

A tool for efficient Consortium management

Managing an Erasmus Mundus master programme or any other programmes that are organized in an international context requires lots of administration. In order to make this administration as efficient as possible it has been decided to develop EConsort.

What is EConsort?

1. EConsort is a **webbased** tool. It runs on any operating system and can thus be accessed from any location with internet.
2. EConsort is a tool which **combines all administrative aspects** of Erasmus Mundus courses. Dossiers of students, scholars, teachers, applicants can all be managed with this tool. Course-curricula and course-organization, file archives, a series of reporting and communication tools (emails, public website, internal student information platform) all integrate fluently.
3. EConsort is **generic**: for each consortium with its own needs and specifications, EConsort can be designed easily through a webbased interface. Database fields can be made and organized in forms and reports according to the users wishes. All this through online interfaces and not requiring high-skilled informaticians.

A brief overview of some possibilities of EConsort:

1. Maintenance of **website**
2. File archives
3. Online **application forms**
4. Online **communication** tools
5. **Dossier management** of users / scholars / applicants / students
6. **Course management** including course schedules, student curriculum, ECTS-xml outputs
7. Easy in use: reporting, student evaluation
8. Constantly growing in possibilities

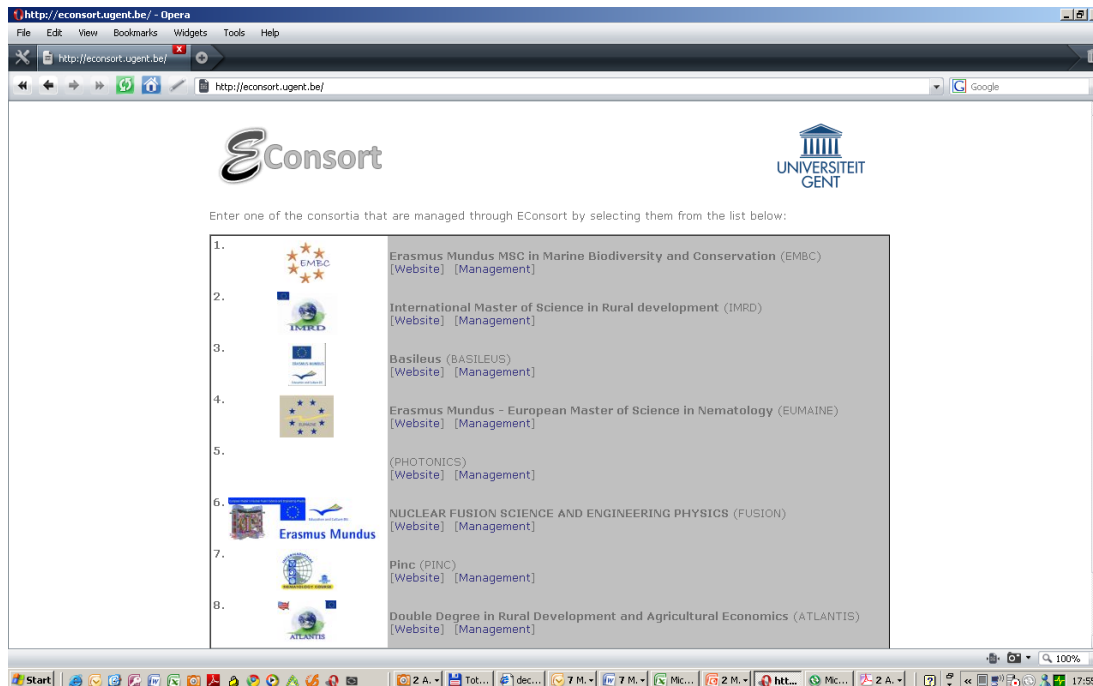
EConsort is now used daily by different course programmes already: Erasmus Mundus Master of science in Marine Biodiversity and Conservation (EMBC); International Master of Science in Rural Development (IMRD); European Master of science in Nuclear Fusion and Engineering Physics; European Master of science in Photonics ; European Master of science in Nematology; Basileus – Balkans Academic Scheme for Internationalisation of Learning in cooperation with EU universities

