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The online presence of the CROSS.INNO.CUT project

In order to achieve wider impact and to ensure the replication of the project results a **web portal** has been implemented to support the implementation of the project and the dissemination of its results. The portal acts additionally to all the activities of the project.

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- Project website
- Community of interest
- INNO-CUT digital toolbox
- Digital toolbox application
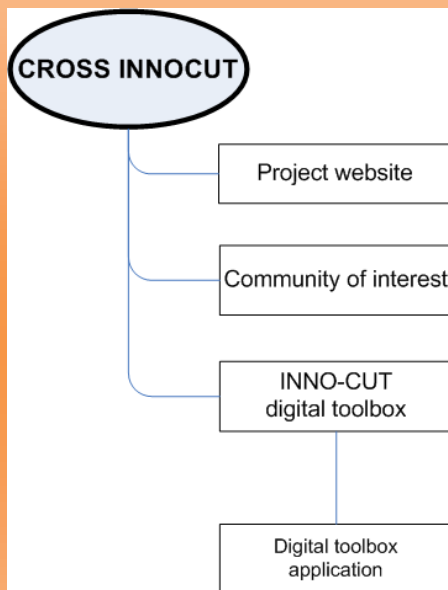
The collaboration between the projects' stakeholders has been enhanced through a special web application integrated in the project web portal. CROSS-INNO-CUT stakeholders of the online **community of interest** have initiated a number of discussions that addressed issues on the digital toolbox and improved significantly its performance.

The **cost cutting digital toolbox** enables Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs), mainly in the manufacturing sector, to assess their costs in all the thematic areas addressed in the CROSS.INNO.CUT project.

In the 9th newsletter we provided information about how the implementation of the CROSS.INNO.CUT project has been supported and enhanced through the use of innovative designed and implemented online applications and tools.
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The cost cutting digital toolbox

The toolkit is comprised of a diagnostic, and an online audit that supports the experts to propose a customized action plan so that enterprises can reduce their costs.

For the implementation of the digital toolbox the proprietary Benchmarking Web Application Platform (BWAP) has been customized to support all the steps of the auditing procedure.

BWAP is a set of web software tools that are used to aid in the creation and management of various types of online benchmarking and statistical applications. The BWAP involves designing and launching pages for a website or provisioning various applications for a wide range of web services to different benchmarking modules. The BWAP includes all the elements needed to accomplish the desired tasks, thus eliminating the need to secure the necessary tools from different sources. One of the key elements of the BWAP is its software library. As the name implies, software libraries are a central repository for all types of software that may be utilized in the creation and ongoing function of online activities. The cost cutting digital toolbox is the online application that has been implemented upon the Benchmarking Web application platform to meet the CROSS-INNO-CUT projects' requirements.

Use of the cost cutting digital toolbox

The cost cutting digital toolbox is an online application that supports and enhances the tasks that the experts have to implement, so that the proposed solutions are justified and customized for each enterprise that is interested in cost cutting. The digital toolbox is not open to all users since is an advanced internal application for the cost cutting of enterprises.
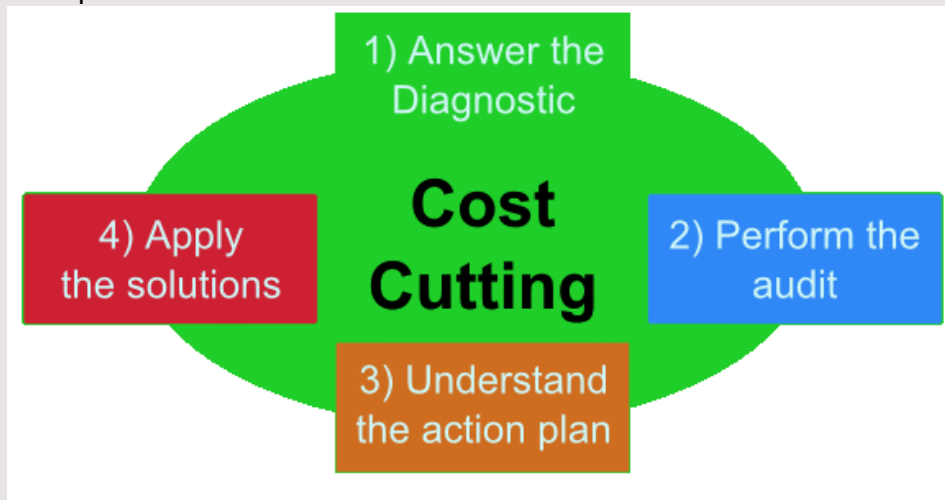
Currently, more than forty users are registered and are utilizing the digital toolbox. Each project partner has his own account and is continuously monitoring the development of the work of their assigned auditors. The above function of the digital toolbox guarantees the quality assurance of the audit procedure throughout the whole project life cycle.

The digital toolbox has been designed to fulfill two main objectives:
- to collect data in a structured format
- to assist the auditors while they were writing the respective audit reports providing them with all the figures already calculated for them

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The project community of interest

A community of interest (COI) is a community of people who share a common interest. These people exchange ideas and thoughts about the given interest. COI is a collaborative group of users that exchange information in pursuit of its shared goals, interests, missions, or business processes and therefore must have shared vocabulary for the information exchange.

Community of interest is an organisational structure for working collaboratively in order to establish clusters of data interoperability that cross formal boundaries. COIs are important because they make explicit and widely visible (names, advertisements of what they doing, who's involved etc.) vital information, sharing task groups that would otherwise have not been even recognized as organizations.

COIs bring together participants in information sharing federations (connected net-centric capabilities plus the organizations that operate and develop them). These federations may be of varying degrees of "tightness;" i.e., the groups and capabilities involved in them retain more or less autonomy. COI participants are able to collaboratively make and maintain vocabulary choices, expresses in implementable artifacts, and other agreements on information sharing modalities. In tighter federations, COIs may actually constitute configuration control boards.

Aims of CIC-COI:

- To establish clusters of knowledge for methods, techniques and technologies in the targeted thematic areas
- To establish join interest for commercial applications from knowledge sharing
- To update the community about new technologies and cost reduction solutions
- To utilize user input for creating new ideas and improve service delivery quality

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