



PILOTS

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1 Executive Summary

The European PILOTS project (Professionalization for Learning in Technology and Science) is aimed at Europe's community of science explainers. Among the aims of the PILOTS project are both the dissemination of the projects results and materials as well as the support of this wide international professionals community.

In order to achieve this there are some sub goals such as:

- To have a tool for internal exchanges, documents sharing and common archives
- To disseminate project's ideas and materials
- To offer an innovative tool for the community learning of explainers
- To create a community who will continue after the end of the project

A website has thus been created to support the development of a learning community of European explainers, and to build the project actions with a participative process. It is divided in two main sections: the institutional webpage, open and public, and the participative web-platform, especially dedicated to the explainers' community, designed to be a self-sustaining webspace where participants could develop a sense of belonging and share their resources and ideas with a community.

This deliverable describes the public, institutional webpage, located at www.thepilots.eu.

2 The Pilots institutional webpage

The Pilots institutional web page was launched on 9th February 2009. The official section of the PILOTS webpage has a very simple and clear structure, with lots of materials.

This part of the website:

- ⇒ Presents project's goals, plan, activities and materials.
- ⇒ Offers links to partners websites, Ecsite and THE group webpage.

The targets of the website are

General public (casual navigators), Ecsite's partners, other museums and museums networks, other EU and international projects, EU-officers, policy-makers, etc.

The administration of the website is held by a small group of editors designated by the workpackage leader, under the direction of the PILOTS project, whose role is to keep the site up to date. That website is top-down (participation is offered in the PILOTS hub)

The official website has the following sections:

- PILOTS: project short description

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news

EXPLAINERS: WHO ARE WE?

In Europe, and all around the world, there is still little information available on the status, the roles, the activities and the training needs of explainers. Please find below the link to the Pilots survey. Please fill in the questionnaire! We will publish the results later in the year.

the project

Pilots - Professionalisation in Learning Technology and Science is a two-year project with the support of the Lifelong Learning Programme of the European Union, which started in November 2008.

Download the project presentation [here](#).

Pilots follows two principal lines of action:

1. the collection of data on European practices concerning explainers;
2. the planning and testing of training modules to enhance the role of explainers in lifelong learning in science, with particular attention to the new needs of explainers in response to the requirements of adult learners: facilitating dialogue and discussion, tackling controversial and sensitive issues, taking into account gender differences and presenting current research.

Four European courses on these topics are being organised during the two-year project.

A web-platform, **Pilots Hub**, supports the explainers' learning community.

PILOTS HUB

click to **join the explainers international community**

- PARTNERS: partners' page (with logos and links)

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partners

Pilots is coordinated by Ecsite, and the partners are: CITE des sciences et de l'industrie in Paris, France; House of Experiments in Ljubljana, Slovenia; Museo Nazionale della Scienza e della Tecnologia Leonardo da Vinci in Milan, Italy; Pavilion of Knowledge - Calévia Viva in Lisbon, Portugal; SSSA Medialab in Trieste, Italy and Technopolis®, the Flemish Science Center in Mechelen, Belgium.

The Pilots project is strongly linked to THE (Thematic Human Interface and Explainers) group, the Ecsite thematic group dedicate to the professional development of explainers.

ECsITE, the European Network of Science Centres and Museums

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- TOOLS: pedagogical materials, bibliography, useful links and any other materials that can help people working on the professional development of explainers

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tools

The Pilots project is developing original tools and pedagogical material for the explainers training, focusing in particular on adult learners and science and society issues.

Pilots is also gathering all information and references to publications, projects, and activities all around the world on facilitation and explainers training.

Here you can find a selection of these materials. The archive will be updated regularly during the project.

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recent uploads

19th March 2009
How to organize a Pilots event
 Pilots will be running training courses for European explainers (see Activities). All participants in Pilots training courses must...

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- RESULTS: reports and data from PILOTS surveys and WP works, including the public deliverables of the Pilots project.

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results

Pilots is collecting data on explainers status and roles, and on local training practices, both through a desk survey and through focus groups and other research with explainers from partner institutions and Pilots training courses. Those data, the evaluation of the project, and all reports of Pilots activities will be published on this page regularly.

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recent uploads

December 2008
How do explainers use the web?
 PILOTS survey on explainers using Internet
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- ACTIVITIES: PILOTS training

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all courses

Paris 19th - 22nd January 2010
3rd Pilots training course
The Pilots project 3rd training workshop will take place at La Cité des Sciences, Paris, France.
2nd Pilots training course

activities

Pilots will organise four training courses: two four-day local courses (Mechelen and Paris) and two two-day international courses (Milano and Dortmund), during the Ecsite Annual Conferences 2009 and 2010.

Explainers in attendance will take part in a range of activities designed to hone various skills relevant to their role. Participants will share ideas about what it means to be an explainer, and share their own expertise as well as benefitting from the experiences of others.

All participants in Pilots training courses must organise a training activity in their own institution, for their colleagues. This allows explainers to share their experiences from Pilots in their own language, and ensure that as many explainers as possible benefit from this best practice, in each participating institution.

Upcoming Pilots Training Courses

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A button, very evident on the home, conducts to the PILOTS hub.



In the home there is a banner with the news, the link to Ecsite and the link to THE group, the Ecsite Thematic Group of professionals interested in the role of explainers.

3 Annexes

There are several documents uploaded to the institutional website in order to help to disseminate project's ideas and materials and to offer an innovative tool for the community learning of explainers. We are attaching those documents as annexes.

- Annex A: Guidelines for training events
- Annex B: Evaluation of training Events
- Annex C: International multilingual bibliography
- Annex D: How do explainers use the web?
- Annex E: 1st Pilots training course
- Annex F: 2nd Pilots training course
- Annex G: 3rd Pilots training course