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All public S-Cube deliverables are available from the S-Cube Web Portal at the following URL:

<http://www.s-cube-network.eu/results/deliverables/>

The S-Cube Deliverable Series

Vision and Objectives of S-Cube

The Software Services and Systems Network (S-Cube) will establish a unified, multidisciplinary, vibrant research community which will enable Europe to lead the software-services revolution, helping shape the software-service based Internet which is the backbone of our future interactive society.

By integrating diverse research communities, S-Cube intends to achieve world-wide scientific excellence in a field that is critical for European competitiveness. S-Cube will accomplish its aims by meeting the following objectives:

- Re-aligning, re-shaping and integrating research agendas of key European players from diverse research areas and by synthesizing and integrating diversified knowledge, thereby establishing a long-lasting foundation for steering research and for achieving innovation at the highest level.
- Inaugurating a Europe-wide common program of education and training for researchers and industry thereby creating a common culture that will have a profound impact on the future of the field.
- Establishing a pro-active mobility plan to enable cross-fertilisation and thereby fostering the integration of research communities and the establishment of a common software services research culture.
- Establishing trust relationships with industry via European Technology Platforms (specifically NESSI) to achieve a catalytic effect in shaping European research, strengthening industrial competitiveness and addressing main societal challenges.
- Defining a broader research vision and perspective that will shape the software-service based Internet of the future and will accelerate economic growth and improve the living conditions of European citizens.

S-Cube will produce an integrated research community of international reputation and acclaim that will help define the future shape of the field of software services which is of critical for European competitiveness. S-Cube will provide service engineering methodologies which facilitate the development, deployment and adjustment of sophisticated hybrid service-based systems that cannot be addressed with today's limited software engineering approaches. S-Cube will further introduce an advanced training program for researchers and practitioners. Finally, S-Cube intends to bring strategic added value to European industry by using industry best-practice models and by implementing research results into pilot business cases and prototype systems.

S-Cube materials are available from URL: <http://www.s-cube-network.eu/>

1 Overview of the S-Cube Web Portal

The S-Cube Web Portal is one of the key means for dissemination in S-Cube. The portal is accessible at the following URL: <http://www.s-cube-network.eu/>.

The portal is a web site that publishes the results produced by the S-Cube members, provides access to news and events about the network and provides further information about the S-Cube consortium as well as the activities jointly carried out in the network. In addition to the public pages of the Portal, the S-Cube Web Portal provides a restricted working area, which is only accessible to the S-Cube researchers.

The figure below shows the home page of the S-Cube Web Portal as of Month 12 of the Network of Excellence, with the key building blocks of the portal presented to the visitors highlighted.

