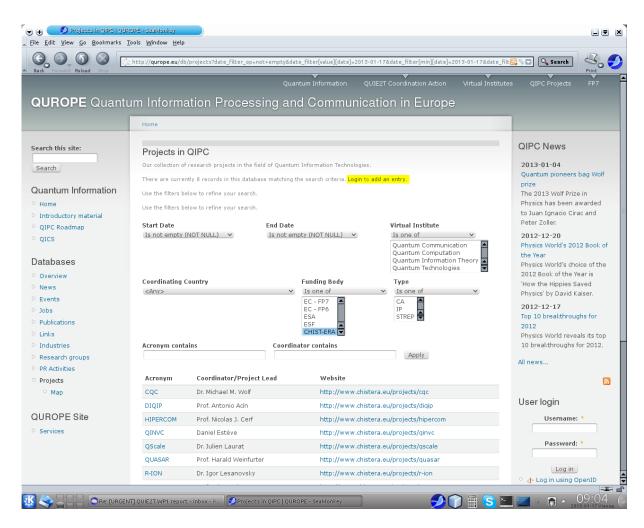
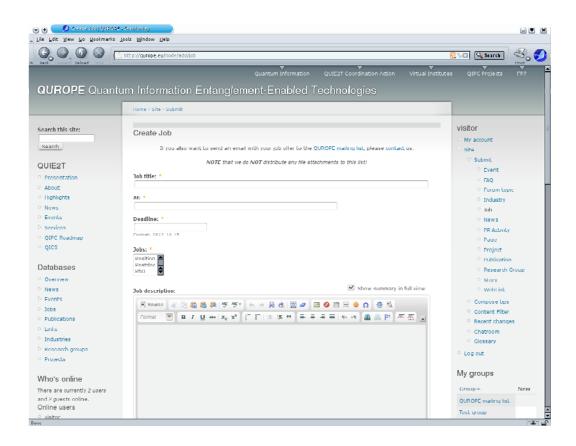


Fig. 4 Example of a link from the database collection to the data submission page,

Different data types offer the choice of various attributes to be specified during submission, some of which are required (indicated by a red asterisk), others are optional. These attributes can be modified any time later by editing the node (i.e. the submitted data type), and are used for filtering and searching on the respective presentation pages. This is illustrated in more detail in the next section, Data presentation.

⁴ http://qurope.eu/db/projects



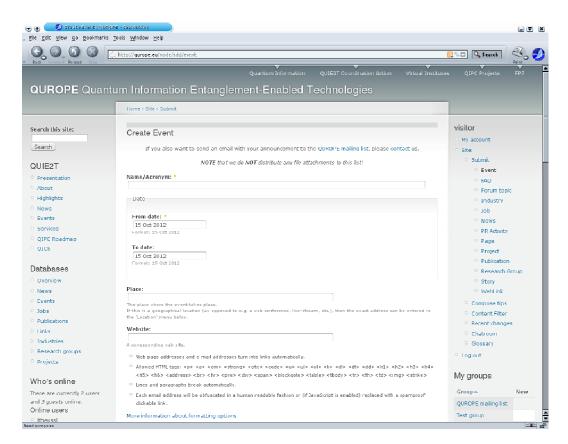


Fig. 5 Examples of data submission pages: submit a job offer (above) and an event (below).

Data maintenance

Once submitted, any data node and its attributes can be modified and edited to an almost arbitrary content. However, in order to avoid abuse and potentially minimize our spam rate, a special permission policy has been put in place for the editing of database items, or in fact, for any page on the qurope.eu web site. As mentioned above, only registered users can submit new material, i.e. anonymous submissions are prohibited. This guarantees that we can always track the origin of any site modification.

After that, any submitted data item can only be modified by the user who submitted it, i.e. normal users cannot modify content that has been submitted by another user. Only some users with special permission, called authorized users, or site administrators, can modify any public content. Authorized users are manually designated by a site administrator.

The complete description of our permission and security policy is documented in the *Frequently Asked Questions* on our site⁵.

Presumed a user has sufficient permission for a given node and has logged in to the site, there will be an edit bar visible on top of the page, as illustrated in Fig. 6. The *View* tab is the main page for the data node, it shows the same page that would be visible for anonymous users. The other tabs may only be visible for users with required permissions. There is in particular the *Edit* tab that allows to modify the underlying data node as described above.

Before submitting a modified data node, one has the possibility to view the changes and to preview the final result via buttons on bottom of the *Edit* tab.

Note that in order to delete an item, one also has to follow the *Edit* tab where there is a *Delete* button on bottom of the page.

Apart from these basic administration tabs, there are some additional options that are mainly useful for statistical purposes and are only visible to administrators. In particular, there is a tab that lists all the pages on the qurope.eu web sites that have a link to the current page (*What links here*), a tab that lists the page visits (*Track*), and a tab that allows to include the current page into a collection of related site pages (a so-called ,Book', *Outline*). See Fig. 6 for an illustration.