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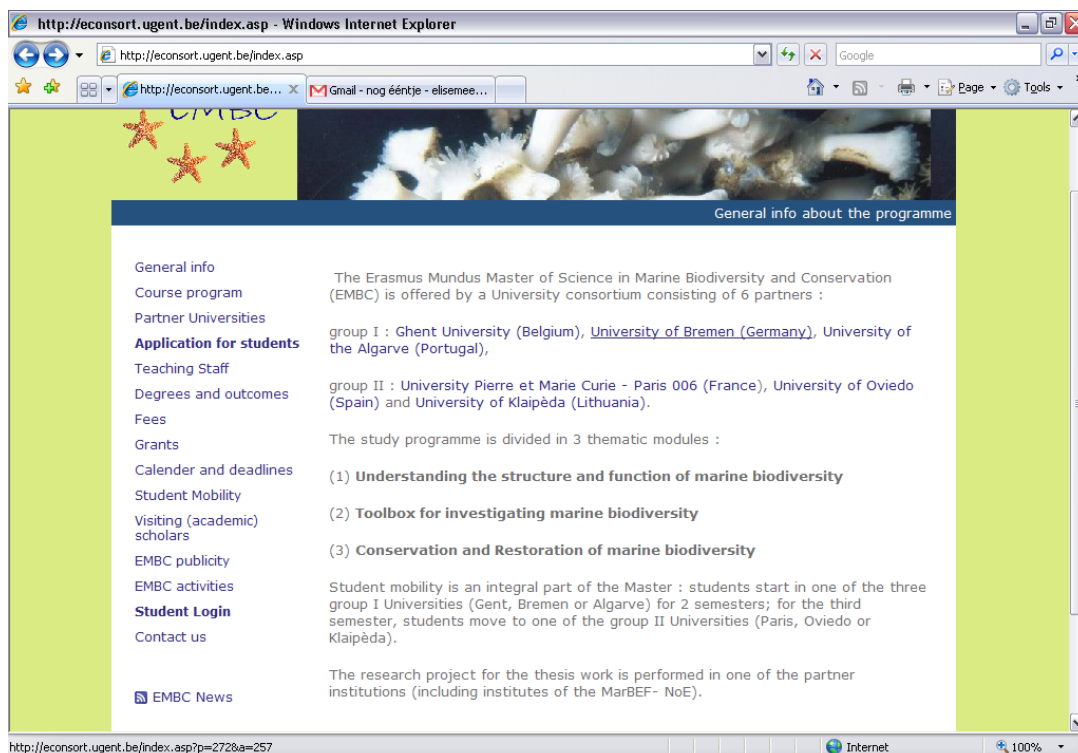
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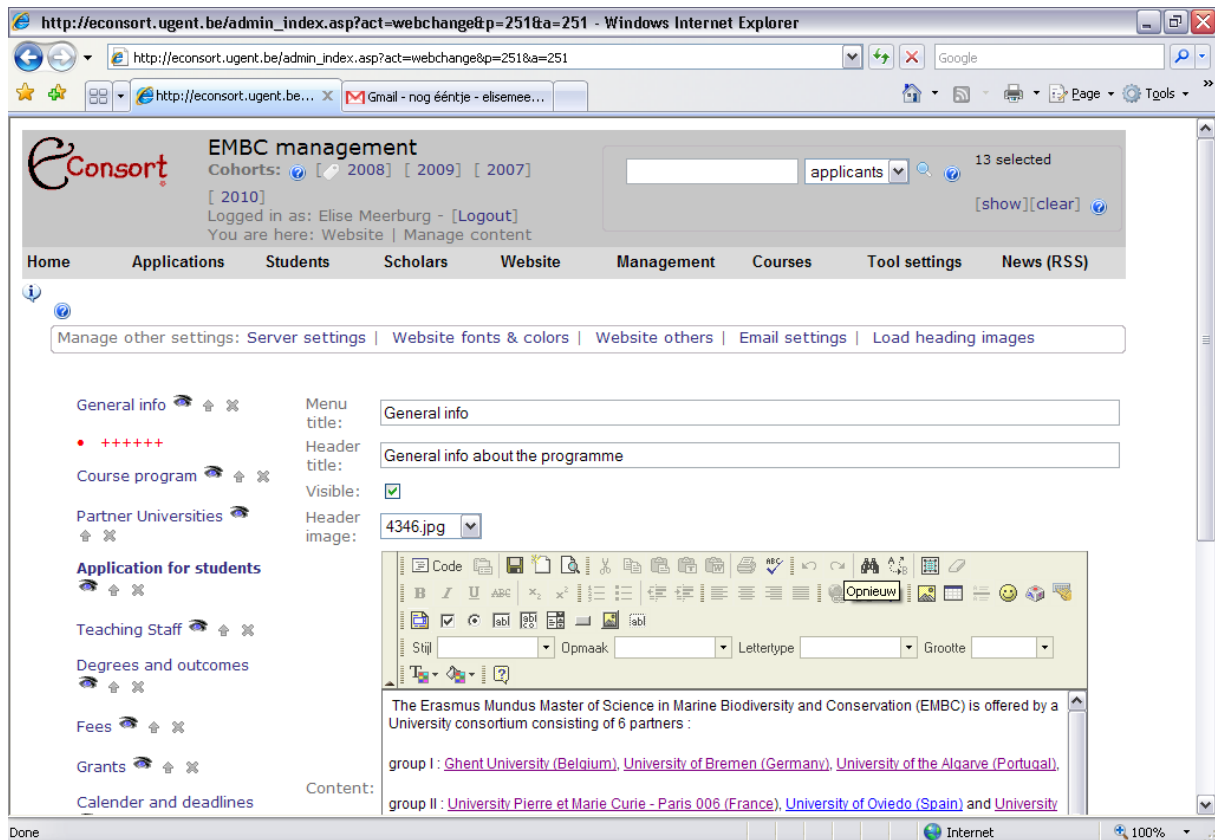
