

Elisad gateway

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This gateway provides multilingual descriptions of and links to over 1000 evaluated European websites and other Internet resources on the use and misuse of drugs including those of Central and Eastern European countries. Subject experts and information professionals are selecting, evaluating, classifying and cataloguing Internet resources, including producing content descriptions, browsing facilities and keyword search facilities in order to provide a quality controlled collection of resources for gateway users. This tool has been built by ELISAD the European Association of Libraries and Information Services on Alcohol and Other Drugs, with funding from the European Commission and is currently in a new development phase to include updated keywords, a new-look user interface and translation into other European languages. Search the gateway at [http://www.addictionsinfo.eu/The Elisad Gateway project was completed at the end of 2007](http://www.addictionsinfo.eu/The_Elisad_Gateway_project_was_completed_at_the_end_of_2007)

The initial achievements and results in each WP (see below) are completed.

An interim report to the European Commission was delivered in May 2006. Showcase for the European Commission The Gateway project was selected to be showcased at the European Commission's Gastein conference in Austria 1st. to 4th. of October 2008. Elisad supplied posters and leaflets to describe the project and its outcome. It is a compliment to Elisad to be selected to be showcased by the Commission. Even if the project period is over, the Gateway will be updated by the Elisad members. ELISAD gateway project: 2005 – 2007 work programme (available in PDF here (PDF 30KB)) The application for funding, submitted in April 2004, was approved by the European Commission in January 2005. The planning of work programme, tasks distribution and budget was done in a work meeting by Toxibase and Archido (January 2005).

- Project duration: 24 months June 2005 – May 2007
- Performance by 24 participant institutions in the Elisad network
- Tasks organised in 8 work packages (WPs)
- The EC funding covers 50% of the total expenditures

The project tasks (WPs), responsibilities and initial achievements are described according to the below structure. State of arts: April 2006. Contents

General objectives

Project participants

Meetings & workshops

WP 1 – project management

WP 2 – technical coordination

WP 3 – database development

WP 4 – AOD keywords index

WP 5 – translation / multilinguality

WP 6 – data collection & networking

WP 7 – monitoring & info transfer strategies

WP 8 – public relations

Current activities / next steps: April 2006 General objectives Objective of the Elisad gateway is to provide access to quality web resources on AOD across 32 European countries within a comprehensive online platform and catalogue, including metadata, subject browsing and search facilities. Objectives of the 2005-2007 work programme:

- Strengthen and increase institutional networking across Europe
- extend & update the catalogue content
- technical developments: database, keywords index, multilinguality
- performance of 8 work packages
- conduction of project meetings and workshops To contents The work programme is performed by 20 participant institutions and 8 observers from 22 countries in Europe, including: 16 AOD information centres in charge of data collection and networking
- France: Toxibase (project management / administration)
- Germany: Archido University Bremen (technical coordination)
- 3 EU networks: Elisad, EMCDDA, PrevNet
- Technology development: ZAIT University Bremen

United Kingdom: DrugScope Netherlands: Trimbos Instituut

France: OFDT

Belgium: VAD Italy: Gruppo Abele

Ireland: HRB-NDC Lithuania: CEEHRN

Austria: API-LBI Czech Republic: SZU / Nadace

Sweden: CAN Poland: IPIN University Warsaw

Norway: SIRUS Finland: STAKES Greece: EKTEPN
8 observers AOD information centres: Hungary: EUM Library

Portugal: IPDT Spain: PNSD

Tenerife: LasDrogas.Net Switzerland: InfoSet / KOSTE

UK: Alcohol Concern Romania: National Anti-Drugs Agency Slovenia: National Office on Drugs
To contact the Gateway project group, please see the gateway website. Project meetings & workshops To contents To date, 2 meetings have been performed in 2005 and 2006. Another meeting is planned for 2006, and applications are running for an additional meeting in 2007. 1st Project workshop in Oslo, October 2005

- 25 participants from 21 institutions in 16 countries
- Topics: Introduction of work programme, initial results from WP3, WP6 and WP4, practical training and discussion
- Results: see the Oslo minutes and presentations

Technical meeting in Bremen, 8-10 February 2006

- Participants from Elisad, Archido, DrugScope, Artkode, ZAIT and PrevNet
- Topics: catalogue functions and interfaces, CMS technologies, web transfer
- Results: see the Bremen minutes, design brief and presentations

2nd Project workshop to be held in Bremen, October 2006

- Planned: participants from 30 institutions in 25 countries
- Topics: correct indexing, multilingual catalogue input WP 1 – project management To contents in charge:

Toxibase (France)