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⁵ http://gurope.eu/fag#t235n405

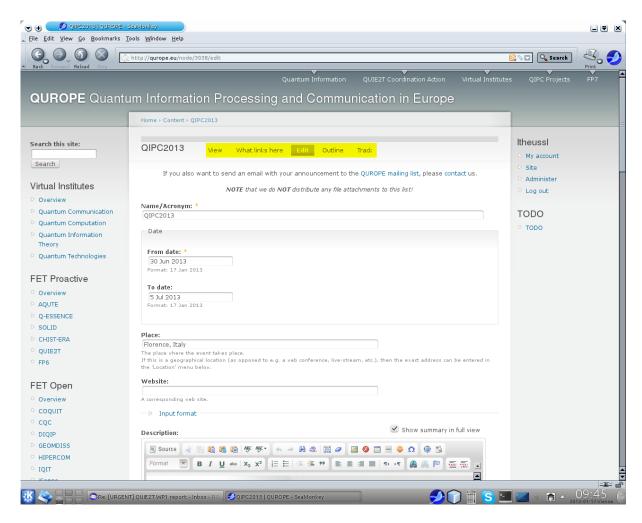


Fig. 6 Illustration of the edit bar that is only visible to registered users. Some of the listed items may only be visible to users with special permission.

Revision information

It should be noted that there is no general mechanism that allows to track changes on an arbitrary data item, i.e. there is no revision control (,*Track changes*') system in place. There is however the possibility to track changes on specific data items, but this has to be explicitly selected by the user during the edit operation. This mechanism is in particular used for tracking changes in the QIPC Roadmap⁶ and the QICS scheme⁷.

Otherwise, the only trace of changes in a data node are via the system logs, however, no detailed information about the nature of the changes is logged, and the logs are only kept for two weeks. After that time period, any trace of modifications on a data item is lost.

⁶ http://qurope.eu/content/Roadmap

http://qurope.eu/content/qics-book

Data presentation

Most data collections can be filtered interactively with respect to some attributes, e.g. news entries⁸ can be filtered by date, job entries⁹ can be filtered by location, etc. Most of these filters are self-evident, some filters are specific to our infrastructure and are common to many collections. These are in particular:

- The ,Subject' filter, that specifies on which sub-domain of the web site the given entry lives,
- The ,Virtual Institute' filter, that filters by the associated VI (if any),
- The ,Project' filter that filters any associated QIPC project.

Other specific filters are explained at the corresponding database description below wherever they occur.

Calendar views have been added for all data that support a date attribute (news, events,...) and map views for data that support locations (jobs, events,...).

Each database presentation page also gives some basic statistics about the number of entries in the collection (subject to the currently active filter selection).

Most data can be exported directly to an xls Excel stylesheet via a button on bottom of the corresponding page.

At the time of this writing, there are the following top-level database topics available:

- News
- Events
- Jobs
- Publications
- Links
- Industries
- Research Groups
- PR Activities
- Projects

These topics and initial database seeds were mainly taken over from the predecessor projects ERA-Pilot QIST and QUROPE and enhanced with additional items following a public survey among the community members ¹⁰. The newly collected data seeds introduced by QUIE²T are the Publications, Web links, Research groups, PR Activities and Projects.

⁸ http://qurope.eu/db/news

⁹ http://qurope.eu/db/jobs

¹⁰ http://gurope.eu/content/survey-relevant-databases

The following pages discuss the single databases in more details, highlight the evaluation and analysis tools available for each, and present a preliminary statistic evaluation and analysis of the available data as of the time of this writing. Essentially, this means that the presented data cover the period from 1. February 2010 - 15. January 2013. However, as database entries are added dynamically, specific numbers in some tables may change rapidly and significantly in real life, so the aim of this analysis is mainly to present an overview and discuss any significant trends that may be visible.

A common feature for all main database pages is the header section, which usually gives the total count of database entries applicable to the current view, and a set of filters, that can be applied to the database set under consideration. This is illustrated in Fig. 5 using the Events database as an example.

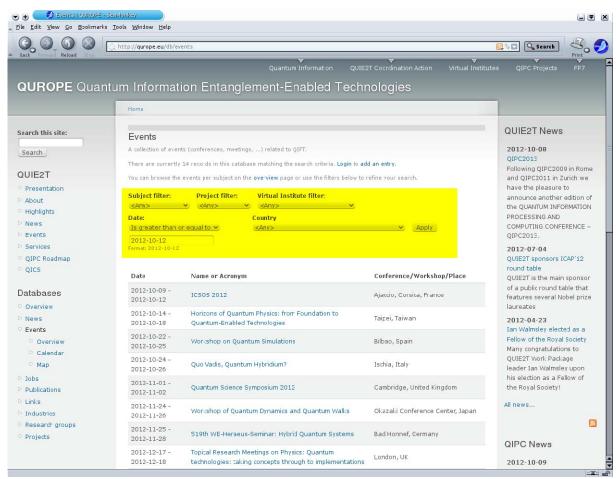


Fig. 7 Illustration of the filtering and data count functionality using the Events database as an example. Notice the various highlighted search filters, and the data counter in the header above, that adjusts automatically to the currently selected filters. Similar tools are available for all other database collections.

