

Appendix 2

Link between the CMS, Project Webspaces and the Online Monitoring System

In order to communicate project news and updates on the programme website, the JS needs to ensure that certain project information in the monitoring system and in the project CMS/webspaces is also visible on the programme website and that the transfer of information between the systems is provided with relative ease.

Currently in the IVB programme, the content management system (CMS) and online monitoring system are key programme tools used by JS staff, programme stakeholders and lead beneficiaries. There are some sections and/or fields in the online monitoring system that are transferred directly to the CMS for publication on the programme website, however, the sections where information transferal is possible are limited and the set-up for information transferal is intricate.

It is consequently a main priority during the development of future programme tools to secure connectivity between the monitoring system and the CMS at all levels. The management of data being transferred from many of the modules in the monitoring system as well as from project webspaces and project CMS to the programme website through programme CMS will need to be embedded into the system design.

There will be only one visible gateway for user login to the OMS and CMS, which should be through the programme website.

The terms of reference for the Online Monitoring System (OMS) and the website and CMS both outline this importance and the relevance of having a strong connectivity between the systems. The programme will of course still control which connections are activated and thereby which data are released.

Examples of information transferal

Large amounts of the data transferal will therefore be expected between the new OMS/CMS systems. For example, the programme is obliged by EU requirements to publish details about the projects funded through the programme. This information should be drawn from the OMS and published on the programme website using the CMS i.e. name of beneficiaries, country, budget, start and end date. Similarly, project information should be transferred from the OMS to the project webspaces.

A major challenge from the current communications has been keeping up-to-date with the many project changes and updates. A system that has a better integration between the structures would allow for automatic updates and data transfer and provide a higher level of transparency and accuracy.

The JS will ensure that the developers of both systems cooperate on this matter and will facilitate this activity accordingly.