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## D6.1.1 Project Website

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## 1. Executive Summary

This Deliverable describes the project website, its structure and its main purposes. For a better orientation, example screenshots are included in this document (as per July 20th 2012).

The Europeana Newspapers project aims at the aggregation and refinement of newspapers for [The European Library](#) and [Europeana](#). In addition, the project addresses challenges particularly linked with digitized newspapers:

- use of refinement methods for OCR, OLR/article segmentation, and named entity recognition (NER), and page class recognition to enhance search and presentation functionalities for Europeana customers,
- quality evaluation for automatic refinement technologies,
- transformation of local metadata to the Europeana Data Model (EDM)
- metadata standardization in close collaboration with stakeholders from the public and private sector.

The consortium will provide more than 18 million newspaper pages to the Europeana service.

## 2. The website <http://www.europeana-newspapers.eu/>

The project website is available at <http://www.europeana-newspapers.eu/>.

The current version of the website, based on Wordpress was launched on April 25th 2012. A simple version of the project website providing basic information on the project and the consortium has been published under the same URL in March and April 2012. This website was replaced with the launch of the advanced Wordpress project website.

The website will be updated continuously during the whole lifetime of the Europeana Newspapers project.

The partner responsible for the website's content is LIBER. The co-ordinator of the project (SPK/SBB) holds the administrator rights as well. Some partners hold the rights to update content in the "Blog" category.

The structure of the website is described in the following chapters.

### The main purposes of the website are:

- to introduce the Europeana Newspapers project to the public
- to inform about the progress of the project and about the project consortium
- to have a public document repository for public project related outcomes (Deliverables, Presentations, Promotional Materials)
- to provide information for and about associated partners of the project and the extended project network
- to present access points to further communication channels (LinkedIn, Twitter, Facebook, Slideshare) used by the project
- to provide contact details of the project co-ordinator and project partners.

## 3. Website structure description

### 3.1 Homepage (About)

The homepage of the project offers general and summarised information about the project, the navigation menu, a search field, a "follow us!" crossroad to other project communication and social media channels, direct links to the "Blog" and "News" categories and an archive (structured by months).



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Europeana Newspapers project. At the top left is the Europeana Newspapers logo, which features a stylized 'G' made of newspaper text and a small image of a newspaper. To the right of the logo is the text "europeana newspapers". Further right, the tagline "A Gateway to European Newspapers Online" is displayed. Below the logo and tagline is a horizontal navigation menu with the following items: ABOUT, CONSORTIUM, NEWS, ACTIVITIES, EVENTS, PUBLIC MATERIALS, and CONTACT. The "ABOUT" item is highlighted.

The main content area is titled "About". It contains the following text:

A group of 17 European partner institutions have joined forces in the "Europeana Newspapers" project and will, over the next 3 years, provide more than 18 million newspaper pages to the EUROPEANA service.

The Europeana Newspapers project (funded under EC's [CIP 2007 – 2013](#)) aims at the aggregation and refinement of newspapers for [The European Library](#) and [Europeana](#). In addition, the project addresses challenges particularly linked with digitized newspapers:

- use of refinement methods for OCR, OLR/article segmentation, and named entity recognition (NER), and page class recognition to enhance search and presentation functionalities for Europeana customers,
- quality evaluation for automatic refinement technologies,
- transformation of local metadata to the Europeana Data Model (EDM)
- metadata standardization in close collaboration with stakeholders from the public and private sector.

Each library participating in the project will distribute digitized newspapers and full-texts free of any legal restrictions to Europeana. There will be a special focus on newspapers published during the First World War, thus providing a meaningful addition to the resources aggregated by the current [Europeana Collections 1914-1918](#) project.

The project has started on 1st February 2012.

Go the [NEWS](#) section of this webpage to see the latest info on the project

On the right side of the page, there is a search box with a "Search" button. Below the search box is a "Follow Us!" section with social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and YouTube. Below that is a "Categories" section with two items: "Blog (1)" and "News (5)". Below the categories is an "Archive" section with four items: "June 2012 (2)", "May 2012 (1)", "April 2012 (1)", and "March 2012 (2)".

