



WP9 – Dissemination, exploitation and communication

D9.1 – MERGING Website

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Summary

The purpose of this document is to describe the content available in the public web portal and how this can be accessed by visitors interested in the MERGING project.

Executive summary

As stated in the project's Grand Agreement "The website will be designed in accordance with the visual project identity. All the public project materials documents, data, reports as well as dissemination and communication materials (print and digital) will be accessible from the website. The website will be regularly updated and maintained throughout the project".

The purpose of this document is to describe the content available in the public portal. This document is separated into four parts:

- an introduction to the purpose of the public website
- the requirements for interacting with the MERGING website
- the description of the structure of the public portal
- the frequency of website updates or modifications

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1. Introduction

1.1. Purpose of the public web portal

The MERGING Public Web Portal has been primarily developed for any user who wants to be informed for the content and the achievements of the MERGING project. The main objective of the portal is to promote the MERGING project via Internet. The aim is to achieve worldwide dissemination of the knowledge of the project, to publish news and information and to enable the communication between the project coordinator and everyone who is interested in the project.

1.2. About public web portal

The public web portal is provided by the link:

<http://www.merging-project.eu/>

The MERGING public web portal is based on the open-source WordPress¹. WordPress is a flexible Content Management/Portal solution that is easy to install, use, extend and maintain. It fosters the creation and maintenance of sophisticated content without requiring extensive technical knowledge using only a web browser. It is used for web sites or intranets and offers superior security without sacrificing extensibility or ease of use.

MERGING Public Web Portal has been developed and will be maintained by the Laboratory for Manufacturing Systems and Automation (LMS) of University of Patras in Greece.

¹ WordPress website, accessed on December 2019, <https://en.wordpress.com/>

2. Requirements

In order to access the functionalities provided by the portal only a web-browser is required that can support the requirements of WordPress. At the moment of writing, most browsers can successfully visualize the content of all sites created by Wordpress.

Nevertheless, it must be noted that the portal has been tested and works efficiently with:

- Microsoft Edge ²
- Mozilla Firefox³
- Google Chrome⁴

Other known browsers such as Safari and Opera are also supported.

² Microsoft Edge website, accessed on December 2019, <https://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/windows/microsoft-edge>

³ Mozilla Firefox website, accessed on December 2019, <https://www.mozilla.org/en-GB/firefox/>