- performance of formal process with EC
- subcontracts and agreements with partners / documents management
- monitoring of contributions and results
- budget planning & financial administration
- deliverables: financial reports to EC WP 2 – technical coordination To contents in charge: Archido (Germany)
- conceptional input: methodology, database development, keywords index
- organisation and follow-up of networked project performance with 28 institutions
- extension of networking partnerships
- explore strategies for information transfer and monitoring
- deliverables: technical activity reports for EC

initial achievements:

- Oslo workshop and Bremen technical meeting
- meeting reports, project documentation, catalogue management
- permanent communication process with partners WP 3 – database development To contents in charge: ZAIT (Germany)

- syntax verification of MySQL database

- tools for input and administration
- multilingual database structure
- implementation of AOD keywords index
- development of search functions & access statistics
- deliverables: technical functions & features

initial achievements:

- own server hosted at university Bremen with MySQL4, PHP5, Unicode ability
- test database and functions: refined search, input and administration screens
- migration of catalogue in January 2006 WP 4 – AOD keywords index To contents in charge: Archido, DrugScope (United Kingdom)

- review / analysis of 2003 version: options usage and freetext fields content
- proposals for modifications, synonyms, impact on database structure
- concept oriented review – definition of subject categories

deliverables:

- English source keywords index including 15 facets and scope notes
- report on keywords development
- initial achievements:
- numeric analysis of AOD keywords usage
- development of facets under process
- mapping and implementation planned for May 2006 WP 5 – translation / multilinguality To contents all participants involved, organisation by DrugScope
- 14 languages according to geographic scope
- raw translations by external agency

- tasks & deliverables:
 - multilingual AOD keywords index, decentralised input to the system
 - multilingual website elements
 - multilingual input / output screens
 - selected relevant records in OL and EN
 - promotional media in multiple languages WP 6 – data collection / networking To contents in charge: all participants involved, coordinated by Archido
 - data collection: objectives / scope
- At the project start (5/2005) the catalogue included 996 records (675 full / 321 in progress). The cataloguing practice follows the guidelines developed in 2004.

- extension and updating of catalogue content
- coverage: 32 countries + eu / int
- identification of new AOD websites
- record metadata: descriptions in English (EN) and original language (OL), minimum 25 records by country
- updates of existing catalogue records from former project phase
- development of methodic framework and work strategy (guidelines, input manual, relevance criteria for AOD web resources, indexing practice)

deliverables:

- lists of national AOD websites (title / URLs)
- total ca. 400 new full records in catalogue
- updates of de-selected URLs (“black list”)

intermediate results / state of arts:

- data collection process initiated since 9 / 2005
- 350 new URLs from 28 countries identified
- 124 web resources de-selected

- networking : objectives / scope

The general objective is to strengthen exchange and cooperation among AOD institutions from a maximal number of European countries.

- to identify partnerships and establish collaborations on national and European level
- principle & strategy of networked performance of project process / tasks
- seek assistance from AOD institutions in own country to identify web sources
- extension of project participants / countries involved
- public relations process: dissemination of project media & information

involvement of 24 AOD libraries and 3 EU networks: Elisad, EMCDDA, PrevNet

Expected results / state of arts:

- extension of no. of participant institutions
- potential partnerships identified in Slovakia, Estland, Croatia and Serbia
- wanted: partners from Bosnia, Bulgaria, Latvia, Estonia, Turkey, Zyprus... WP 7 – monitoring & information transfer strategies To contentsinvolved: BISDRO, Archido, EMCDDA, PrevNet
- develop indicators and frameworks for project evaluation
- statistical evaluation of catalogue usage
- monitoring: feedback process with EMCDDA Reitox network
- exploration on telematic features with PrevNet
- exploration of transfer strategies with LasDrogas.Net and other information services

initial achievements:

- contacts initiated with EMCDDA, PrevNet, LasDrogas.Net
- concept for statistical functions WP 8 – public relations To contentsin charge: Elisad
- development of promotional media
- joint public relations strategy with all participants
- promotion of Elisad gateway among European health experts / institutions
- web dissemination of project outputs: transfer with Elisad.org, mailinglist

deliverables:

- PR report and related publications / press
- PDF promotion brochure in 14 languages

Initial achievements:

- Project articles / presentations (LIDA 2005, LIBRI journal)
- AOD webmasters contact database
- Presentation and links to gateway from Elisad members websites
- Definition of web transfer with Elisad.org: project materials, interactive features

- Concept for web referencing for search engines The Elisad Gateway project was completed at the end of 2007. The initial achievements and results in each WP are completed. An interim report to the European Commission was delivered in May 2006. The Gateway project was selected to be showcased at the European Commission's Gastein conference in Austria 1st. to 4th. of October 2008. Elisad supplied posters and leaflets to describe the project and its outcome. It is a compliment to Elisad to be selected to be showcased by the Commission. Even if the project period is over, the Gateway will be updated by the Elisad members.

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