At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with the following text:

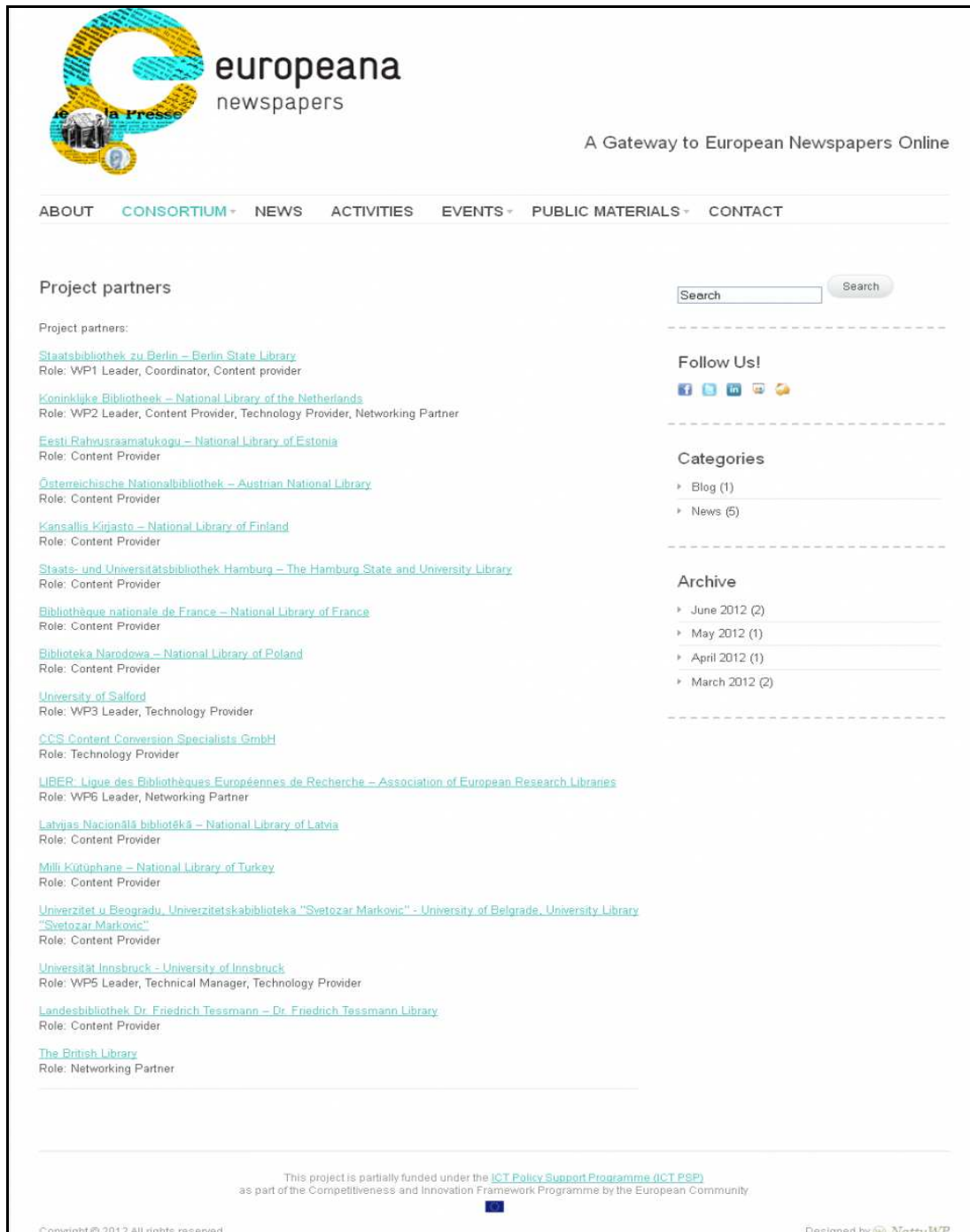
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## 3.2 Consortium

This category contains two sections:

- "Project partners" with their roles and links to the consortium partners' homepages
- "Associated partners" with the information on benefits of being an associated partner and with links to the associated partners' homepages



The screenshot shows the Europeana Newspapers website. The header includes the logo and the tagline "A Gateway to European Newspapers Online". A navigation menu is visible with "CONSORTIUM" highlighted. The main content area is titled "Project partners" and lists various institutions with their roles. A search bar and social media links are also present.