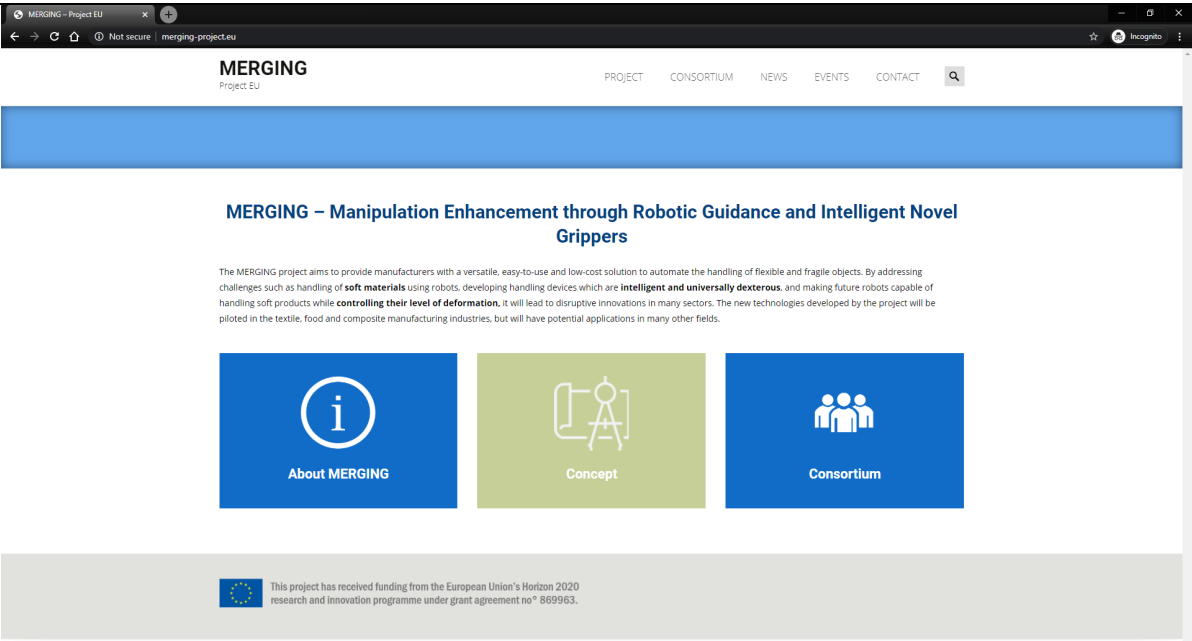
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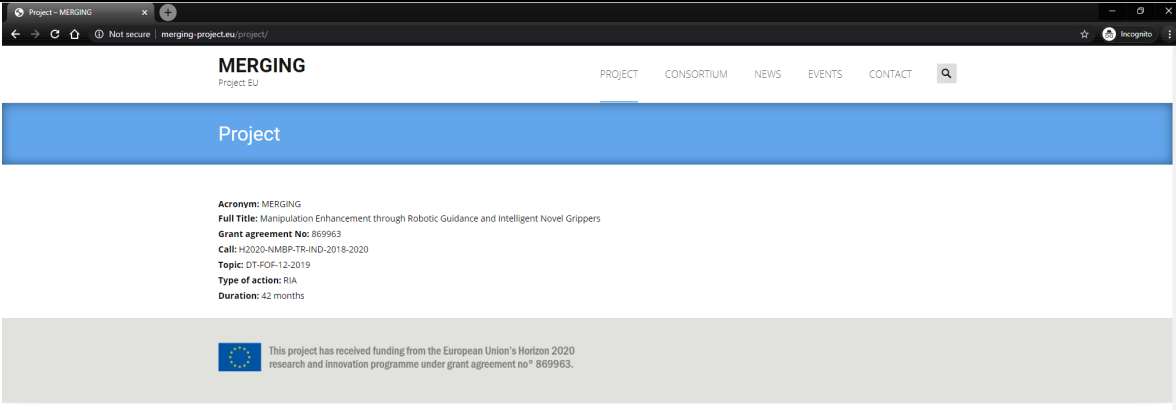
3. Public web portal structuring

This section provides a description of each specific portal page by illustrating the following information:

- page naming
- access Link
- page purpose
- screenshot from web-browser

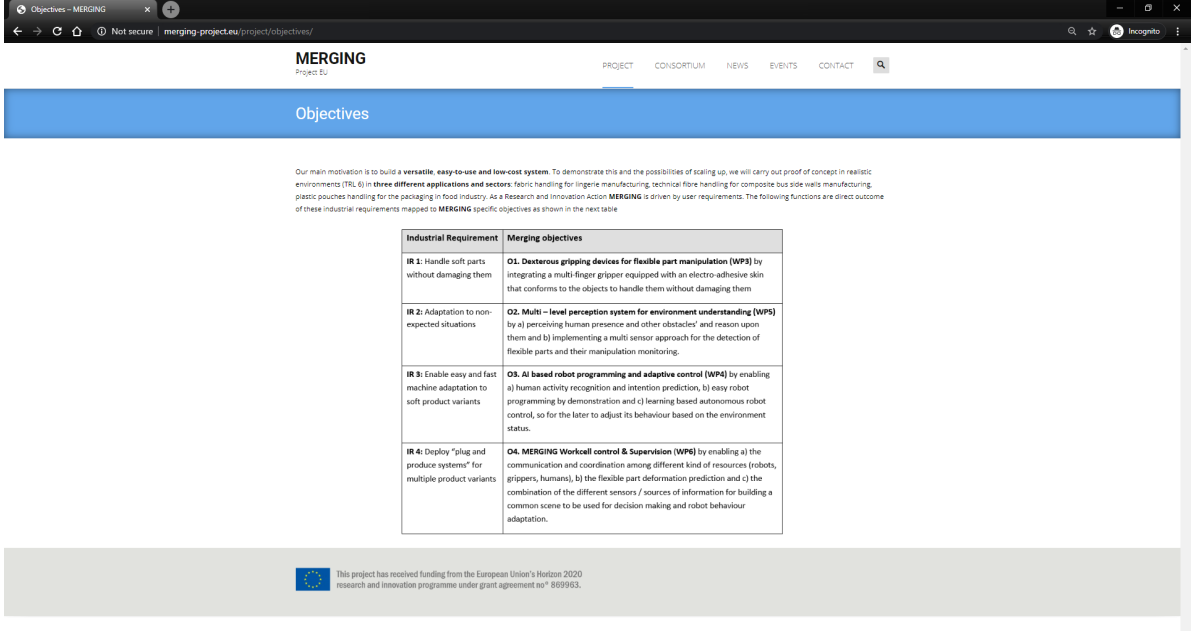
In detail:

Page Name	Menu and welcome page	Access Link	http://www.merging-project.eu/
Description			
This is the first page appearing when accessing the portal. The project full name and brief description are illustrated. Three large fields provide easy access to info, project’s concept and consortium description			
Web-browser screenshot			
			
<i>Figure 1: Home tab</i>			

Page Name	Project	Access Link	http://www.merging-project.eu/project/
Description			
The main concept of the project is described in this sub-tab in addition to info related to the project call, topic, action and duration.			
Web-browser screenshot			
 <p>The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL merging-project.eu/project/. The page features a blue header with the word "Project" and a navigation menu with links for PROJECT, CONSORTIUM, NEWS, EVENTS, and CONTACT. Below the header, the project details are listed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acronym: MERGING Full Title: Manipulation Enhancement through Robotic Guidance and Intelligent Novel Grippers Grant agreement No: 869963 Call: H2020-NMBP-TR-IND-2018-2020 Topic: DT-FOF-12-2019 Type of action: RIA Duration: 42 months <p>At the bottom, there is a grey banner with the European Union logo and the text: "This project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreement no° 869963."</p>			
<i>Figure 2: Project tab</i>			

Page Name	Concept and overall solution	Access Link	http://www.merging-project.eu/project/concept/
Description			
The concept and overall approach of MERGING is introduced to the visitor. The project's ambition is also illustrated on a figure presenting Work package technologies and features.			
Web-browser screenshot			
<p>The screenshot shows the 'Concept and overall solution' page on the MERGING website. The page layout includes a navigation menu at the top, a main heading, a descriptive paragraph, a central diagram of the robotic system with labeled work packages (WPS1, WPS2, WPS3, WPS4), and a concluding paragraph. The diagram illustrates the integration of perception, gripping, and control systems within a robotic cell, supported by a digital twin and workload management.</p>			

Figure 3: Concept and overall solution tab

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Description													
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Figure 5: Structure tab

