BONE Major Achievments

WP03 : Electronic Communication Aid

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WP Objectives

To provide the consortium with a set of useful electronic tools aimed at simplifying communications among partner, promoting integration and disseminating the NoE knowledge-base to the international research community.

The electronic communication tools deployed include a public website, an electronic directory and reporting service, a mailing list system, a shared workspace to be used for discussions and document sharing.

Status at start of the BONE-project

A number of electronic tools were available when BONE started, but there was limited integration between them in order to fit the peculiar requirements of such a large NoE. The integration of existing solutions and the development of new tailored services are the key results of WP03 activities.

Major progress during BONE-project

The activities within WP03 focused on the design, integration, implementation, setup, test, improvement and maintenance of the electronic communication tools that have been used within the NoE.

1. The BONE directory server, the mailing list system, including a management interface, and the on-line reporting tool have been configured and set up, using an integrated web-based interface. A public mailing list, open also to subscribers external to the NoE through a public web interface, has been set up and activated.

2. The on-line reporting tool has been constantly updated and enriched with additional functionalities, reaching the current stable level.

3. The BONE website has been designed, developed and tested with the help of several partners; it is based on a set of few static pages describing the project with additional dynamic content retrieved from the reporting server and shown on the web 2.0 platform.

4. The internal platform implementing a shared workspace with the integrated advanced communication tools has been setup, tested and constantly updated.

5. A synchronization process between the directory server, where reporting information is stored, and the public website and shared workspace has been implemented for both user authentication and dynamic content exchange. More specifically, publications and mobility actions reported on the directory server are also shown on the website and on the internal platform, while meetings/events reported on the directory are retrieved from the calendars available on the internal platform.

Added value of the BONE NoE

The integration of communication, reporting and dissemination tools implemented during the BONE NoE facilitated the management of such a large consortium and improved the coordinator capabilities of monitoring the project progress and measuring the partner involvement and integration.