**Project partners**

Project partners:

- [Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin – Berlin State Library](#)  
Role: WP1 Leader, Coordinator, Content provider
- [Koninklijke Bibliotheek – National Library of the Netherlands](#)  
Role: WP2 Leader, Content Provider, Technology Provider, Networking Partner
- [Eesti Rahvusraamatukogu – National Library of Estonia](#)  
Role: Content Provider
- [Österreichische Nationalbibliothek – Austrian National Library](#)  
Role: Content Provider
- [Kansallisa Kirjasto – National Library of Finland](#)  
Role: Content Provider
- [Staats- und Universitätsbibliothek Hamburg – The Hamburg State and University Library](#)  
Role: Content Provider
- [Bibliothèque nationale de France – National Library of France](#)  
Role: Content Provider
- [Biblioteka Narodowa – National Library of Poland](#)  
Role: Content Provider
- [University of Salford](#)  
Role: WP3 Leader, Technology Provider
- [CCS Content Conversion Specialists GmbH](#)  
Role: Technology Provider
- [LIBER: Ligue des Bibliothèques Européennes de Recherche – Association of European Research Libraries](#)  
Role: WP6 Leader, Networking Partner
- [Latvijas Nacionālā bibliotēka – National Library of Latvia](#)  
Role: Content Provider
- [Milli Kütüphane – National Library of Turkey](#)  
Role: Content Provider
- [Univerzitet u Beogradu, Univerzitetska biblioteka "Svetozar Marković" - University of Belgrade, University Library "Svetozar Marković"](#)  
Role: Content Provider
- [Universität Innsbruck - University of Innsbruck](#)  
Role: WP5 Leader, Technical Manager, Technology Provider
- [Landesbibliothek Dr. Friedrich Tessmann – Dr. Friedrich Tessmann Library](#)  
Role: Content Provider
- [The British Library](#)  
Role: Networking Partner

Search:  Search

**Follow Us!**

Categories:

- ▶ Blog (1)
- ▶ News (5)

**Archive**


- ▶ June 2012 (2)
- ▶ May 2012 (1)
- ▶ April 2012 (1)
- ▶ March 2012 (2)

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### 3.3 News

This category is a chronological feed of news items, announcing the news about the project.



# europeana

## newspapers

A Gateway to European Newspapers Online

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ABOUT
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NEWS
ACTIVITIES
EVENTS ▾
PUBLIC MATERIALS ▾
CONTACT

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## 1st Press Release of the Europeana Newspapers project has just been published!

June 26th, 2012 | Posted by [alespekarok](#) in [News](#) - (0 Comments)

The Hague, 26th of June 2012

### Launch of the Europeana Newspapers project

A group of 17 European partner institutions have joined forces in the "Europeana Newspapers" project to, over the next 3 years, provide more than 18 million newspaper pages to the online service [Europeana](#). Europeana is a single access point to millions of digitised books, paintings, films, museum objects and archival records sourced from throughout Europe.

The Europeana Newspapers project is funded under the Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Program 2007-2013 of the European Commission with the aim of aggregation and refinement of newspaper content through The European Library.

Each library participating in the project will distribute digitised newspapers and full-text via Europeana. The project aims to make the newspaper content directly accessible for users through a special interface within the content browser. This will be integrated into the Europeana portal and will allow queries of phrases or single words within the newspapers' texts. This goes far beyond the standard libraries catalogue search functions which usually allow the searching by date or title only.

The project addresses challenges linked with digitised newspapers such as Optical Character Recognition (OCR), Optical Layout Recognition (OLR), article segmentation and page class recognition, and named entity recognition (NER). OCR is the electronic conversion of scanned images of handwritten, typewritten or printed text into machine-encoded text. OLR is concerned with the detection and separation of articles on a scanned page with more than one article. NER seeks to locate entities in the full text and to classify them according to standardised names for persons, locations, and organisations.


The project will also evaluate the quality of the refinement technologies and transform the local metadata into the Europeana Data Model standard in close collaboration with stakeholders from the public and private sector.

The Europeana Newspapers project is co-ordinated by the Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin – Preußischer Kulturbesitz. Follow the advancements of the Europeana Newspapers project at [www.europeana-newspapers.eu](http://www.europeana-newspapers.eu). For any further information please contact Hans-Jörg Lieder or Thorsten Siegmann at Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin via [info@europeana-newspapers.eu](mailto:info@europeana-newspapers.eu).

**Europeana in a nutshell**

Europeana is a multi-lingual online collection of millions of digitized items from European museums, libraries, archives and audiovisual collections. Currently Europeana gives integrated access to 23 million books, films, paintings, museum objects and archival documents from some 2.200 content providers from across Europe.