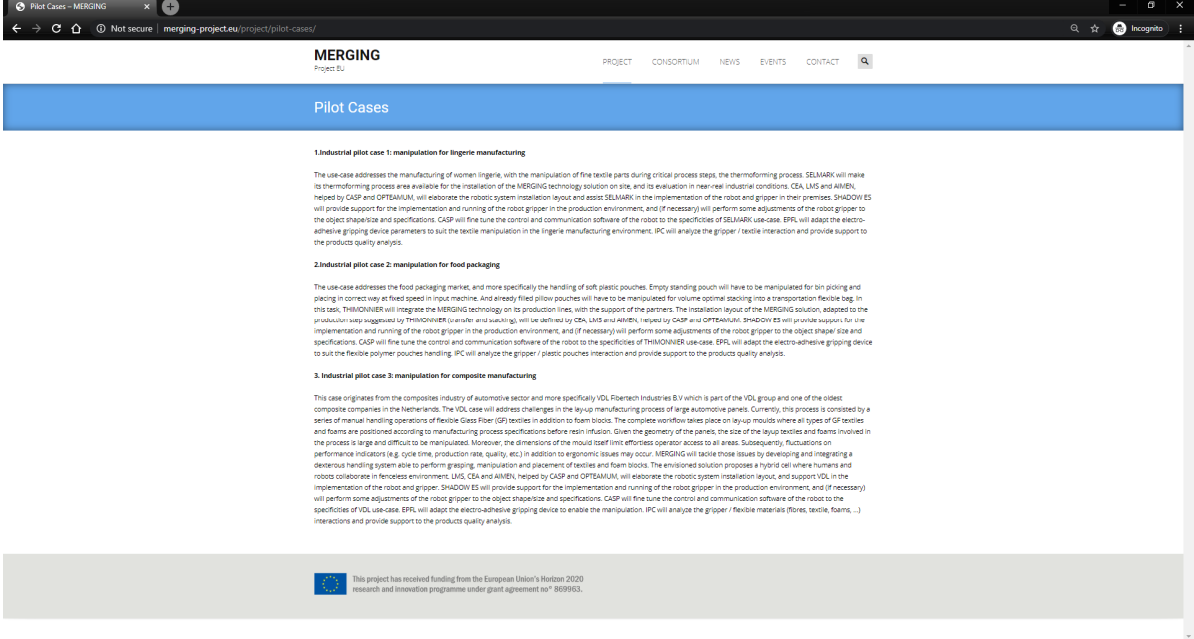
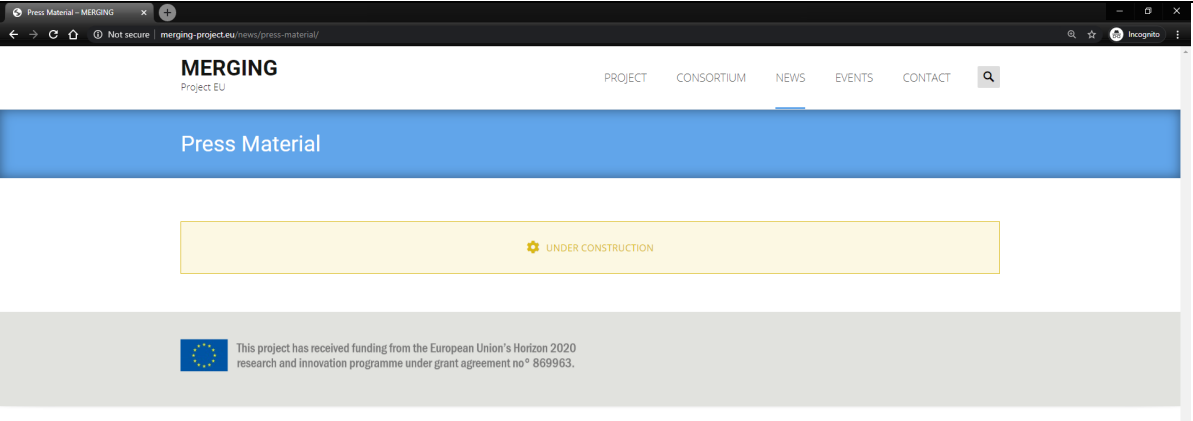
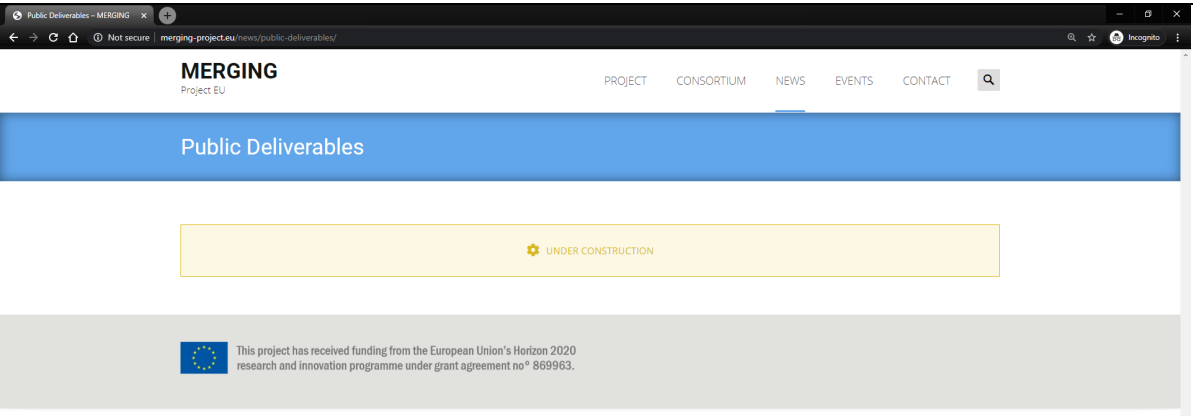
Page Name	Pilot cases	Access Link	http://www.merging-project.eu/project/pilot-cases/
Description			
Through this tab, the three MERGING pilot cases will be introduced. The challenges, the objectives as well as MERGING overall vision is described thus communicated to the public.			
Web-browser screenshot			
 <p>The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the 'Pilot Cases' page of the MERGING project website. The page features a blue header with the project name and navigation links. Below the header, there are three sections, each detailing an industrial pilot case. Case 1 focuses on lingerie manufacturing, Case 2 on food packaging, and Case 3 on composite manufacturing. Each case description includes the specific use-case, the challenges, and the objectives of the pilot. At the bottom of the page, there is a small logo and text indicating funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme.</p>			

