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The first version of the EDIT website (<http://www.e-taxonomy.eu>) was released on July 2006 (Month 4), but this version was very basic; and the first functional version was released on November, 2006 (Month 9).

It was initially planned to be released on Month 4 (July) but was delayed because the contractor who was in charge of developing the technical part of the website did not deliver his work on time.

The EDIT website is of first importance for the visibility of the network. This global dynamic portal, regularly updated, aims to:

- Be an essential communication tool for the promotion of EDIT, both inside and outside of the network
- Facilitate interactions and information sharing between the members of the network
- Publicize the activities of EDIT to scientists, policy-makers and wide audience
- Facilitate the management of the network

Currently, the website is composed of three public sections:

- “Who are we” describes the context, the network’s aims, its members and its organization. A search engine allows the user to find contact details for each member of the network.
- “What do we do” contains a detailed presentation of the eight work packages with downloadable related files.
- “What’s on” displays the latest news and an agenda.

The site also contains a private area restricted to allowed members - i.e. members of the network - where all the EDIT-related administrative documents can be downloaded. Members can also use a discussion forum that allows dynamic sharing of information.

Some Edit Workpackages have established their own pages, which may be accessed directly from the central website.

In addition, both public users and members can subscribe to the EDIT network RSS feed to keep themselves informed about the latest activities of the network.

The website will keep on developing during the whole duration of the project, and new modules will be added to enhance the potential of this online community platform.