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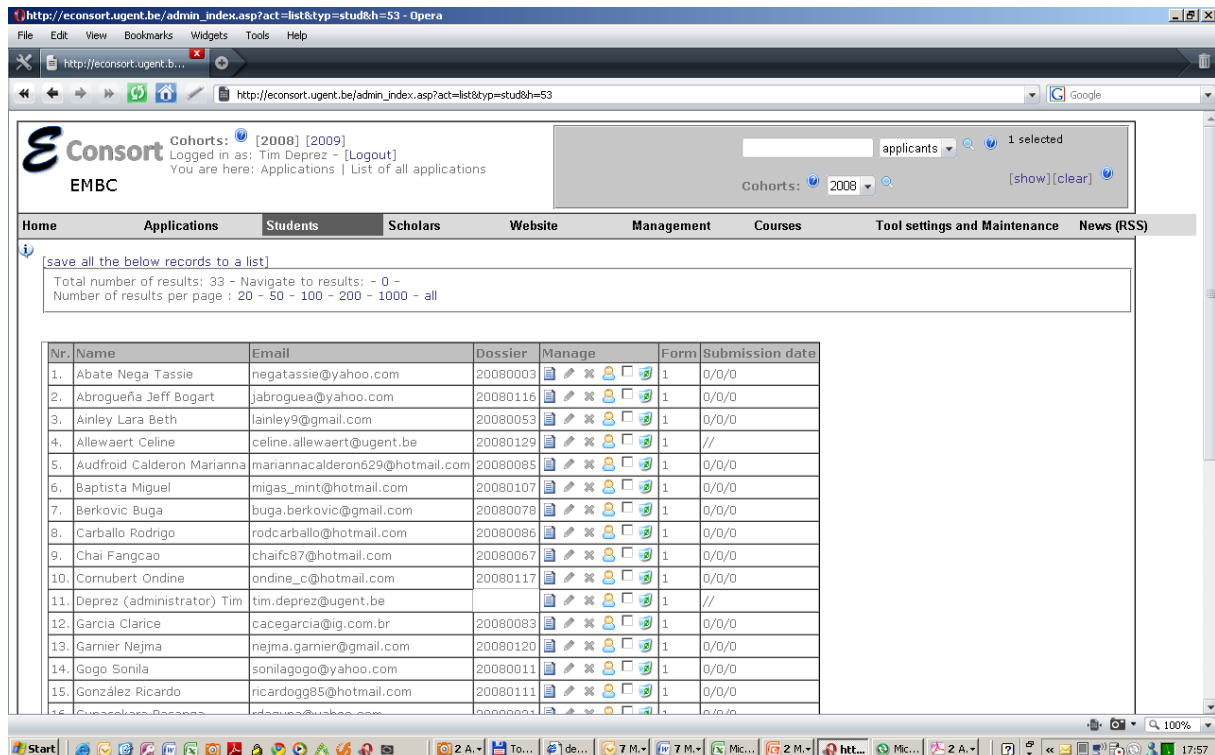
The econsort startup screen showing the consortia already using this tool