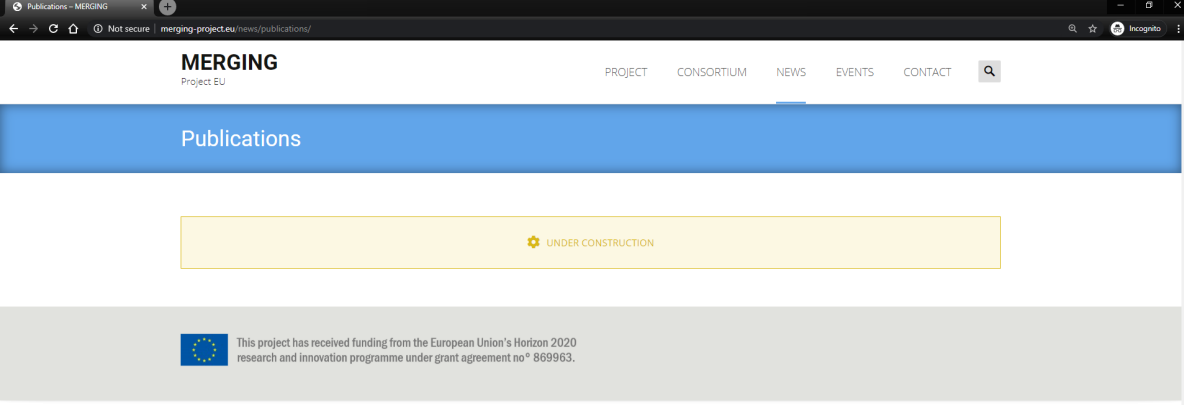
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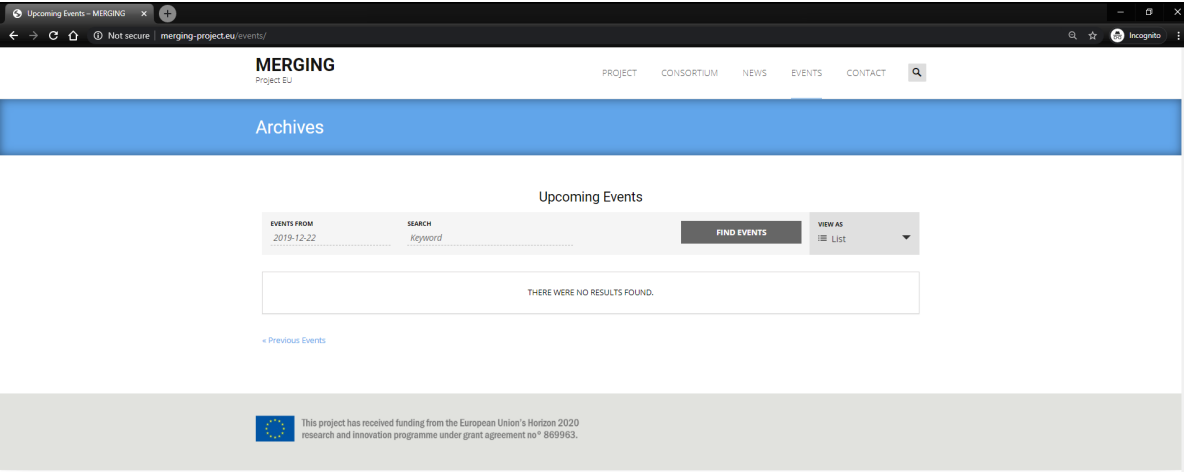
Page Name	Consortium	Access Link	http://www.merging-project.eu/consortium/
Description			
<p>This tab enlists all project partners and comes with a figure that illustrates their regional positioning in addition to their main role in the project. A series of 12 sub-tabs (one per consortium partner) gives an extensive description of partner’s profile and project activities.</p>			
Web-browser screenshot			
<p>Figure 7: Consortium tab</p>			

