EUGRIS - a going concern

EUGRIS at http://www.eugris.info is now a major platform for soil and water information with a content including over 80 general technical and six country specific zones, as well as 2353 resources (such as document and web links), 42 funding programme links,166 projects links 202 organisation summaries and links and a glossary of 458 terms. EUGRIS has an open news system and calendar of conferences and training courses. It has over 1,200 registered users from all over the world (data 11th January 2006), and many many more casual visitors interested in viewing its content without logging in.

EUGRIS was built and initiated as an EC Framework 5 Programme Project, which completed in October 2005. However the web site lives on, and is open for business: both for users and providers of information. And access is free! EUGRIS helps both information users and users.
•   It helps those who need information to find what they need quickly and easily.
•   It helps information providers bring those looking for information to their sites.
Registration is required to add information and to view user / organisation directories, and no anonymous postings are accepted.

EUGRIS continues to be supported by its project team as they seek opportunities to fund its ongoing development and maintenance and maintain its connection to a range of ongoing EC and national projects including EURODEMO and AQUATERRA.

EUGRIS is there to be used. It includes two major components: the system and its content. It's content. The EUGRIS project collated a large volume of content to give EUGRIS a starting point. However, now information posted by EUGRIS' users is becoming of increasing importance. EUGRIS has a wide audience across Europe and beyond (including users in many developing economies). It is easy (and free) to register, log-on and use EUGRIS. We recommend that you include EUGRIS in your own projects' dissemination strategies as a simple way of promoting your outputs and own web sites.

EUGRIS is an information exchange, and not a conventional search engine like Google. It is unique in that it offers opportunities for users to post as well as view information.
Technically speaking EUGRIS mostly stores "meta-data"; but it also stores a substantial series of technical summaries and a large glossary of technical terms. EUGRIS uses state of the art systems to disseminate information in context and in a usable and scaleable way. It is a platform for European information that equals or indeed exceeds current platforms for Japanese or US information in the field and creates a collaborative opportunity for researchers across the world.

EUGRIS was built up as a modular system for future enlargements especially in terms of topics and countries. The EUGRIS team will make special arrangements for any national agencies wishing to add new country pages to EUGRIS, or who wish to add new topics to existing country pages. EUGRIS also offers enhanced listings for organisations, projects and funding programmes; who wish to promote themselves via EUGRIS. EUGRIS is also developing enhanced web research tools.

EUGRIS' true usefulness and future depends on participation and support from its users, who will be able to add their own information to the web site. You are welcome to get into contact with us if you feel that your results cover the topics and deserve more publicity.
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