D9.2: MERCES Project homepage, MERCES Intranet with Project templates and guidelines

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1. MERCES WEBSITE

1.1 Content of deliverable

This deliverable is composed of the following elements:

- a public internet website already online at date of the submission of this Deliverable (http://www.merces-project.eu/);
- a restricted area for partners of the project, available in the web site, where first management templates, the description of the actions (DoA - Annex 1 to the Grant Agreement) and the documents related to the project (Grant Agreement, Consortium Agreement) are available for donwload (http://www.merces-project.eu/partners-area);
- a document that briefly describes the website (this document).

1.2 Public website

1.2.1 Introduction

The infrastructure for the MERCES Project is provided by Ecoreach (Partner 19). The website was designed by Ecoreach s.r.l. An initial version of the website has been designed in June 2016 (taking into account EU rules for project websites) and its improvement has been discussed during the kick-off meeting of the project (held on 6-8 July 2012, Rome, Italy). The MERCES website (http://www.merces-project.eu/) is continually evolving and increasingly serving as the key information source for both project partners and external visitors. The home page provides a short introduction to the project and includes the following web pages:

- **Organization of the project:** this is a dedicated section to the description of the Project Coordinator, Project Management Office, Steering Committee and Advisory Board members (with pictures and institutional website links).
- **Merces work:** this section includes the description of the structure of MERCES proposal (pert diagram) and of each work package (with pictures and institutional website links of the WP leaders).
- **Stakeholders:** the list and the description of all stakeholders involved in the project (with their website links). This page is under construction and it will be soon available.
- **Field work:** this section will collect documentation of all the field experiments and survey conducted by MERCES. This page is under construction, since it depends on the progress of the project, and it will be available as soon as we have the documentation.
- **Media Center:** this area will include all downloadable material that will be produced and

developed during MERCES project: pictures, videos, brochures and posters, presentations and newsletters. This page is under construction and it will be available as soon as we have this material.

· **Outreach:** this page will include information about seminars, campaigns, educational events that will be organized during MERCES project. This page is under construction and it will be available as soon as we have this material.

· **Business club:** this section is dedicated to communication and knowledge transfer amongst key players in marine restoration, with a focus in industry and regulating authorities, driving new blue-growth business development. This page is under the responsibility of WP8's leaders and it is under construction.

· **Products:** this section will list research papers produced by the project, public deliverables and milestones released during the project, open-access software and tools developed during the project.

The website also includes sections on the home page dedicated to specific topics:

· **About the project:** on this section, the main goals and activities of MERCES project are briefly described.

· **MERCES news**: this section will show general news and events about the project. Meetings, workshop and the reviewed public deliverables will be announced in this section.

· **News from the world:** conferences on topics related to the project and other projects linked to MERCES and deliverables release dates will be shown in this section.

· **MERCES calendar** including public events were MERCES is involved, scientific events potentially interesting for partners, divulgation events.

· **Hot topics and campaigns:** news about relevant topics related to MERCES project and relevant international campaigns.

· **Videos and Interviews:** this section will include the links to the MERCES youtube official channel.

In the lower part of the website's homepage a list of the partners' logo is already included. Clicking on each logo it is possible to open dedicated page with the description of each partner (with logos and links institutional website).

Moreover, a section about job opportunities is already included and will be soon updated.

1.2.2 Administration

The web site is based on Drupal which is a web applications intended to create a web site or blog. A detailed description of the functionalities provided by Drupal can be found on the documentation available at https://www.drupal.org/documentation.

Ecoreach is the only partner to have the responsibility and the possibility to make changes or update the MERCES web site, with the collaboration of all partners and by means the utilization of material provided by them.

1.3 Restricted area for partners

The role of the **'Partners Area'** is to have a secure and private place to share documents and information among partners. This section is totally private and a password is mandatory to have an access to it. This area includes the following sections:

· **Project meetings and workshops;**
· **Project management**, including contract information, DoA, reports, deliverables, milestones and templates for deliverables, milestones, minutes meeting;
· **MERCES calendar** to better manage MERCES activities, timelines, deadlines, relevant project's data.

2. CONCLUSIONS

The MERCES webpage provides the necessary function to act as dissemination tool, internal networking platform and discussion space. The project website will continuously evolve and develop as the project itself matures. Ecoreach will continue to manage, extend and improve its usability and functions as needed throughout the project lifespan.