News

The complete collection of News submissions is available at http://qurope.eu/db/news. A News node is typically a short story or piece of content that can be submitted by site users and classified according to some searchable filter terms. News are most typically used by projects hosted on the qurope. eu site to display the latest submissions in the right column of the project web pages. An example is the News block of the QUIE2T web site itself¹¹. However, also news not related to a specific project can be classified, e.g. general QIPC news¹² or news related to the Virtual Institutes¹³.

A particularly useful feature is the availability of RSS feeds for each news collection (e.g. per project), that allows users to subscribe to a feed and get automatic notification of any content addition or change. This is achievable via a small icon on bottom of the view.

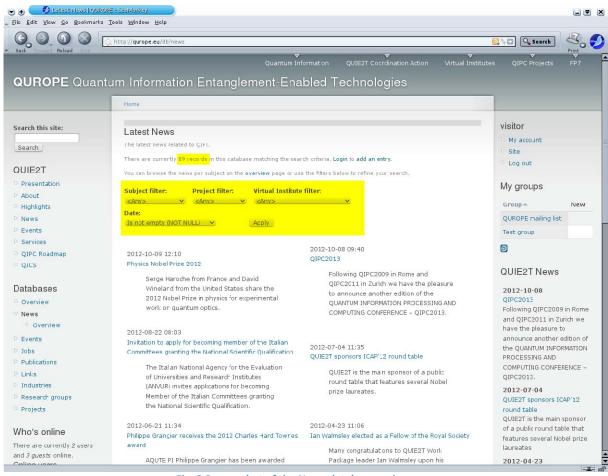


Fig. 8 Screen shot of the News database main page.

¹¹ http://qurope.eu/quie2t

http://qurope.eu/qipc

¹³ http://qurope.eu/vi

The News database can currently be filtered by Subject, Project, Virtual Institute and Date. In addition, an arbitrary text search may be performed on the News title, summary and body.

Currently there are a total of 98 News database items available in the collection, i.e. we had roughly one news submission every two weeks. Evidently, this service is used to a different extend by different projects. The following table gives the number of news records filtered by Subject topic and the most active projects. Note that single numbers do not necessarily add up to the total number of records because some nodes may be classified within several categories.

Subject	Projects	QUIE ² T	Virtual Institutes	FP7	QIPC
Nr. of records	27	29	4	7	50
Project	QUIE ² T	AQUTE	Q-ESSENCE	SOLID	STREPS
Nr. of records	29	16	26	3	3

Events

The complete collection of Events is available at http://qurope.eu/db/events. An event is typically any type of happening like a conference or workshop that can be submitted by site users and classified according to some searchable filter terms. Typically, an event has a specific date and location, but there are exceptions as for example web conferences or on-line PR activities. Also public lectures or review meetings may be classified as events.

Again, a particularly useful feature is the availability of RSS feeds for each event collection (e.g. per project), that allows users to subscribe to a feed and get automatic notification of any content addition or change. Another useful feature is the possibility to export the current view of the database to an Excel XSL style sheet. This is achievable via a small icon on bottom of the view.

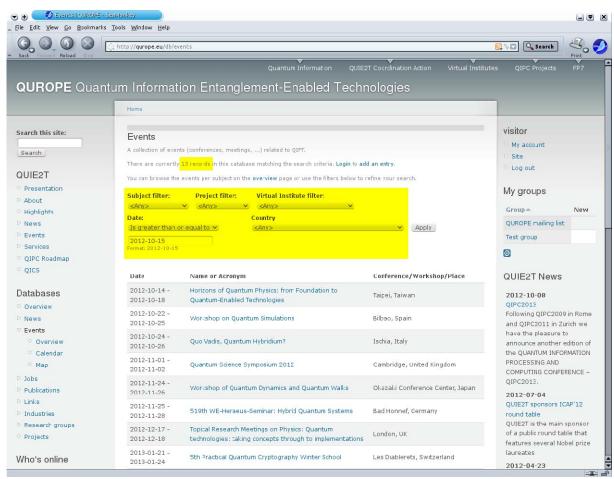
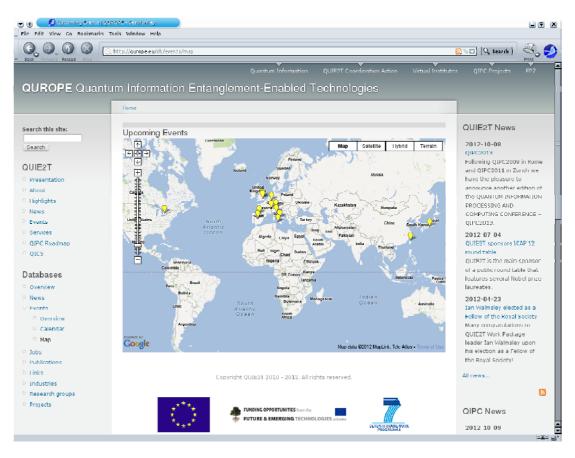


Fig. 9 Screen shot of the Events database main page.