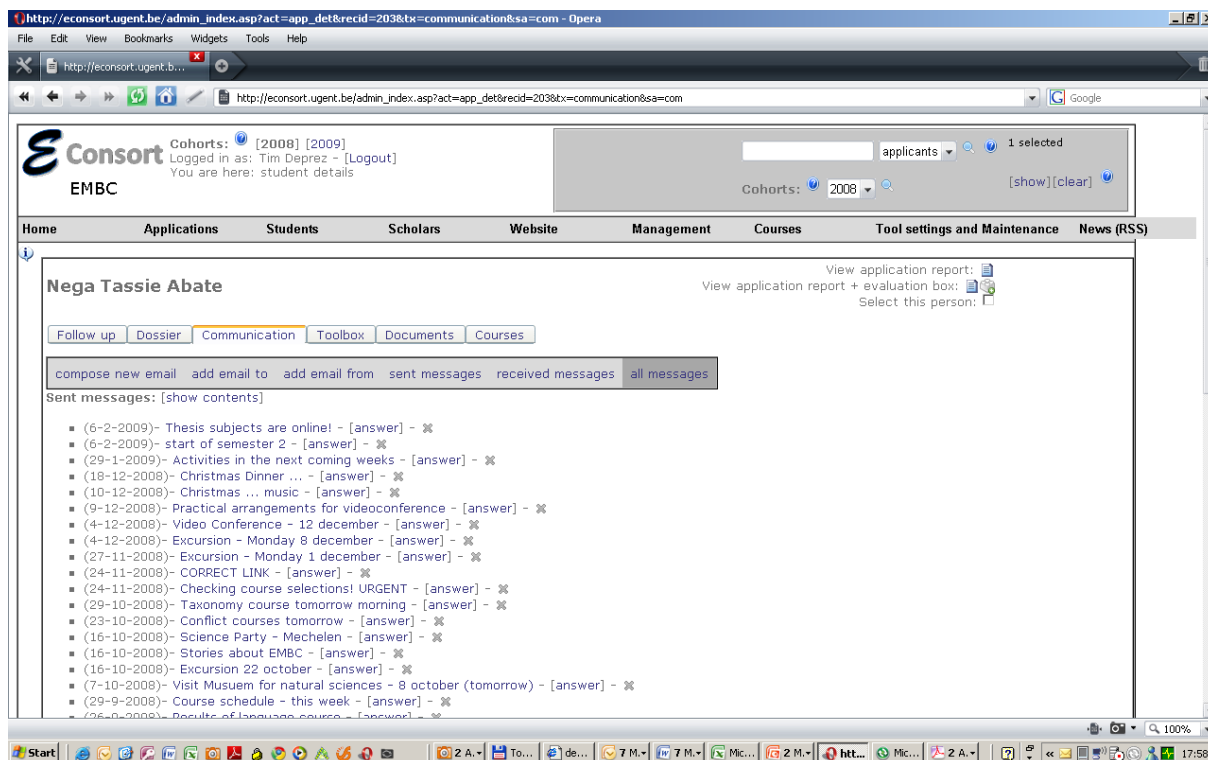
Example of public website managed through EConsort



