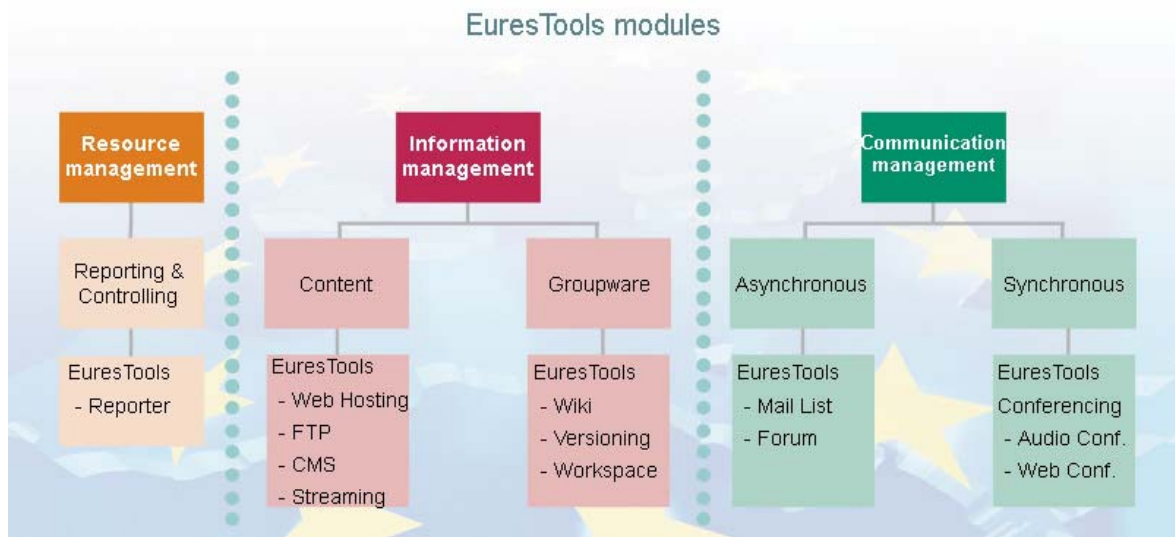


EuresTools

ICT tools for effective project management in EU Framework Programme 7

EuresTools is a comprehensive set of modular ICT tools for managing European research projects. They are based on our long project experience from Eurescom, FP5, FP6, FP7 and Celtic projects. The tools are specifically designed to the needs of EU-funded projects in FP7 and other EU programmes. You can select the tools you need for your project and get a customised tool package from us, which is shaped to the needs of your project.

Please contact us via e-mail at services@eurescom.eu to discuss the tool package you need.



Description of EuresTools modules

Resource management

Reporting and controlling

EuresTools Reporter

EuresTools Reporter is a web-based service for fast and easy reporting of performed project work, resources and expenditures. It has been specifically shaped to the needs of EU-funded research projects, especially Integrated Projects (IPs) and Specific Targeted Research Projects (STREPs), but can also be used for Coordination Actions (CAs) and Specific Support Actions (SSAs).

EuresTools Reporter has increased the efficiency of a number of projects under EU Framework Programme 6 like the IPs DAIDALOS I, DAIDALOS II, MobiLife, NM2, SALERO, MediaCampaign, Aposdle, WINNER I and WINNER II, the STREP UbiSec&Sens, and the SSAs ALIPRO, eMobility SSA, and Panlab. FP7 project using EuresTools include the CSAs EIFFEL, eMobilityCA, and 4NEM, the STREP DaVinci, and the IPs ACTIVE, E³, OMEGA, TA2, and TRILOGY.

Information management

Content

EuresTools Web Hosting

Eurescom provides hosting of standard websites based on HTML pages, which is adapted to the contents and the needs of the project. It includes a public web space and access to a secure web space limited to the participants of the project. The content (text, images) would have to be provided by the project. After initial setting up of the Website, the authoring/updating of content will be done by the project.

EuresTools FTP

Eurescom offers ftp servers for storing project documents in an accessible way. However, this is only recommended for small projects, as the demands for version control and more sophisticated access control mechanisms will rise with size and complexity of the project.

EuresTools CMS

EuresTools CMS provides a web front-end which is technically based on the Open Source software Typo3. This includes a user-friendly content management system and secure and flexible account and login administration. Typo3 is a web-based Content management system (CMS), which allows users with an account to create web content via a text-based interface through a web browser without any HTML editing involved. The CMS offers undo and transaction rollback capability and other advanced features.

The fee is based on your specific requirements and the complexity of the Typo3 website you need.

EuresTools Streaming

EuresTools Streaming includes the production of on-demand video and audio streaming. This service can enhance the content on the project website with, for example, streamed presentations from workshops or conferences. The benefit is that pre-recorded video or audio streams are available for visitors to play whenever they want, by simply clicking on a website hyperlink. We deliver the media content of your project from a secure server, using hardware configured for optimal delivery of your media.

The fee is based on the number and playing time of streams you need.

Groupware

EuresTools Wiki

EuresTools Wiki is a web-based groupware tool based on MediaWiki, the Open Source wiki software package which was originally developed to serve the needs of Wikipedia, a free wiki-based encyclopedia. MediaWiki is one of the most popular general wiki solutions providing a rich core feature set and a mechanism to attach extensions to provide additional functionality.

A wiki is a type of website that allows the visitors themselves to easily add, remove and otherwise edit and change some available content, sometimes without the need for registration. This ease of interaction and operation makes a wiki an effective tool for collaborative authoring.