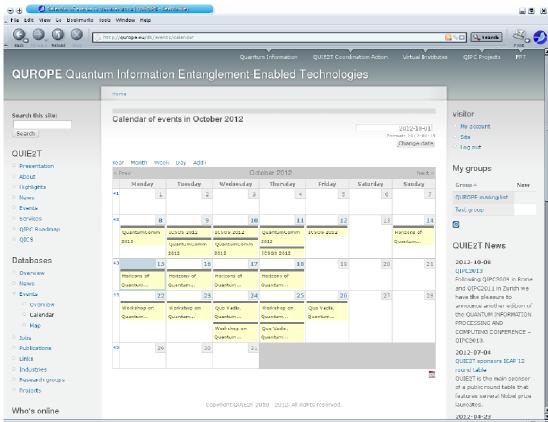


Fig. 10 Screen shots of the Events Google map (above) and calendar view (below).

The Events database can currently be filtered by Subject, Project, Virtual Institute, Date and Country. In addition, an arbitrary text search may be performed on the Event name and place.

Currently there are a total of 168 database items available in the collection, i.e. we had roughly one event submission per week. The following table gives the number of event records filtered by Subject topic and the most active projects as well as the most frequent host countries. Note that single numbers do not necessarily add up to the total number of records because some nodes may be classified within several categories.

Subject	Projects	QUIE ² T	Virtual Institutes	FP7	QIPC
Nr. of records	16	9	1	8	150
Project	QUIE ² T	AQUTE	Q-ESSENCE	SOLID	STREPS
Nr. of records	9	16	7	3	8
Country	Germany	Austria	Spain	Italy	UK
Nr. of records	20	19	17	15	15

Note that in addition to the filter-enabled default view, there is also a browse-able calendar view¹⁴ and a Google map view¹⁵ as well as a collection of external sites with independent event listings¹⁶.

¹⁴ http://qurope.eu/db/events/calendar

http://qurope.eu/db/events/map

http://qurope.eu/db/events/external

Iobs

The complete collection of Job offers is available at http://qurope.eu/db/jobs. The job collection is by far the most popular database of the qurope.eu web site. According to Google analytics it has been hit over 4000 times in the past year, i.e. about 10 times per day, accounting to almost 5% of the total site traffic, which makes it the most visited page on the whole qurope.eu site.

Again, a particularly useful feature is the availability of RSS feeds for the whole database collection that allows users to subscribe to a feed and get automatic notification of any content addition or change. Another useful feature is the possibility to export the current view of the database to an Excel XSL style sheet. This is achievable via small icons on bottom of the view.

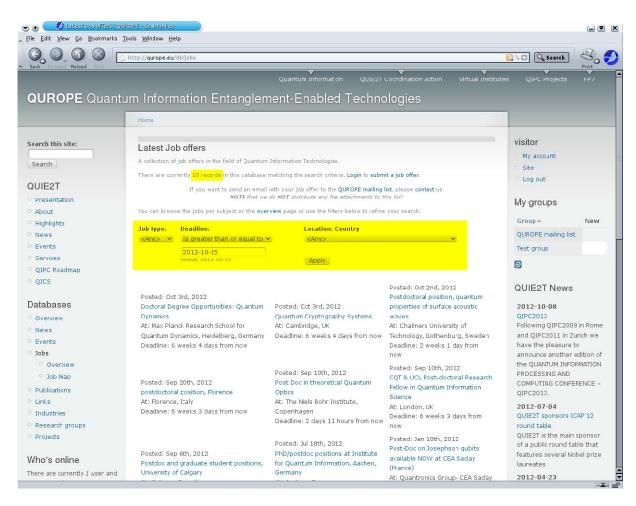


Fig. 11 Screen shot of the Jobs database main page.



Fig. 12 Screen shot of the Jobs Google map view.

The Jobs database can currently be filtered by Job type (Position, Postdoc or PhD), Application deadline and Country. In addition, an arbitrary text search may be performed on the Job title and place.

Currently there are a total of 220 Job offers available in the collection, i.e. we had roughly three job submission every two weeks. The following table gives the number of job records filtered by job type and the most frequent host countries. Note that single numbers do not necessarily add up to the total number of records because some nodes may be classified within several categories.

Job type	Position	Postdoc	PhD		
Nr. of records	36	132	71		
Country	Germany	Austria	Spain	USA / France / Australia	UK
Nr. of records	30	18	24	12	50

Note that in addition to the filter-enabled default view, there is also a Google map view¹⁷ as well as a collection of external sites with independent job listings¹⁸.