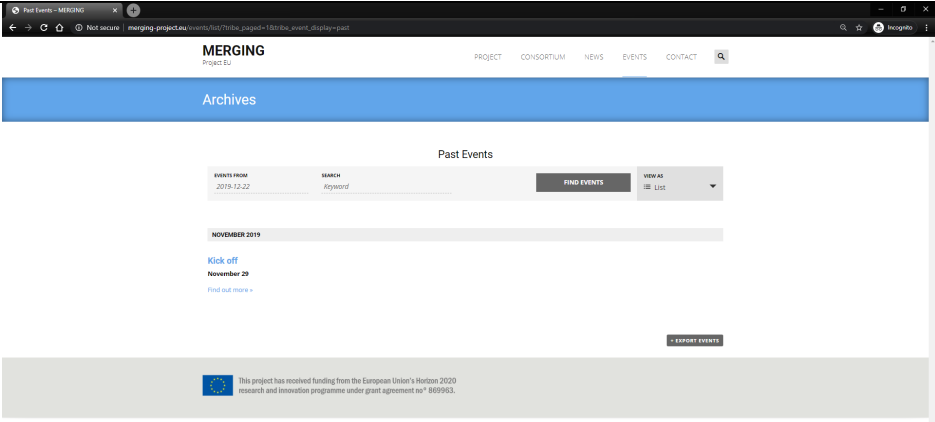
Page Name	News	Access Link	http://www.merging-project.eu/news/
Description			
<p>This tab consists of three sub-tabs. Through these people interested in MERGING may access project’s public material, public deliverables and publications.</p>			
Web-browser screenshot			
<p>Figure 8: News tab</p>			

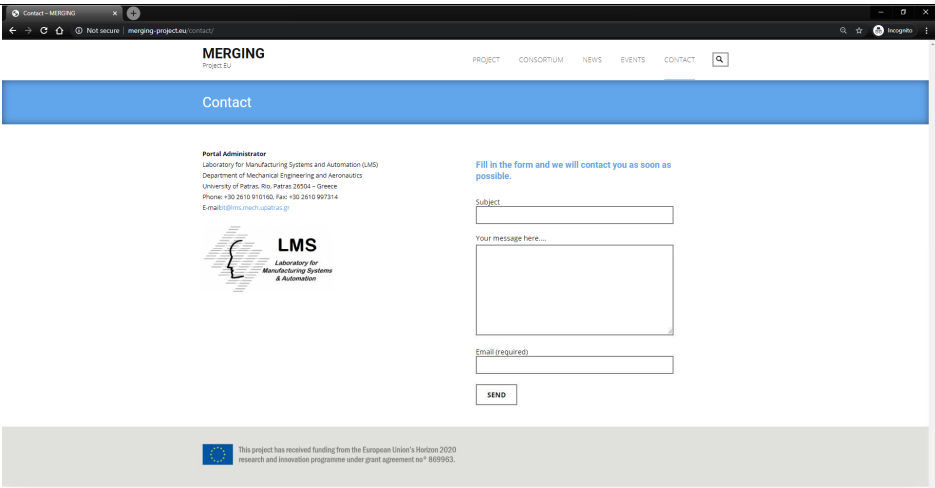
Page Name	Press Material	Access Link	http://www.merging-project.eu/news/press-material/
Description			
On this page materials such as brochures, flyers and posters will be uploaded so as to spread the MERGING objectives, activities and achievements.			
Web-browser screenshot			
 <p>The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL merging-project.eu/news/press-material/. The page has a blue header with the text 'Press Material'. Below the header is a yellow banner with a gear icon and the text 'UNDER CONSTRUCTION'. At the bottom of the page, there is a grey footer containing the European Union logo and the text: 'This project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreement no* 869963.'</p>			
<i>Figure 9: Press material tab</i>			