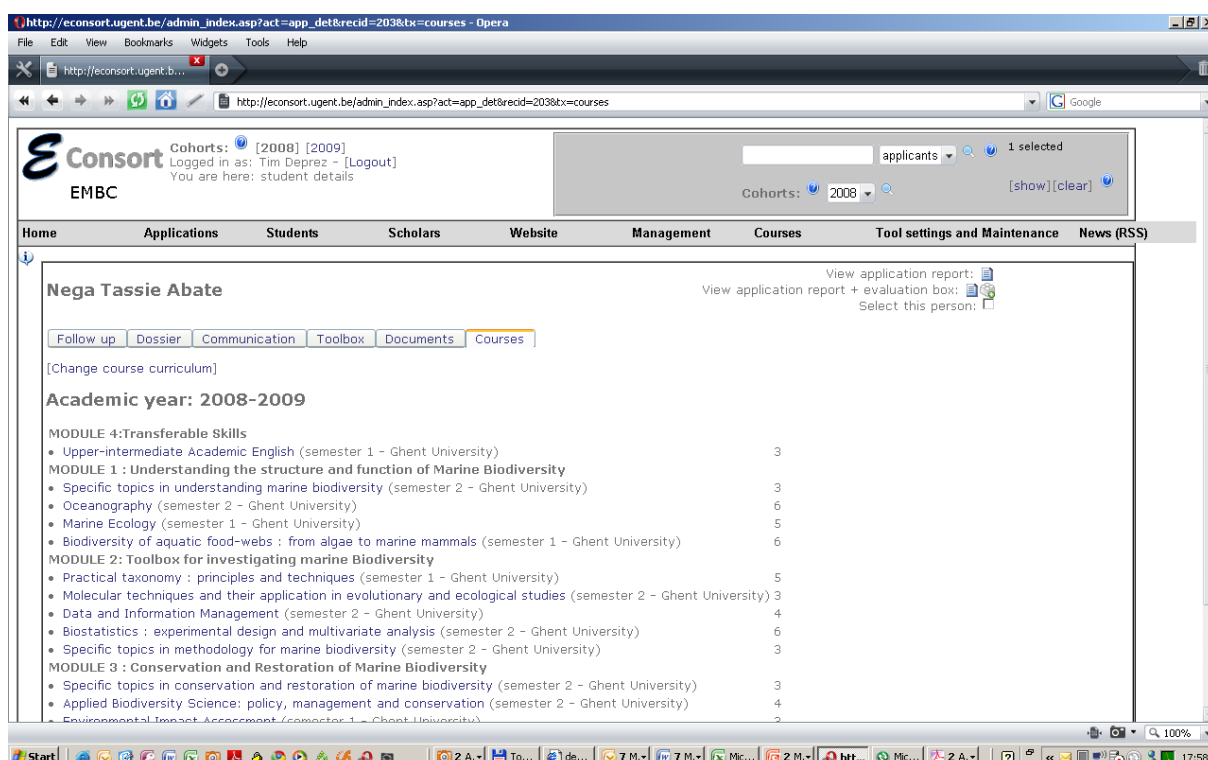
Example of the website design tool through a WYSIWYG editor allowing formatting, picture uploads, document uploads