[www.europeana.eu](http://www.europeana.eu)

 [1st Press Release](#) (PDF)

Search

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**Categories**

- [Blog](#) (1)
- [News](#) (5)

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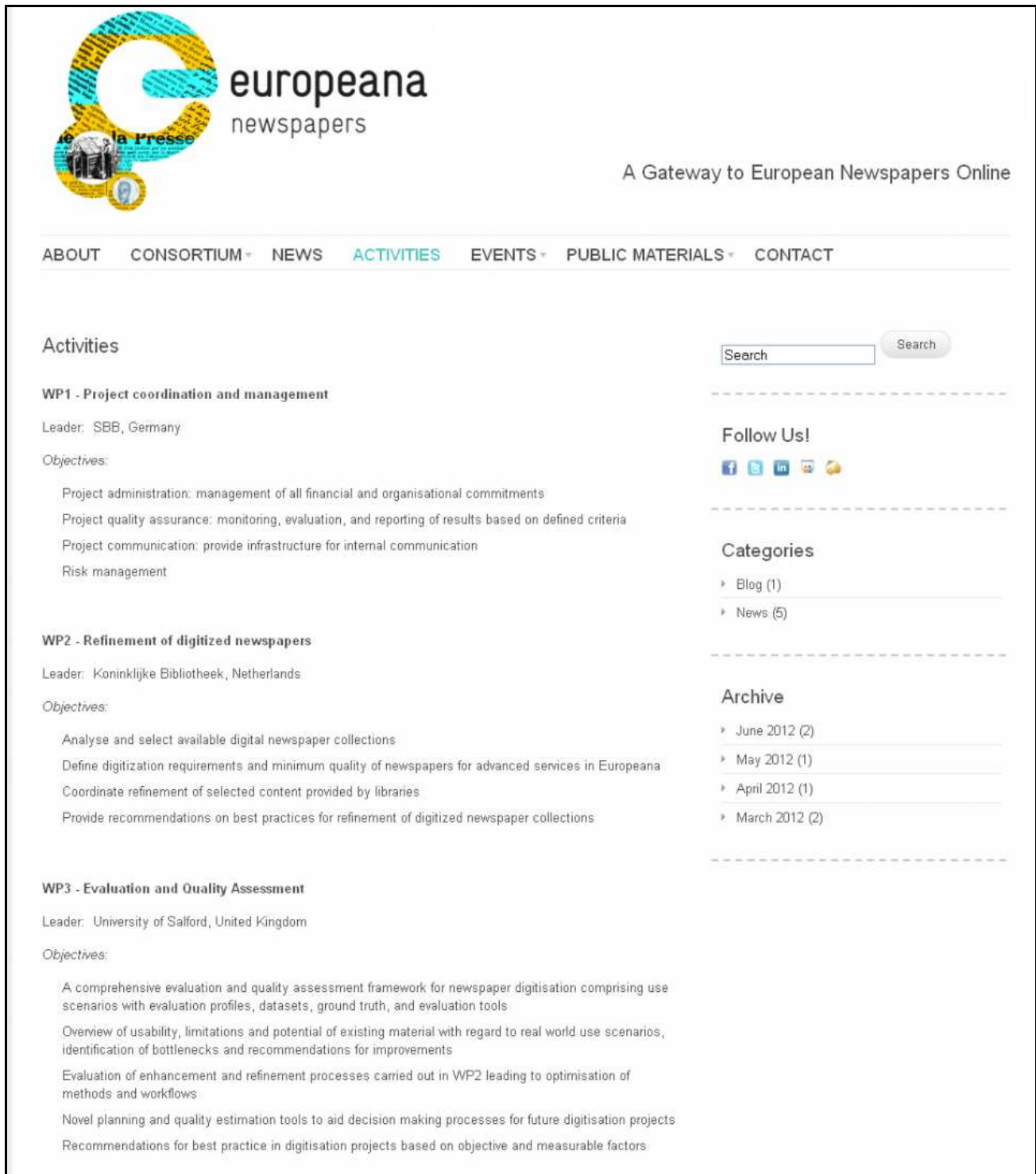
**Archive**

- [June 2012](#) (2)
- [May 2012](#) (1)
- [April 2012](#) (1)
- [March 2012](#) (2)



### 3.4 Activities

This category provides a detailed description of project activities, segmented by individual work packages (screenshot length reduced)



The screenshot shows the 'Activities' page on the Europeana Newspapers website. The page features a navigation menu with 'ACTIVITIES' highlighted. The main content is organized into three work packages (WPs):