¹⁷ http://qurope.eu/db/jobs/map

http://qurope.eu/db/jobs/external

Publications

The complete collection of Publications is available at http://qurope.eu/db/publications. The publication collection is the largest collection of data items on the qurope. eu web site with currently 612 single records.

Again, a particularly useful feature is the availability of RSS feeds for the whole database collection that allows users to subscribe to a feed and get automatic notification of any content addition or change. Another useful feature is the possibility to export the current view of the database to an Excel XSL style sheet. This is achievable via small icons on bottom of the view.

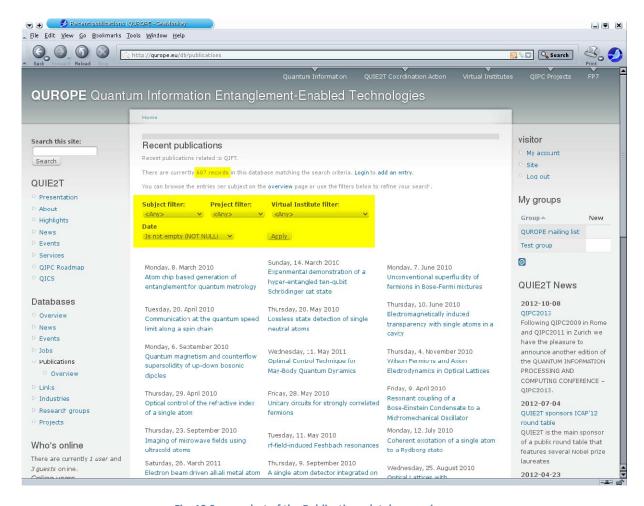


Fig. 13 Screen shot of the Publications database main page.

The Publications database can currently be filtered by Subject, Project, Virtual Institute, Date and QICS. In addition, an arbitrary text search may be performed on the Publication title, author(s), reference and abstract.

Currently there are a total of 612 Publications available in the collection, i.e. we had roughly four submissions per week. The following table gives the number of publications filtered by Project, Virtual Institute and QICS. Note that single numbers do not necessarily add up to the total number of records because some nodes may be classified within several categories.

Virtual Institute	Q-Comm	Q-Comp	Q-Info	Q-Tech	
Nr. of records	18	100	129	90	
QICS	00	10	20	30	40
Nr. of records	123	196	23	29	17

On a side note it has to be mentioned that the classification according to QICS (Quantum Information Classification Scheme¹⁹) terms might not be very representative as not all publication records have been classified by it. It was only in Oct. 2012 that indicating a QICS scheme was made mandatory when submitting a publication, i.e. many older entries do are not tagged with any QICS at the moment. Work to classify the remaining publication records is on-going at the moment.

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¹⁹ http://qurope.eu/content/qics-book

Links

The complete collection of Web Links is available at http://qurope.eu/db/links.

Again, a particularly useful feature is the availability of RSS feeds for the whole database collection that allows users to subscribe to a feed and get automatic notification of any content addition or change. Another useful feature is the possibility to export the current view of the database to an Excel XSL style sheet. This is achievable via small icons on bottom of the view.

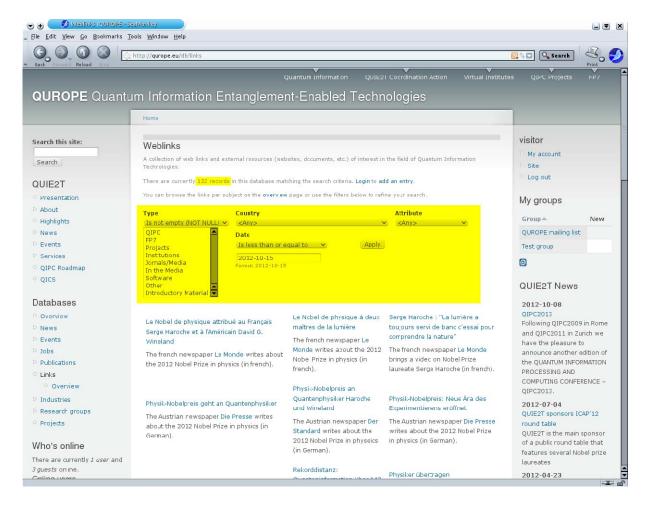


Fig. 14 Screen shot of the Weblinks database main page.

The Links database can currently be filtered by Type, Country, Attribute and Date. In addition, an arbitrary text search may be performed on the Link title and description.

Currently there are a total of 309 distinct links available in the collection, i.e. we had almost two submissions per week. The following table gives the number of web links filtered by Type, and as an interesting sub-category, the number of 'Media appearances' per country. Note that single numbers do not necessarily add up to the total number of records because some nodes may be classified within several categories.

Туре	QIPC	In the Media	Introductory Material	Job listing	Software
Nr. of records	30	211	42	16	12
In the Media per Country	Austria	Germany	France	Switzerland	UK
Nr. of records	55	54	54	12	22

Industries

The complete collection of Industries is available at http://qurope.eu/db/industries.

