EuresTools®

ICT tools for effective project management in EU Framework Programme 7

EuresTools® is a comprehensive suite of project management tools, which has been specifically designed to meet the needs of European research projects. EuresTools® offers full compliance with EC requirements and maximum security and reliability. The EuresTools® suite is running on Eurescom's own private Cloud servers located in Germany. Our Cloud-based tools can be accessed from anywhere via any device using any standard Web browser.
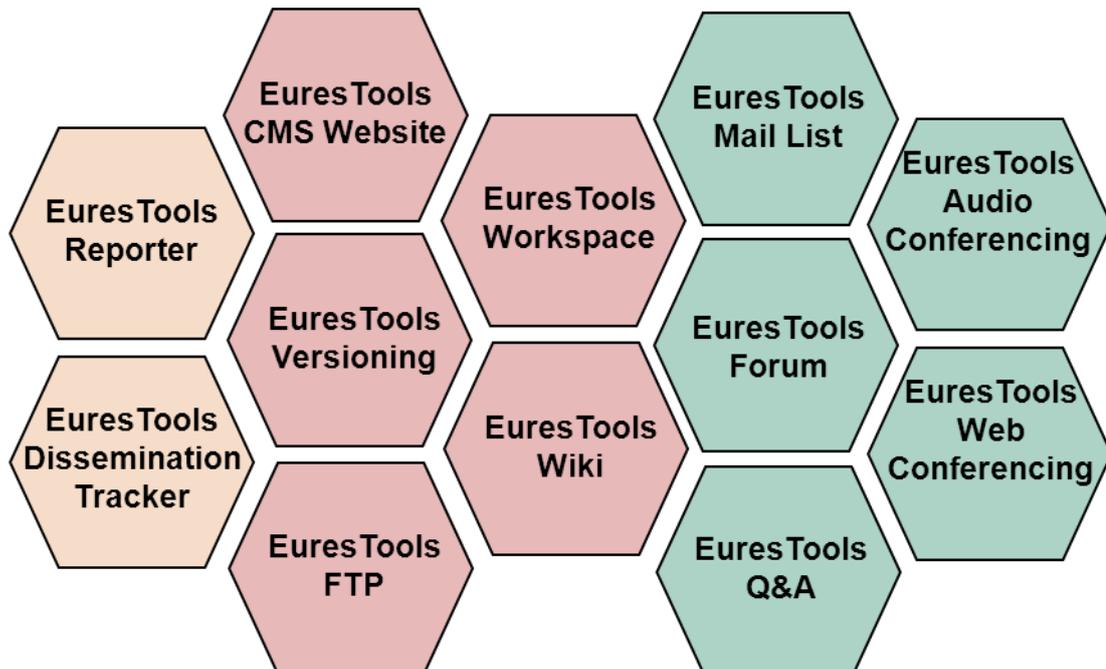
EuresTools® enables coordinators and participants of FP7 projects to effectively manage reporting, plan and control dissemination activities, and perform day-to-day project tasks. The whole project consortium benefits from EuresTools® via effective virtual team communication and collaboration.

EuresTools® consists of a comprehensive set of Cloud-based modules (see figure). You can select just the modules you need for your project. Our attractive tool packages give you a lot of value at a competitive price, which does not burden your management budget.

Already more than 200 successful European research projects have used EuresTools® to work effectively and comply with EC reporting and auditing requirements. EuresTools is future-proof and will be also available in Horizon 2020.

Please contact us via e-mail at services@eurescom.eu to discuss the tool package you need.
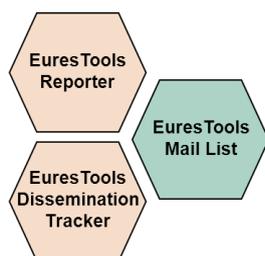
Scope and features of EuresTools® modules

EuresTools® provides a wide scope of modules, including a uniquely comprehensive set of features, which cover all the needs of FP7 projects. The modules are structured according to three functional categories. Depending on your project's needs, you can either choose one of our three preconfigured packages of EuresTools® modules, which you see on the next page. Or you can have your own customised package, including just the modules you require.

