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Communication and Information Resource Centre for Administrations, Businesses and Citizens

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1. INTRODUCTION

CIRCABC (Communication and Information Resource Centre for Administrations, Businesses and Citizens) is a multilingual, web-based application which enables geographically spread collaborative groups to share information and resources in private workspaces. It is divided into categories and interest groups, allowing people to manage content, users and communication features.

The application offers distribution and management of documents and files in any format with a high level of security. It includes advanced features such as version control, management of translations, a multilingual search facility, forums, and is widely accessible to users with disabilities (WAI compliance).

CIRCABC is available at https://circabc.europa.eu/

2. ABOUT THIS RELEASE

This document communicates the modifications implemented in CIRCABC version 4.0.

The major objective of this release is a newly designed user interface to enhance the usability of the application as well as newly implemented features.

3. NEW USER INTERFACE

A new user interface has been developed, making workflows and actions more intuitive and user-friendly. All pages in the application as well as email notifications now appear in a more attractive design and layout.

To gradually get used to the new design, it is possible to **switch to the old one** and therefore to use both user interfaces simultaneously.

4. NEW FEATURES

4.1. User Dashboard

After login, the user is redirected to a dashboard that shows the latest updates in the Interest Groups he is member of as well as

- user favourites (Library content the user marked as favourite),

- recently consulted documents (Library content the user recently uploaded or downloaded),

- recently visited groups,

- my groups (showing all Interest Groups the user is member of with the respective access profile),

- my next appointments (showing all upcoming events in the near future).

4.2. Interest Group Dashboard

When entering an Interest Group, a dashboard provides a summary of Interest Group specific information and the latest updates including

- the description of the Interest Group, its logo and the possibility to join the group and to contact the leaders,

- the contact information,

- the latest updates in the information service and the Library,

- the number of members and membership requests,

- the next upcoming events,

- recently posted comments in the Forums.

4.3. New Information Service

An information service has been introduced to share news and other important information with the members of the Interest Group. It is possible to create articles stressing documents, images or dates and to create iFrames.

4.4. Library and Forums Structure

Users can now expand a folder structure in the Library, showing all folders with the possibility to expand or collapse their subfolders. Entering folders and switching between folders is much quicker.

As in the Library, an overview of all forums and sub-forums is available in the Forums service of the Interest Group, allowing the browsing and switching of forums in an easy way.

4.5. Contact Category Admin

A new feature has been implemented providing the option to contact the administrators of a category.

4.6. Request an Interest Group

Users have now the possibility to request the creation of a new Interest Group from within the application.

5. DIFFERENT ENHANCEMENTS TARGETING SYSTEM'S USABILITY

5.1. Discussions on Documents

The way of starting a discussion and posting comments on documents in the Library has been simplified.

5.2. Mobile View

Most of the pages in CIRCABC can be used from a mobile device.

6. CONTACT

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