Again, a particularly useful feature is the availability of RSS feeds for the whole database collection that allows users to subscribe to a feed and get automatic notification of any content addition or change. Another useful feature is the possibility to export the current view of the database to an Excel XSL style sheet. This is achievable via small icons on bottom of the view

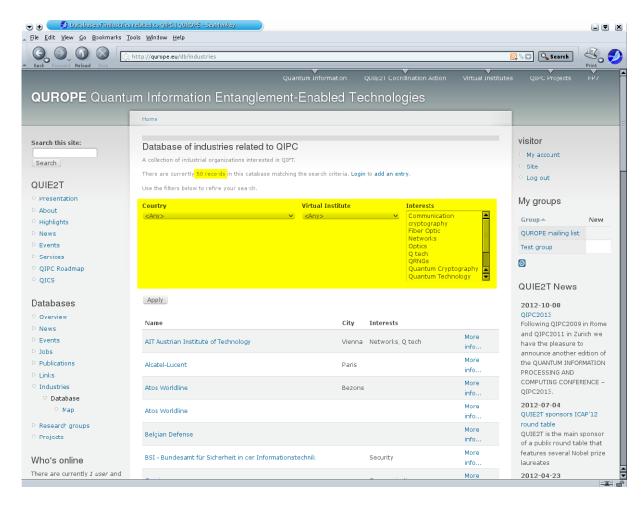


Fig. 15 Screen shot of the Industries database main page.

The Industries database can currently be filtered by Country, Virtual Institute and Interests. In addition, an arbitrary text search may be performed on the name of the Industry.

Currently there are a total of 50 distinct Industries in the collection. This number has stayed roughly constant over the past years as we had a few additions but also a few removals of start-up companies that apparently have disappeared again.

The following table gives the number of industry records filtered by Country, Virtual Institute and Interest. Note that single numbers do not necessarily add up to the total number of records because some nodes may be classified within several categories.

Country	UK	Germany	France	USA	Switzerland
Nr. of records	7	6	5	7	6
Virtual Institute	Q-Comm	Q-Comp	Q_Info	Q-Tech	
Nr. of records	7	1	0	2	
Interest	Cryptography	Quantum Technology	Security	Communication	Networks
Nr. of records	11	17	12	15	11

Note that in addition to the filter-enabled default view, there is also a Google map view²⁰ showing the location of company headquarters on a Google map.

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²⁰ http://qurope.eu/db/industries/map

Research Groups

The complete collection of Research Groups is available at http://qurope.eu/db/groups.

Again, a particularly useful feature is the availability of RSS feeds for the whole database collection that allows users to subscribe to a feed and get automatic notification of any content addition or change. Another useful feature is the possibility to export the current view of the database to an Excel XSL style sheet. This is achievable via small icons on bottom of the view

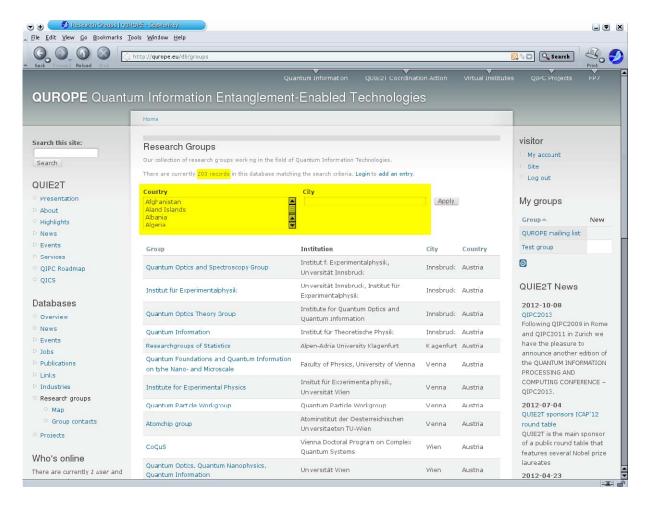
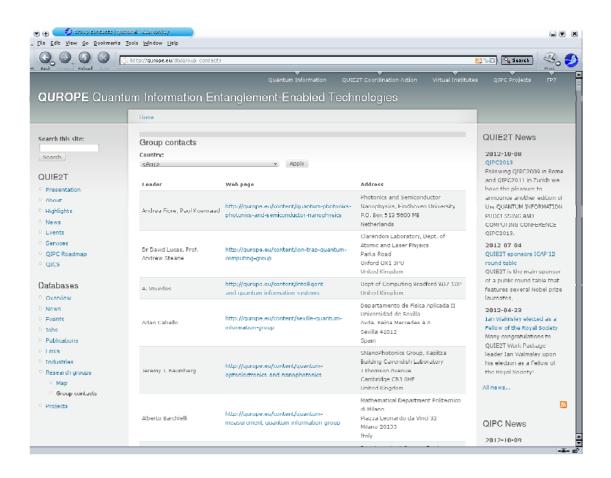


Fig. 16 Screen shot of the Research Groups database main page.