EuresTools Versioning

EuresTools Versioning is a secure version control system for managing files and directories, which is based on Open Source tool Subversion. A tree of files is placed into a central repository. The repository is much like an ordinary file server, except that it remembers every change ever made to your files and directories. This allows you to recover older versions of your data, or examine the history of how your data changed. Subversion can access its repository across networks, which allows it to be used by people on different computers. Because the work is versioned, you need not fear that quality is the trade-off for losing that conduit—if some incorrect change is made to the data, just undo that change.

EuresTools Workspace

EuresTools Workspace is based on the BSCW server, which provides a shared workspace for a variety of objects such as documents, tables, graphics, spreadsheets or links to Web pages. Once a workspace has been set up, all users can upload or download documents to it.

Besides user and group management, the BSCW server applies access control mechanisms to the shared workspaces and provides functions to maintain the stored documents. Features include authentication, version management, mechanisms for locking documents, discussion forums, annotations and rating, event notification, search facilities, e-mail integration, and more.

The annual fee is based on the number of individual users.

Communication management

Asynchronous communication

EuresTools Mail List

EuresTools Mail List includes a customised e-mail list server with web front-end management. Features include virus-scan, anti-spam filters, an e-mail archive, and an easy-to-use web interface for list owners. Through the web interface, individual mailing lists can be flexibly defined and maintained according to the demands of the project.

Eurescom's mailing list management has proven its reliability and usability in numerous Eurescom and EU projects, including Integrated Projects in FP6 like DAIDALOS (113 lists), NM2 (20 lists), and WINNER (105 lists).

EuresTools Forum

EuresTools Forum is a fully scalable and highly customizable discussion forum based on Open Source software phpBB. It has a user-friendly interface, a simple and straightforward administration panel, and a helpful FAQs

Features

- Forum messages are e-mailed to registered members, depending on their account settings
- Different levels of control for moderator and members in open and closed discussions
- Posting of documents attached to the messages

Messages can be sorted by discussion topic, date, etc.

The fee is based on the number of forums and the level of support you need.

Synchronous communication

EuresTools Audio Conferencing

Eurescom Audio Conferencing is an essential communication service for collaborative projects. It has proven its efficiency in several hundred Eurescom projects and a number of EU FP5 and FP6 projects like DAIDALOS, NM2, and WINNER. The service is fully automated and available 24/7. This means, audio conferences can be flexibly set up on short notice.

Each audio conference has a permanent phone number and a permanent dial-in ID. Larger projects usually have separate permanent audio conferences for each work package of the project.

The audio conferences can be scheduled via a web-based front-end, which will be specifically implemented for the project. This front-end helps the coordinator and the work package leaders to plan audio conferences and keep track of conference dates and participants.

EuresTools Web Conferencing

EuresTools Web Conferencing enables real-time collaboration. It allows you to have a live seminar, meeting, classroom or customer experience. Presentations are enhanced via the audiovisual interface with nonverbal communication, and actions or demonstrations can be performed in front of the video camera for the participants to see.

The Web-conferencing portal allows you to either passively provide online tutorials 24 hours a day or to communicate interactively with your participants at previously fixed times.

Different from a normal phone conference, you get the audiovisual support via the Web-conferencing portal in a more natural and intuitive way. Like in a conventional on-site seminar you can pass on contents to your participants as a multi-media presentation; feedback or queries are directly brought into the seminar via chat or phone. At any time, you can receive feedback from participants for evaluation through additional integration of online tests and polls.

The advantage of our Web-conferencing portal is that you can fully concentrate on your presentation without the need to be an expert in the field of Web portals. We create the required virtual conference room according to your needs.

The fee is based on the number of seats.

After-project service

Web-archiving of project data from EuresTools modules

For auditing purposes and legal archiving requirements, storing project data for a certain period of time after the project is closed is mandatory. There are two ways to do this: the project coordinator and the partners could download all the data they want to keep after the project, but this procedure would be very cumbersome.

The alternative is Web-based access to the data, which is much more convenient. Project data generated and stored in EuresTools Reporter, EuresTools Wiki, EuresTools Versioning, EuresTools Workspace, and EuresTools FTP will be kept accessible, depending on the customer requirements, for up to 5 years after the project end. Stored data can be viewed and downloaded by all consortium partners, if required; uploading and editing of data will be disabled.

Choose the EuresTools modules you need

You are free to choose the EuresTools modules you really need for your project. The EuresTools package will be completely customised to the specific requirements of your project, taking into account the tools you already have.

Most EuresTools modules are offered at a flat fee per project partner per month. The total fee depends on the services you would like to include, the number of partners, and the duration of your project. EuresTools Workspace is offered per user, EuresTools Web Conferencing per seat.

A proven combination of EuresTools modules for EU research projects includes:

- EuresTools Reporter
- EuresTools Web Hosting
- EuresTools Wiki
- EuresTools Workspace
- EuresTools Mail List
- EuresTools Audio Conferencing

This is just an example. Tell us, which requirements you have for your project, and we will suggest the EuresTools modules which will support you best in managing your project effectively.

Include EuresTools in your project proposal

If you wish to use EuresTools in your EC-funded project, make sure the estimated cost of the EuresTools modules you need is included in the budget of your project proposal. Project management tools are eligible for 100 percent EC-funding of sub-contracted management support services.

Special offer in the proposal phase

Eurescom offers selected project proposals the basic EuresTools modules for free in the proposal phase, if they include EuresTools in the project budget. Please contact us to find out, if your proposal would qualify for the special offer.

Contact

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