

## Online Database and Dissemination Group



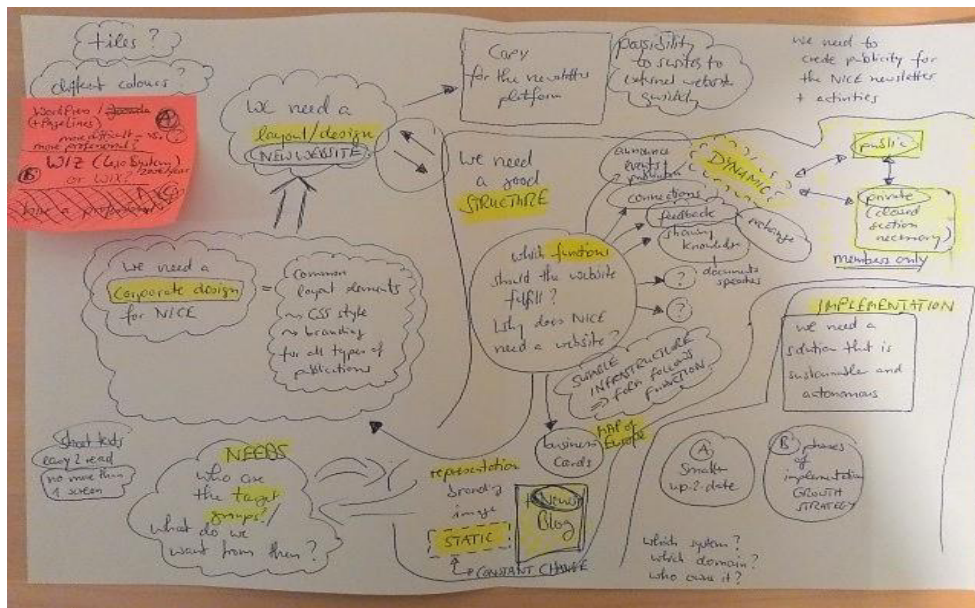
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At the beginning of March 2014, the members of the online database and dissemination group met in Padua, Italy, to develop a concept for a new website of the NICE network. Lea Ferrari (IT) hosted the workshop, in which Nikos Drosos (GR), Johannes Katsarov (DE), Jaana Kettunen (FI), and Monika Kukyte (DE) participated.

After an analysis of the current website's limits, we explored some good examples and ideas, for how the network's visibility could be improved, and finally developed a concept. The most important reason, why we want to build a completely new website, lie in the central features, which we want to give our new website.

**In terms of the structure and design of the new website, we want to...**

- Give the website a more friendly and modern look, which suits the spirit of our network,
- Give it a responsive design (that adapts to the device, from where it is accessed, e.g. PC, tablet or smartphone),
- Make it more user-friendly, particularly by increasing its speed,
- Make it easier to find the most important contents and products, considering different groups of potential users (mainly researchers, trainers, career professionals, policy-makers),
- Increase the functionality of the website and our autonomy of developing it further in the future, and
- Connect the website with different social networking services (like SlideShare and LinkedIn).



Graph 3: Only one Example of the Creative Work in Developing a Concept for the New NICE Website (March 2014)

**In terms of contents**, the new website will also be more attractive and up-to-date. For example, we want to give each working group a space to represent themselves, e.g. with member profiles. Also, we will integrate a map of Europe, in which all members of NICE can be found geographically. A central part of the new concept will be a dedicated news section, which will connect with the NICE Newsletter, but also offer recent news on a more frequent basis.

### Our next steps

Currently, we are working to realize the new website, thoroughly test its functionality and usability, and fill it with content. The plan is to have it up and running with all of its main features by October 2014.

Until then, we will already collect all of the relevant contexts from NICE partners, so that it will be fully populated, when we go public. A part of the new contents have already been realized on the current website at [www.nice-network.eu](http://www.nice-network.eu).



Photo 5: Participants of the Database Workshop in Padua (March 2014), featuring Lea Ferrari, Monika Kukyte (top), Johannes Katsarov, Jaana Kettunen and Nikos Drosos (bottom)