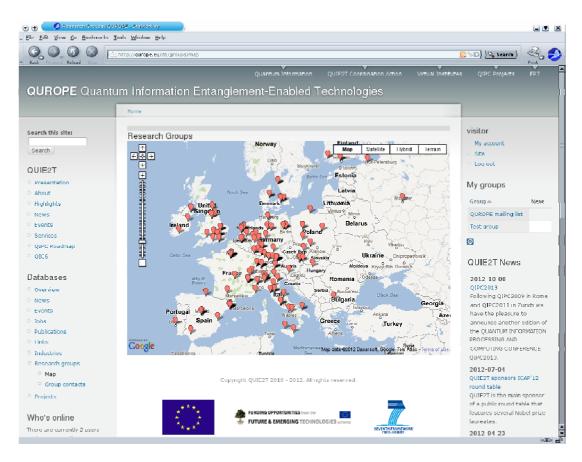


Fig. 17 Screen shots of the group contacts page (above) and the groups Google map view.

The Research Groups database can currently be filtered by Name, Research Type, Expertise, Country, City and Group leader.

Currently there are a total of 203 distinct Research Groups in the collection. This number has only slightly increased over the past years as we had already a rather complete coverage of groups when the database was taken over from previous projects, and there were only a few newly emerged groups in addition.

The following table gives the number of Research Groups records filtered by Country, Research Type and Expertise (selected by some prominent key words). Note that single numbers do not necessarily add up to the total number of records because some nodes may be classified within several categories.

Country	UK	Germany	France	Italy	Spain
Nr. of records	22	48	17	30	16
Research Type	Theory	Experiment			
Nr. of records	105	112			
Expertise	Cryptography	Spectroscopy	Optics	Communication	Networks
Nr. of records	24	8	55	20	6

Note that in addition to the filter-enabled default view, there is also a Google map view²¹ showing the geographic location of research groups on a Google map.

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²¹ http://qurope.eu/db/groups/map

PR Activities

The complete collection of PR Activities is available at http://qurope.eu/db/pr-activities.

Under PR Activity we initially understood any type of activity that was directed towards an extra-scientific audience, in particular the general public. So this could be for instance public talks, TV/Radio interviews, exhibitions or links to introductory material on the web, in particular videos on youtube.com or articles in the popular press. Due to the wide subject nature, and also in particular due to different interpretations and needs of various projects, we were soon forced to loosen that definition and introduce a range of subject tags that are not always immediately attributable to a conventional PR activity as described above. This makes it especially difficult to arrange, present and analyze the data.

As a particularly confusing topic, there exist two types of 'PR Activities' in our collection: one that is particularly defined as such (in Drupal terms: a PR Activity *Content Type*), and one that only carries the attribute of 'PR Activity' (i.e. in Drupal terms: a *Taxonomy Term*). The latter may be any data node or content type (e.g. an event, a news story, a web link, etc.) that has been tagged with an attribute of 'PR Activity'. As an example, the database for web links²² includes an Attribute filter that contains a 'PR Activity' tag.

As a consequence, not all data submissions that have been tagged as a 'PR Activity' are necessarily included on the main page of the PR Activity database. To keep the search and filter functionality as general as possible without paying too much in terms of usability, we have added a few sub-categories in the navigation menu of the database that contain some special, but commonly used cases. Those sub-categories are 'In the media'²³, 'Presentations'²⁴, 'Communications'²⁵ and 'Other Activities'²⁶. The latter page includes all data with a 'PR Activity' tag, irrespective of its data type. Like above, this does not necessarily include all the 'proper' PR Activities, i.e. the content types. All these subcategories may be filtered separately by some common terms.

As for all other databases we note the availability of RSS feeds for the whole database collection that allows users to subscribe to a feed and get automatic notification of any content addition or change, as well as the possibility to export the current view of the database to an Excel XSL style sheet. This is achievable via small icons on bottom of the view.

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²² http://qurope.eu/db/links

http://qurope.eu/db/pr-activities/media

http://qurope.eu/db/pr-activities/presentations

http://qurope.eu/db/pr-activities/communications

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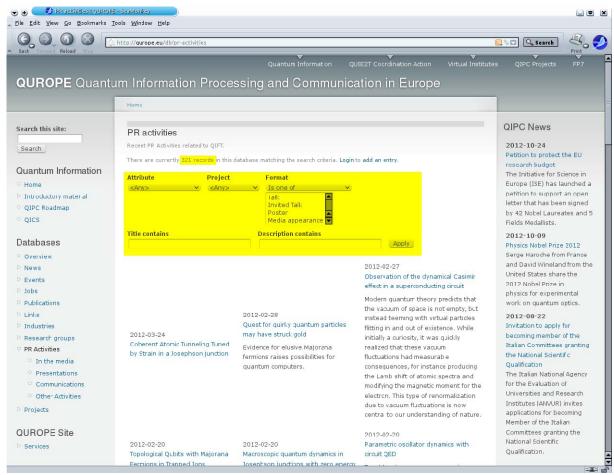


Fig. 18 Screenshot of the main PR activities database page.