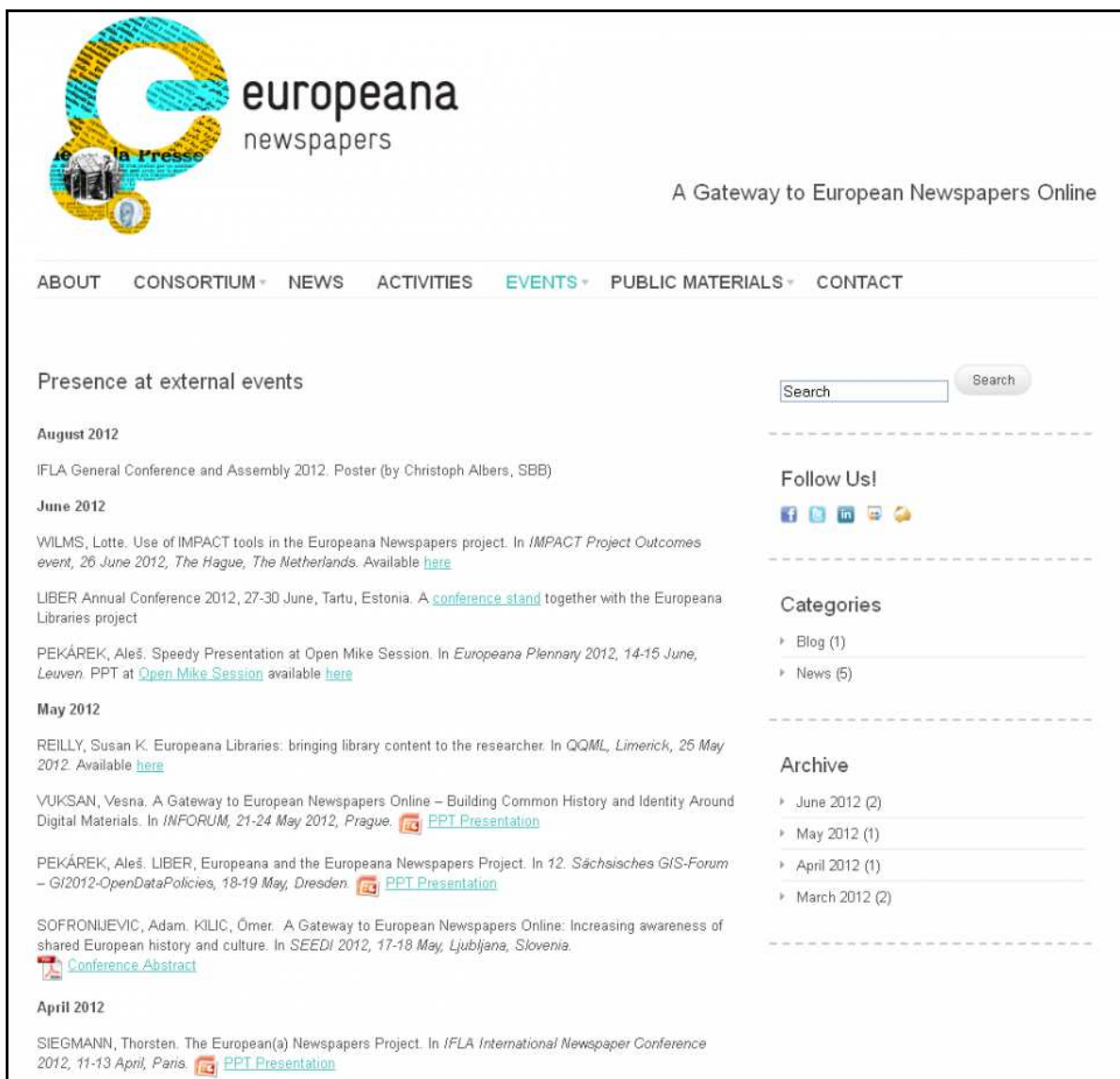
- WP1 - Project coordination and management**  
 Leader: SBB, Germany  
 Objectives:
  - Project administration: management of all financial and organisational commitments
  - Project quality assurance: monitoring, evaluation, and reporting of results based on defined criteria
  - Project communication: provide infrastructure for internal communication
  - Risk management
- WP2 - Refinement of digitized newspapers**  
 Leader: Koninklijke Bibliotheek, Netherlands  
 Objectives:
  - Analyse and select available digital newspaper collections
  - Define digitization requirements and minimum quality of newspapers for advanced services in Europeana
  - Coordinate refinement of selected content provided by libraries
  - Provide recommendations on best practices for refinement of digitized newspaper collections
- WP3 - Evaluation and Quality Assessment**  
 Leader: University of Salford, United Kingdom  
 Objectives:
  - A comprehensive evaluation and quality assessment framework for newspaper digitisation comprising use scenarios with evaluation profiles, datasets, ground truth, and evaluation tools
  - Overview of usability, limitations and potential of existing material with regard to real world use scenarios, identification of bottlenecks and recommendations for improvements
  - Evaluation of enhancement and refinement processes carried out in WP2 leading to optimisation of methods and workflows
  - Novel planning and quality estimation tools to aid decision making processes for future digitisation projects
  - Recommendations for best practice in digitisation projects based on objective and measurable factors

On the right side of the page, there is a search bar, social media links (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, YouTube, RSS), a 'Categories' section listing 'Blog (1)' and 'News (5)', and an 'Archive' section listing dates from June 2012 to March 2012.