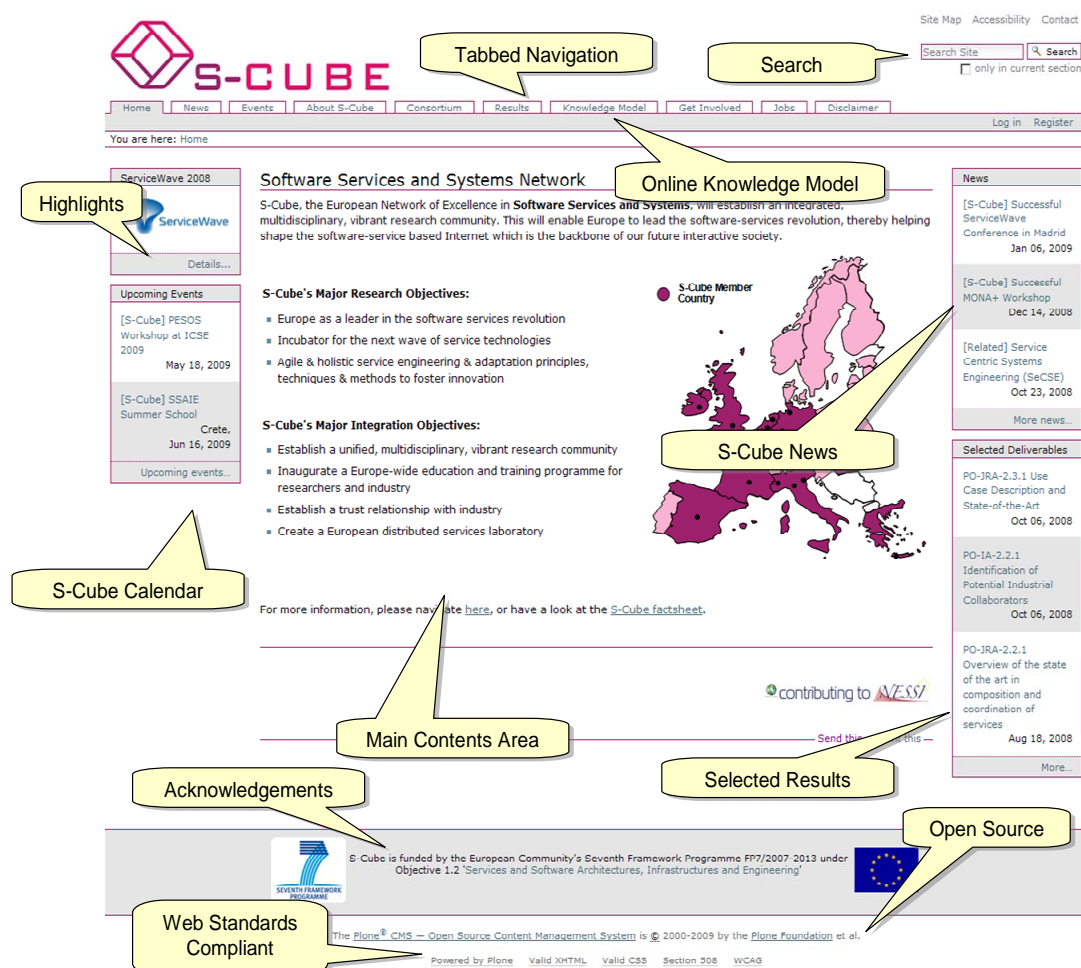


Figure 1: Screenshot of the S-Cube Web Portal

2 S-Cube Web Portal Users

In general, the S-Cube Web Portal supports three types of users, or levels of access:

- **Anonymous users:** have access only to the public pages of the portal
- **Registered users:** have access to all public areas and are also granted access to additional contents: e.g., course modules and newsletter
- **Members,** i.e., people working in the teams of the beneficiaries and associate partners, have the same access as registered users and are also granted access to the private working area.

At the time of writing, during the 12-month period from 24.02.2008 to 23.02.009 the S-Cube web portal was visited over 11,000 times by approximately 5.800 unique visitors. The S-Cube Web Portal's Google page rank is 6 (of 10). Currently, 145 users (including members) have registered for the S-Cube Web Portal.

3 Structure of the S-Cube Web Portal

The overall structure of the S-Cube Web-Portal has been created and updated as follows:

Portal Area	Month 1	Month 6	Month 12	after Month 12
Home	General introduction	update	update	update planned
News	Project news (including archive)	update	update	continuous update planned
Events	Project events (including calendar)	update	update	continuous update planned
About S-Cube	Project goals and the European Context	addition of: 'Activities' - the work carried out in S-Cube	update	update planned, and addition of: 'About Software Services' – a description of services for the layperson 'Education & Training' - education and training events, material 'Industry Outreach' - events and collaborations involving industry 'Research Collaborations' - events & collaboration with ICT and other projects
Consortium	Who is in the S-Cube consortium	update	update	update planned and addition of: Details of Associate Partners

Portal Area	Month 1	Month 6	Month 12	after Month 12
Results	-	addition of: S-Cube publications (citations, incl. PDF if available) Deliverables (repository of public deliverables in PDF)	update	continuous update planned
Knowledge Model	-	-	First publicly accessible version of S-Cube KM	update of KM planned
Get Involved	Get in contact with S-Cube	Become an Associate Member	update	continuous update planned
Publicity	-	-	-	planned: Information and archive of publicity material ("press room")
Working Area	Restricted document management and exchange platform	update	update	links to other web-based tools (campus and service lab)

Further additions / changes for month 12 are:

- S-Cube events are syndicated with NESSI web site: <http://www.nessi-europe.eu/>
- List of key results / deliverables is presented to the visitors on the front page
- List of main events / announcements is presented visibly in the upper left corner