The 'proper' PR Activities database can currently be filtered by Attribute, Project and Format. In addition, an arbitrary text search may be performed on the PR activity title and description.

Currently there are a total of 321 distinct PR Activities in the collection, i.e. we had about 2 submissions per week. Note however that some projects classify, say, normal conference presentations as PR Activities, which is not the initial intent of the category.

The following table gives the number of PR Activity records filtered by Attribute, Project and Format. Note that single numbers do not necessarily add up to the total number of records because some nodes may be classified within several categories.

Attribute	PR Activity	Presentation	Results	Communications	Highlight / Reports
Nr. of records	37	286	31	4	1
Project	AQUTE	Q-ESSENCE	SOLID	QUIE2T	
Nr. of records	0	142	168	1	
Format	Talk	Invited Talk	Poster	Media appearance	
Nr. of records	21	53	8	3	

Projects

The complete collection of QIPC Projects is available at http://qurope.eu/db/projects.

The start of data collection for this data base is somewhat 6 years ago, i.e. 2007 with the start of the predecessor project QUROPE. That means that projects from the pre-FP6 era are usually not contained in the database.

Again, a particularly useful feature is the availability of RSS feeds for the whole database collection that allows users to subscribe to a feed and get automatic notification of any content addition or change. Another useful feature is the possibility to export the current view of the database to an Excel XSL style sheet. This is achievable via small icons on bottom of the view.

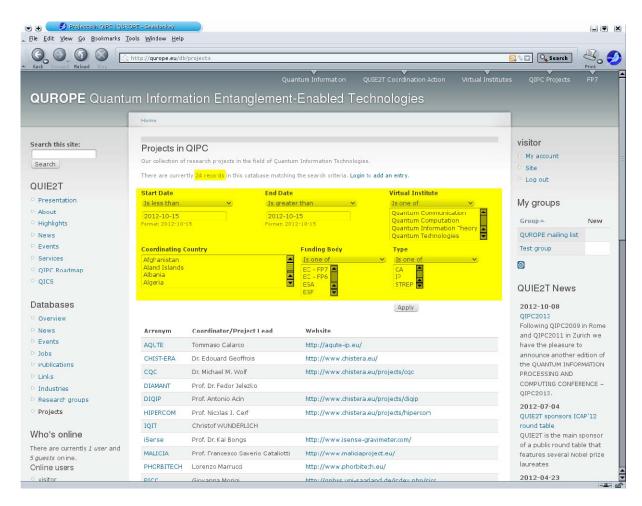


Fig. 19 Screen shot of the QIPC Projects database main page.

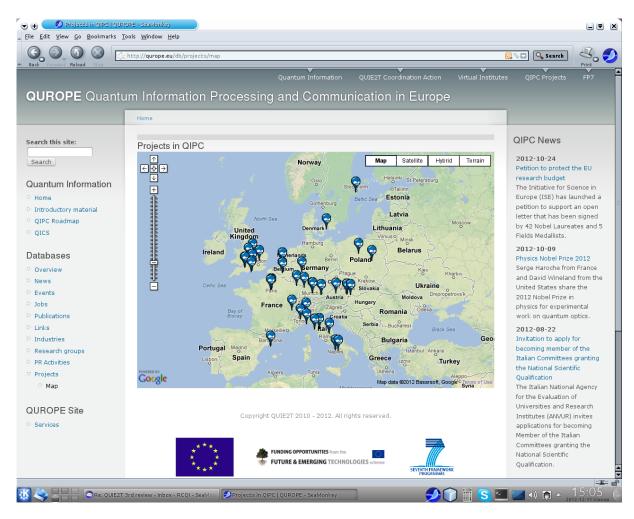


Fig. 20 Screenshot of the QIPC projects Google map page.

The Projects database can currently be filtered by Start/End Date, Virtual Institute, Coordinating Country, Funding Body and Type. In addition, an arbitrary text search may be performed on the Project acronym and coordinator.

Currently there are a total of 54 distinct Projects in the collection. This number has steadily increased over the past years with an almost constant number of projects being added each year.

The following table gives the number of Project records filtered by Virtual Institute, Coordinating Country, Funding Body and Type. Note that single numbers do not necessarily add up to the total number of records because some nodes may be classified within several categories.

Country	UK	Germany	France	Italy	Austria / Sweden
Nr. of records	9	7	5	11	4
Virtual Institute	Q-Comm	Q-Comp	Q-Info	Q-Tech	
Nr. of records	4	12	10	13	
Funding Body	EC – FP7	EC – FP6	ESA	ESF	CHIST- ERA
Nr. of records	40	12	1	1	8
Type	CA	IP	STREP		
Nr. of records	4	7	40		

Note that in addition to the filter-enabled default view, there is also a Google map view²⁷ showing the geographic location of the project coordinating country on a Google map.

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²⁷ http://qurope.eu/db/projects/map