Page Name	Public Deliverables	Access Link	http://www.merging-project.eu/news/deliverables/
Description			
On this page, visitors may access the project's public deliverables.			
Web-browser screenshot			
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<i>Figure 10: Public deliverables tab</i>			

Page Name	Publications	Access Link	http://www.merging-project.eu/news/publications/
Description			
On this page, the publications derived by the project partners will be uploaded after they are published.			
Web-browser screenshot			
			
<i>Figure 11: Publications tab</i>			

Page Name	Upcoming events	Access Link	http://www.merging-project.eu/events/
Description			
This tab illustrates project’s upcoming events related to dissemination and communication of project’s vision and results.			
Web-browser screenshot			
			
<i>Figure 12: Upcoming events tab</i>			

Page Name	Past Events	Access Link	http://www.merging-project.eu/events/list/?tribe_paged=1&tribe_event_display=past
Description			
Through this tab, the visitors may see project’s events or past communication and dissemination activities.			
Web-browser screenshot			
			
<i>Figure 13: Past events tab</i>			

Page Name	Contact	Access Link	http://www.merging-project.eu/contact/
Description			
On this sub-tab, a list with the contact details is available. The users who are interested to learn more information about this project can come in contact with the coordinator of the project by filling a communication form. The form is linked to the following mail: contact-h2020-merging@saxifrage.saclay.ccea.fr			
Web-browser screenshot			
			
<i>Figure 14: Contact tab</i>			

4. Website operation through project period

The website will be regularly updated (at least every 2 months). The detailed frequency of website updates or modifications can be described as follows:

Tabs	Frequency of modifications
Home	Upon partner's agreement
Project	-"-
Concept and overall solution	-"-
Objectives	-"-
Structure	-"-
Pilot cases	Upon end-user's request
Consortium	Upon partner's agreement
Partner's description	Upon partner request
News	Constantly
Press Material	-"-
Public Deliverables	Upon public deliverable submission
Publication	Upon manuscript publication
Upcoming Events	Upon scheduling a public activity
Past Events	Upon performing a public activity
Contact	Upon coordinator's request

NOTE: Public web portal during deliverable writing

During writing, reviewing and submission of this report, the public website's tab was as illustrated on this deliverable's figures. Pages under construction will be finalized and "Events" sub-tabs will be updated with upcoming activities. The communication form will be enhanced by implementing CAPTCHA⁵ for grading tests and distinguishing visitors from bots spamming the contact email. Last but not least the field, the place holder marked in the following figure, will be updated with the project's logo.

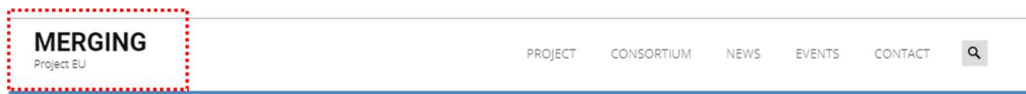


Figure 15: Field that project logo will be positioned in the public website



Figure 16: MERGING Project logo

⁵ CAPTCHA website, accessed on December 2019, <http://www.captcha.net/>