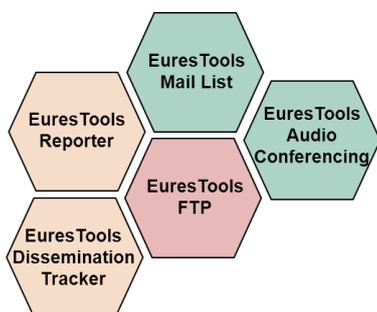| Category	EuresTools Module	Purpose	Benefits	Selected Features
Reporting & Controlling	**Reporter**	Reporting and controlling of effort and expenditure	• Fast, easy data entry • Compliance with EC reporting and auditing requirements	• Customisable data entry forms • Customisable reports • Automated reminders
	Dissemination Tracker	Planning, tracking and documenting dissemination activities and results	• Easy overview on activities and results • Easy export into reports	• Automated integration of dissemination results on website • Customisable lists of results
Information & Knowledge	**CMS Website**	Content management system for project website	• Easy updating of web contents • No HTML knowledge required	• Automated news archiving • Search-engine friendly pages
	Workspace	Shared online workspace for project-internal data	• Easy access to all project data • Full document workflow	• Versioning and document history • Flexible management of access rights
	Wiki	Groupware tool for easy collaborative editing	• Intuitive editing • Suitable as project-internal website	• Easy navigation • Easy editing and formatting
	Versioning	Version control system for files and directories	• Effective version control for software development	• Full revision history retained for all files • No file locking required
	FTP	FTP server for storing documents in an accessible way	• Simple, reliable storage of documents	• Easy to use • Secure access
Communication & Interaction	**Mail List**	Customised e-mail list server	• Effective management of mailing lists	• Flexible access and subscription settings • Fast bulk subscription • Mail archive
	Audio Conferencing	Audio conferences on project, work-package and task level	• Permanently available • Simple, reliable access procedure	• Access via PSTN and VoIP • Management interface
	Web Conferencing	Permanently available web-conferencing system	• Permanently available • Enables effective live interaction	• Whiteboard • Application and screen sharing • Recording
	Forum	Online discussion forum	• Flexible structure for online discussions	• Easy-to -use interface • Flexible access management
	Q&A	Online question & answer system	• Easy to use • Suitable for FAQs, discussion and ranking of topics	• Voting system • Reputation system • Content federation

EuresTools packages and prices

We offer you three standard EuresTools packages comprised of essential EuresTools modules. Each of the packages addresses a different scope of project needs. You are free to assemble your own customised package by choosing the modules needed from the module list on the previous page. All our packages include free secure Cloud archiving of all data generated in the modules during the project and for five years after project completion.
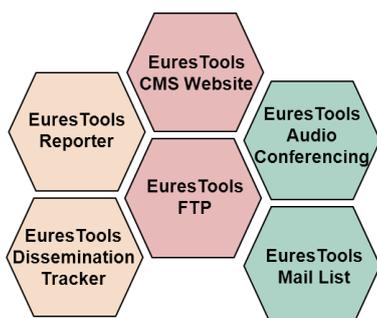
Package 1 covers primarily reporting & controlling. Mail List is included, as Reporter and Tracker use mailing lists for automated reminders. If you already have your own tools for collaboration and dissemination, this package is all you need. Otherwise, you should consider one of the other packages.

Package 2 adds to reporting & controlling the aspect of collaboration. Instead of document storage and exchange via FTP, you may choose Workspace or Wiki, which offer much richer functionality, like for example document history and versioning.

Package 3 complements reporting & controlling and collaboration by adding a CMS Website based on a content management system (CMS). This covers a central part of dissemination. Up-to-date tables of public deliverables and other publications from Tracker can be easily integrated into the CMS, reducing the effort for Website updates.

EuresTools® Package 1 price per year excluding VAT	
Reporter	€1,800 for up to 10 partners; + 4% for each additional partner
Dissemination Tracker	
Mail List Up to 10 mailing-lists with up to 300 subscribers each	
Secure Cloud archiving during & for 5 years after the project	Free

EuresTools® Package 2 price per year excluding VAT	
Reporter	€2,400 for up to 10 partners; + 4% for each additional partner
Dissemination Tracker	
FTP	
Mail List	
Audio Conferencing	
Secure Cloud archiving during & for 5 years after the project	Free

EuresTools® Package 3 price per year excluding VAT	
Reporter	€3,300 for up to 10 partners; + 4% for each additional partner
Dissemination Tracker	
CMS Website	
FTP	
Mail List Up to 10 mailing-lists with up to 300 subscribers each	
Audio Conferencing	
Secure Cloud archiving during & for 5 years after the project	Free

Customised EuresTools® packages

The preconfigured packages described above cover the most important needs of FP7 projects. If you have special requirements for your project, you are free to choose any combination of EuresTools® modules for your individual tool package. Thus, the modular structure of EuresTools® enables you to complement the tools you already have and get from us exactly the required additional functionality.

Please contact us to get a quote for your customised tool package.

Secure Cloud archiving of project data

We provide secure Cloud archiving during the project and after project completion, which fully complies with EC requirements.

For auditing purposes and legal archiving requirements, storing project data during the project and for five years after the project closure is mandatory. This can potentially cause the coordinator and the partners a lot of trouble, if they do not have detailed and time-stamped records.

We provide you a secure Cloud archiving solution, which completely solves this problem. And what is best: this solution is free for you! So there is no need for expenses after the project, which the EC would not pay.

We keep project data generated and stored in the different EuresTools® modules accessible during the project and for the legally required five years after the project end. After the project is completed, stored data can still be viewed and downloaded by all project partners; only uploading and editing of data will be disabled.

Free offer for the proposal phase

Eurescom offers FP7 project proposals a set of basic EuresTools® modules for free in the proposal phase. This offer is contingent on you using EuresTools® in your project and incorporating the estimated cost of the EuresTools® modules you chose in your proposal. The EuresTools® fees are eligible for 100 percent EC-funding as a management expense for the duration of the project.

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Contact us to learn more about EuresTools® and to get our free tool-set in the proposal phase.
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EuresTools® on the Web

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