### 3.5 Events

This category provides an overview of planned or past events, which are related to the project activities. It's divided in the following four subcategories:

- Project management – information about past and planned project management meetings and events
- Workshops – information about past and planned internal and external project workshops
- Information days – information about past and planned national information days
- Presence at external events – information about past and also partly about planned events, where the project has been / is going to be presented.



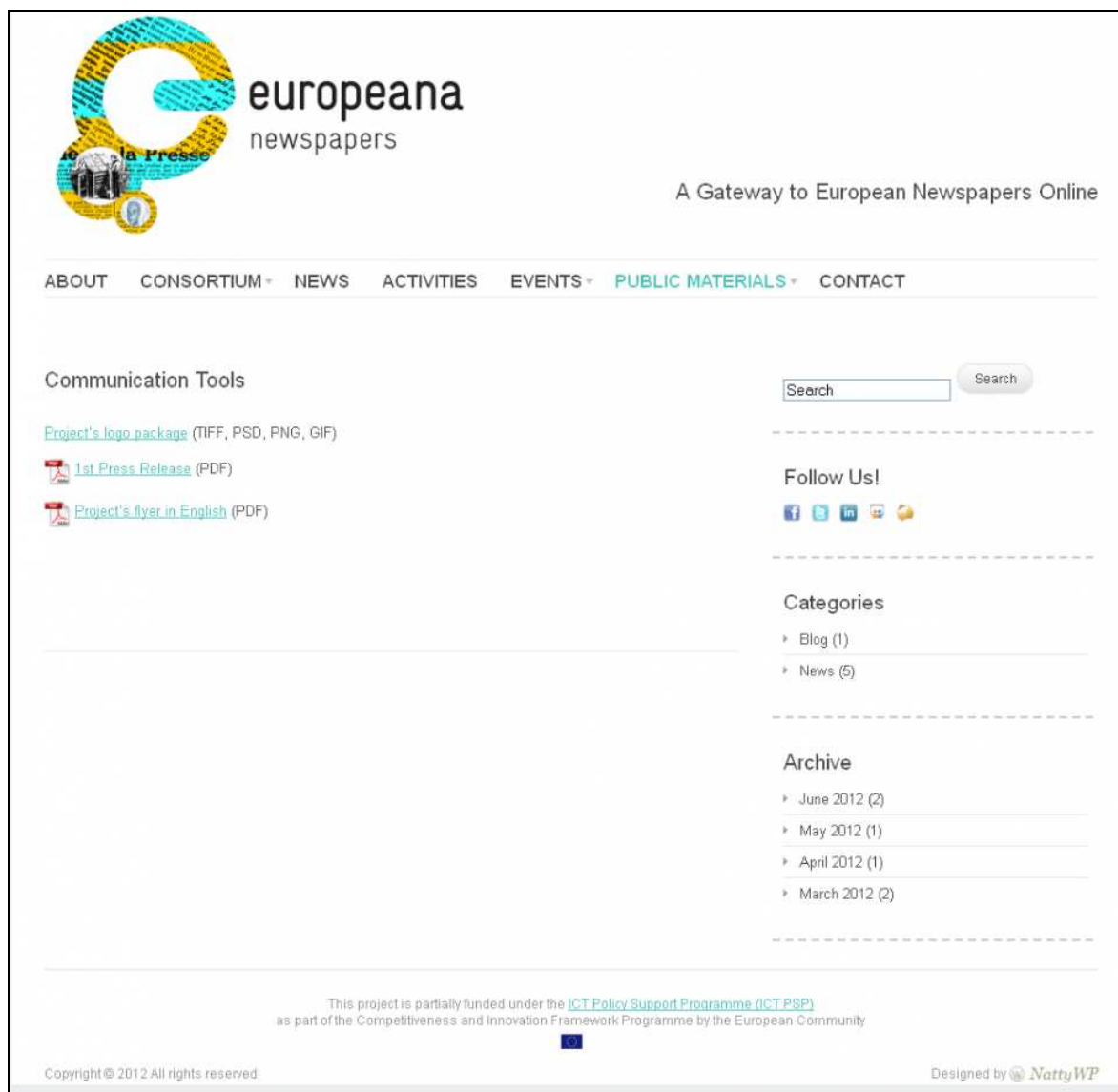
The screenshot shows the 'Europeana Newspapers' website with the following content:

- Header:** Europeana Newspapers logo and tagline 'A Gateway to European Newspapers Online'.
- Navigation:** ABOUT, CONSORTIUM, NEWS, ACTIVITIES, **EVENTS**, PUBLIC MATERIALS, CONTACT.
- Section:** Presence at external events.
- Search:** Search input field and button.
- Follow Us:** Social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, YouTube, and RSS.
- Categories:** Blog (1), News (5).
- Archive:** June 2012 (2), May 2012 (1), April 2012 (1), March 2012 (2).
- Event List:**
  - August 2012:** IFLA General Conference and Assembly 2012. Poster (by Christoph Albers, SBB)
  - June 2012:**
    - WILMS, Lotte. Use of IMPACT tools in the Europeana Newspapers project. In *IMPACT Project Outcomes event*, 26 June 2012, The Hague, The Netherlands. Available [here](#)
    - LIBER Annual Conference 2012, 27-30 June, Tartu, Estonia. A [conference stand](#) together with the Europeana Libraries project
    - PEKÁREK, Aleš. Speedy Presentation at Open Mike Session. In *Europeana Plenary 2012, 14-15 June, Leuven*. PPT at [Open Mike Session](#) available [here](#)
  - May 2012:**
    - REILLY, Susan K. Europeana Libraries: bringing library content to the researcher. In *QQLM, Limerick, 25 May 2012*. Available [here](#)
    - VUKSAN, Vesna. A Gateway to European Newspapers Online – Building Common History and Identity Around Digital Materials. In *INFORUM, 21-24 May 2012, Prague*. [PPT Presentation](#)
    - PEKÁREK, Aleš. LIBER, Europeana and the Europeana Newspapers Project. In *12. Sächsisches GIS-Forum – GI2012-OpenDataPolicies, 18-19 May, Dresden*. [PPT Presentation](#)
    - SOFRONJEVIC, Adam, KILIC, Ömer. A Gateway to European Newspapers Online: Increasing awareness of shared European history and culture. In *SEEDI 2012, 17-18 May, Ljubljana, Slovenia*. [Conference Abstract](#)
  - April 2012:**
    - SIEGMANN, Thorsten. The European(a) Newspapers Project. In *IFLA International Newspaper Conference 2012, 11-13 April, Paris*. [PPT Presentation](#)

### 3.6 Public Materials

This category provides a library of publicly available documents and materials, created during the lifetime of the project. It has three subcategories:

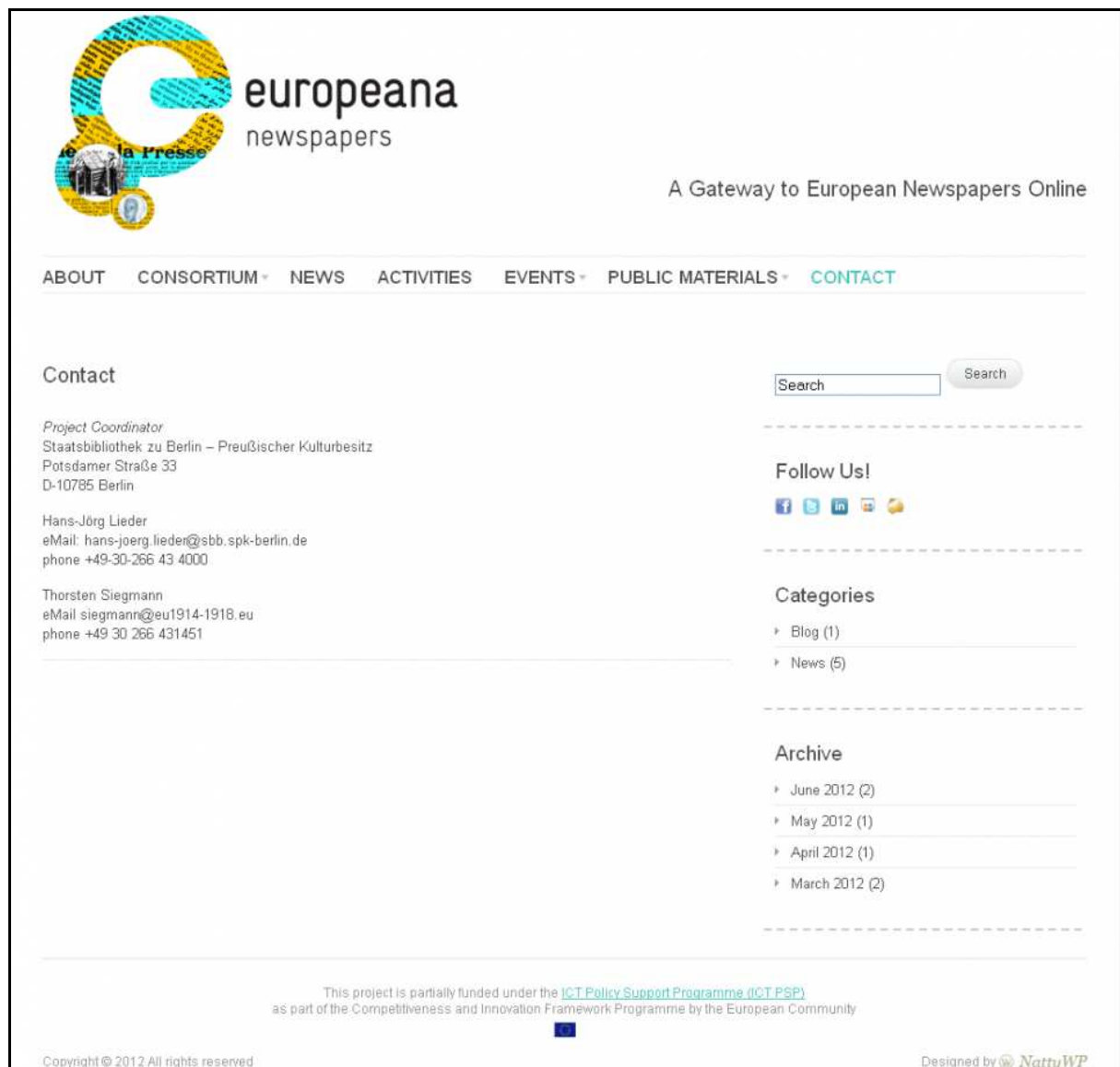
- Communication Tools – WP6 related promotional materials for public download
- Deliverables – overview and download of project deliverables
- Presentations – a library of public project presentations, which were presented at external events



The screenshot shows the website interface for Europeana Newspapers. At the top left is the logo, a stylized 'G' made of newspaper text, with the text 'europæana newspapers' next to it. To the right of the logo is the tagline 'A Gateway to European Newspapers Online'. Below the logo is a navigation menu with links: ABOUT, CONSORTIUM, NEWS, ACTIVITIES, EVENTS, PUBLIC MATERIALS (highlighted), and CONTACT. The main content area is titled 'Communication Tools' and lists three items: 'Project's logo package (TIFF, PSD, PNG, GIF)', '1st Press Release (PDF)', and 'Project's flyer in English (PDF)'. To the right of this list is a search bar with a 'Search' button. Below the search bar are three sections: 'Follow Us!' with social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, YouTube, and Dribbble; 'Categories' with links for 'Blog (1)' and 'News (5)'; and 'Archive' with links for 'June 2012 (2)', 'May 2012 (1)', 'April 2012 (1)', and 'March 2012 (2)'. At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with the text: 'This project is partially funded under the ICT Policy Support Programme (ICTPSP) as part of the Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme by the European Community'. Below this is a small European Union flag icon. In the bottom left corner, it says 'Copyright © 2012 All rights reserved.' and in the bottom right corner, it says 'Designed by NattyWP'.

### 3.7 Contact

This category provides contact details of the project coordinator.



The screenshot shows the contact page of the Europeana Newspapers website. The page features the Europeana Newspapers logo at the top left, which includes a stylized 'G' made of newspaper text and a globe. The main heading is 'europeana newspapers' with the tagline 'A Gateway to European Newspapers Online'. A navigation menu includes 'ABOUT', 'CONSORTIUM', 'NEWS', 'ACTIVITIES', 'EVENTS', 'PUBLIC MATERIALS', and 'CONTACT'. The 'CONTACT' section is active and displays contact information for the Project Coordinator, Hans-Jörg Lieder, and Thorsten Siegmann. A search bar is located in the top right corner. Below the contact information, there are sections for 'Follow Us!' with social media icons, 'Categories' listing 'Blog (1)' and 'News (5)', and 'Archive' listing dates from June 2012 to March 2012. The footer contains copyright information and a design credit to NattyWP.

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