Typical overview of list of students/ or applicants through which different actions are possible: printing reports, making selection lists, entering the students file, ...



Example of student file – communication overview: also incoming communication from student can be maintained.



Example of student course curriculum : overview of the courses, scores with a series of generic reporting tools. Courses are defined using the standardized ECTS format.

Example of the student toolbox: resetting passwords, downloading and emailing the full file of a student, getting a quick view of the completeness of different forms.

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You are here: student details

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Follow up Dossier Communication **Toolbox** Documents Courses

Data overview

- The total size of documents for this student is: 3.61 MB.
- Last file was loaded/changed at 9/16/2008 1:52:33 PM
- There are 15 files in this folder [Show file names]

Reset / assign password

Click the below link to reset the pasword of a student/applicant.
He/She will receive an automated email with his newly assigned password.

- [Reset password](#)

Form/field overviews

Form name	# required fields	# filled in	%
Default management form	7	5	71
Application form 2009	51	37	73
student finances EU sponsor	6	5	83
Application form 2009 - EU	46	35	76

Overview report

Example of File archive: through this item, files can be shared among members of the consortium.

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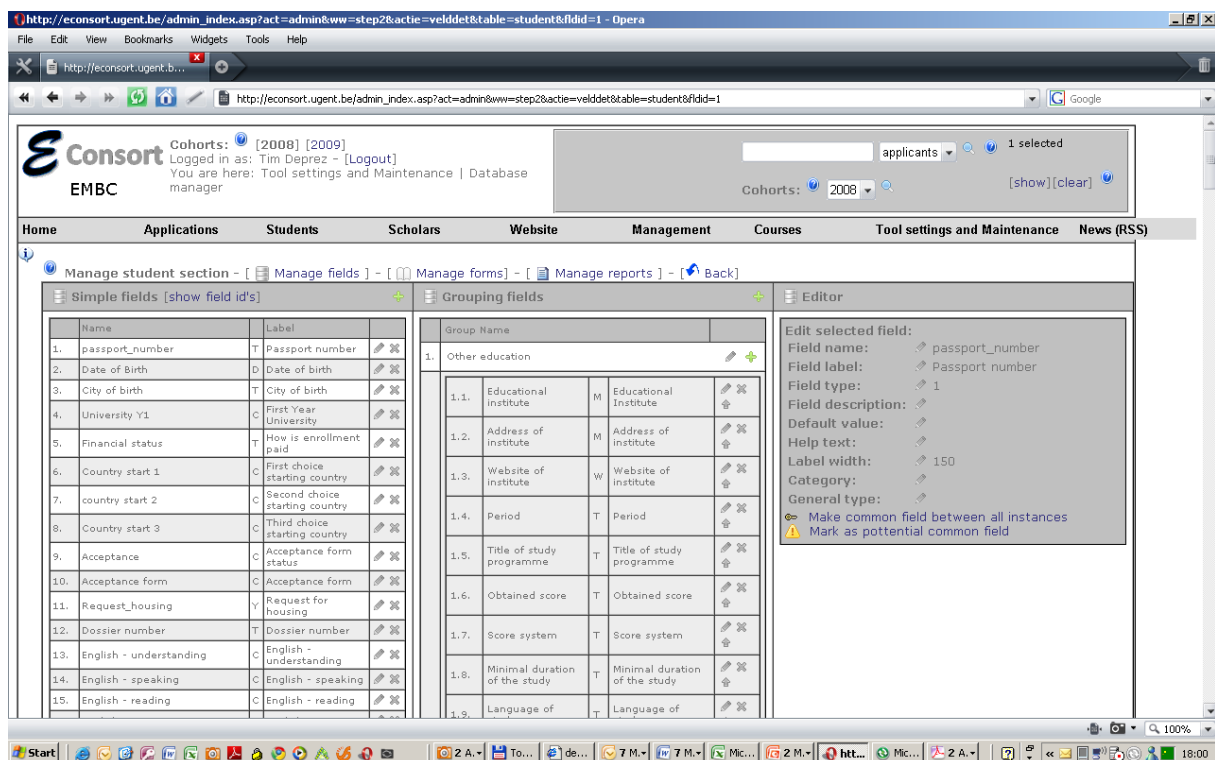
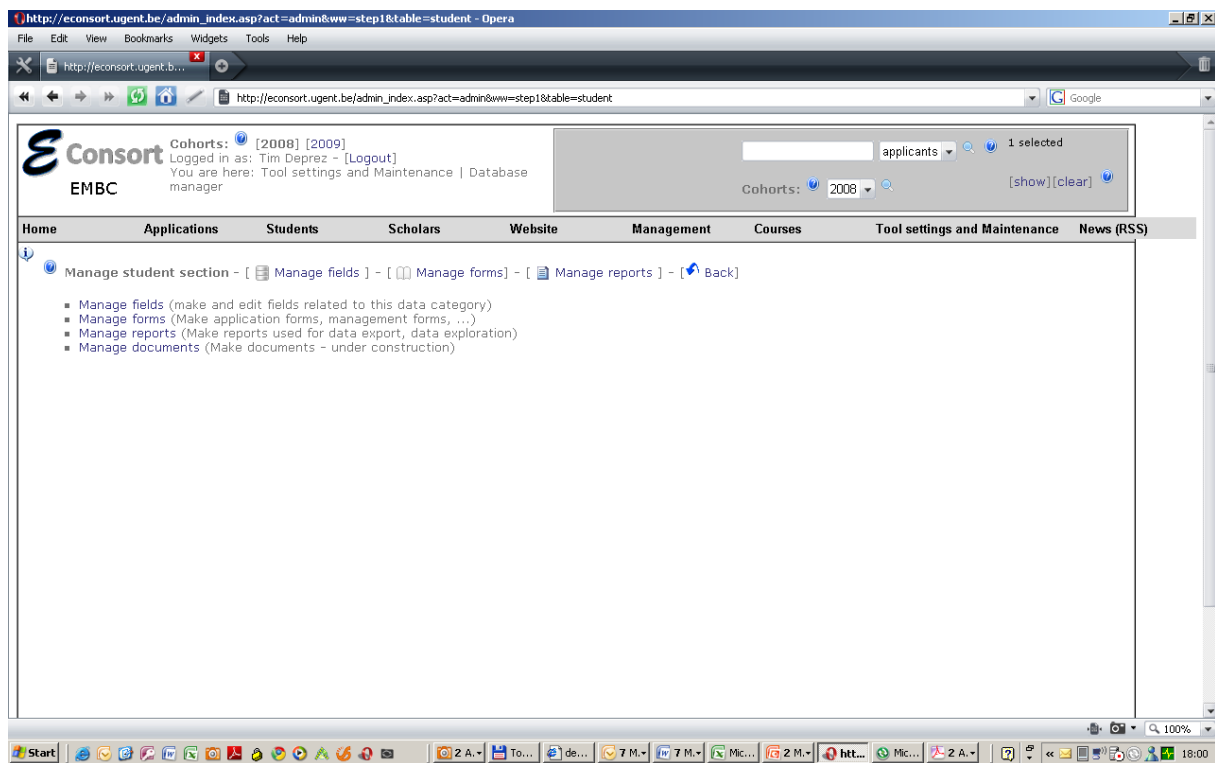
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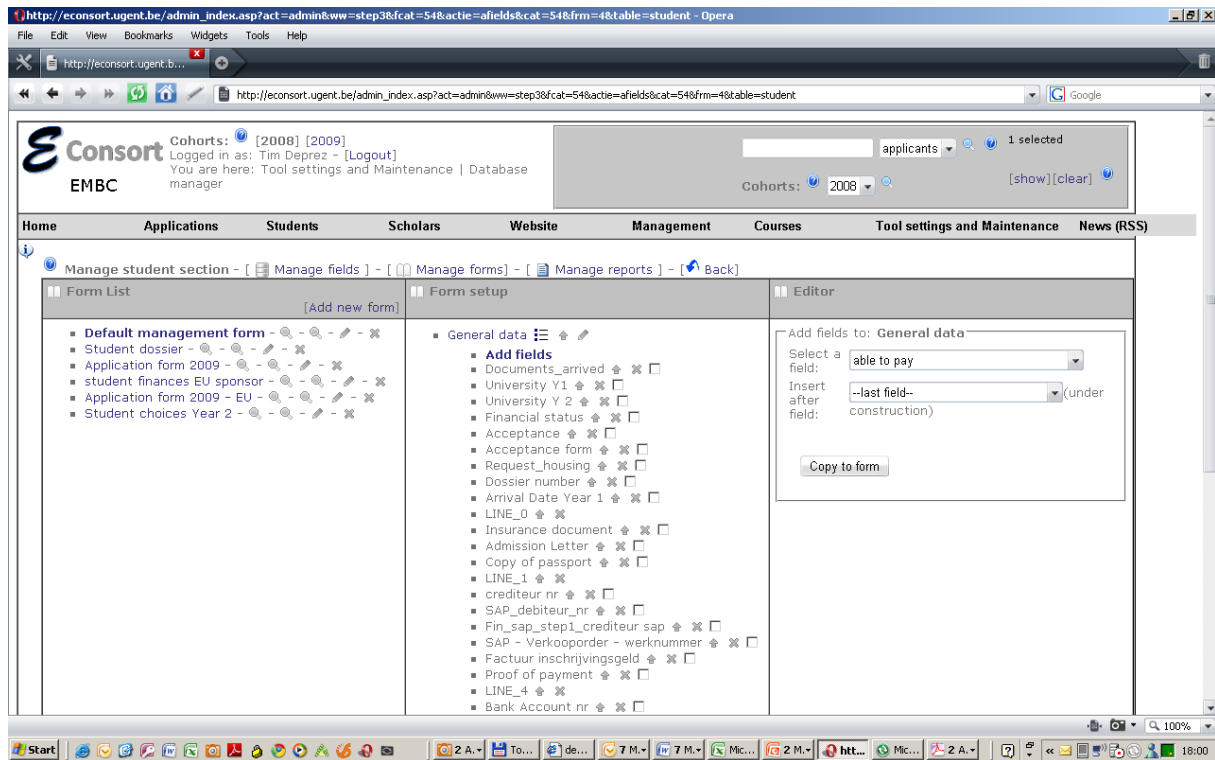
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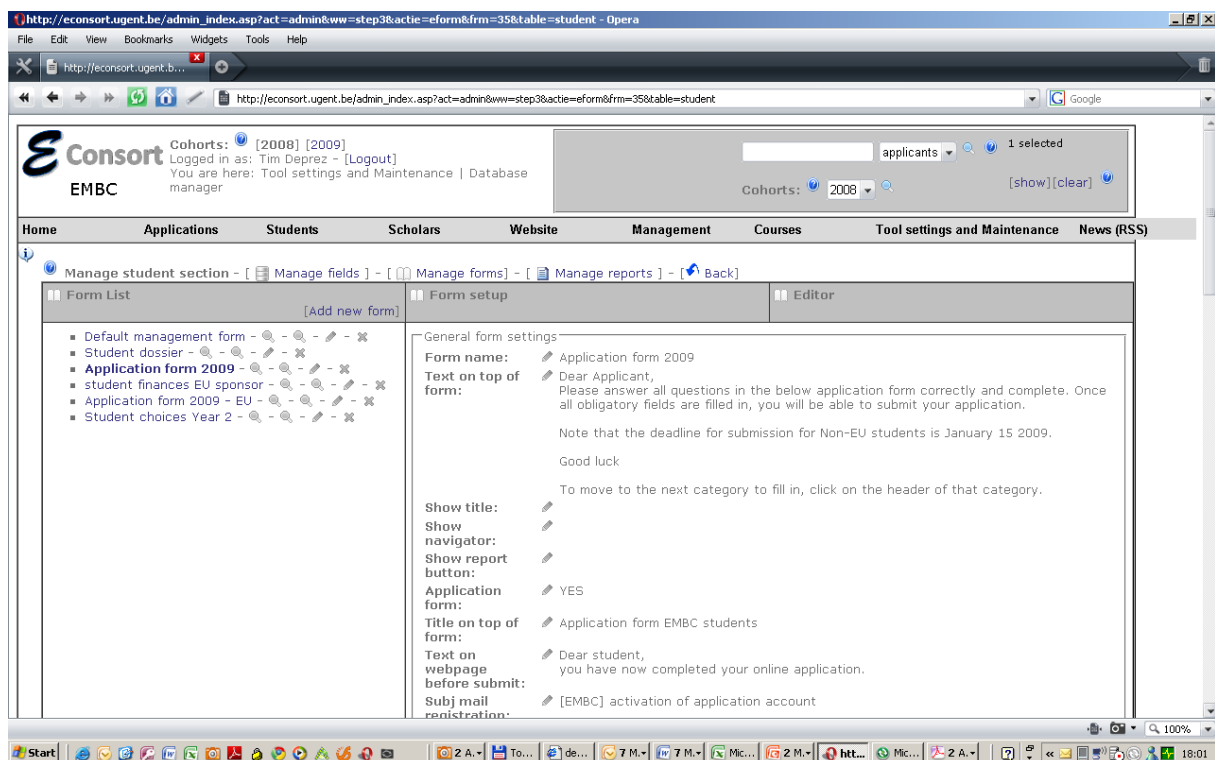
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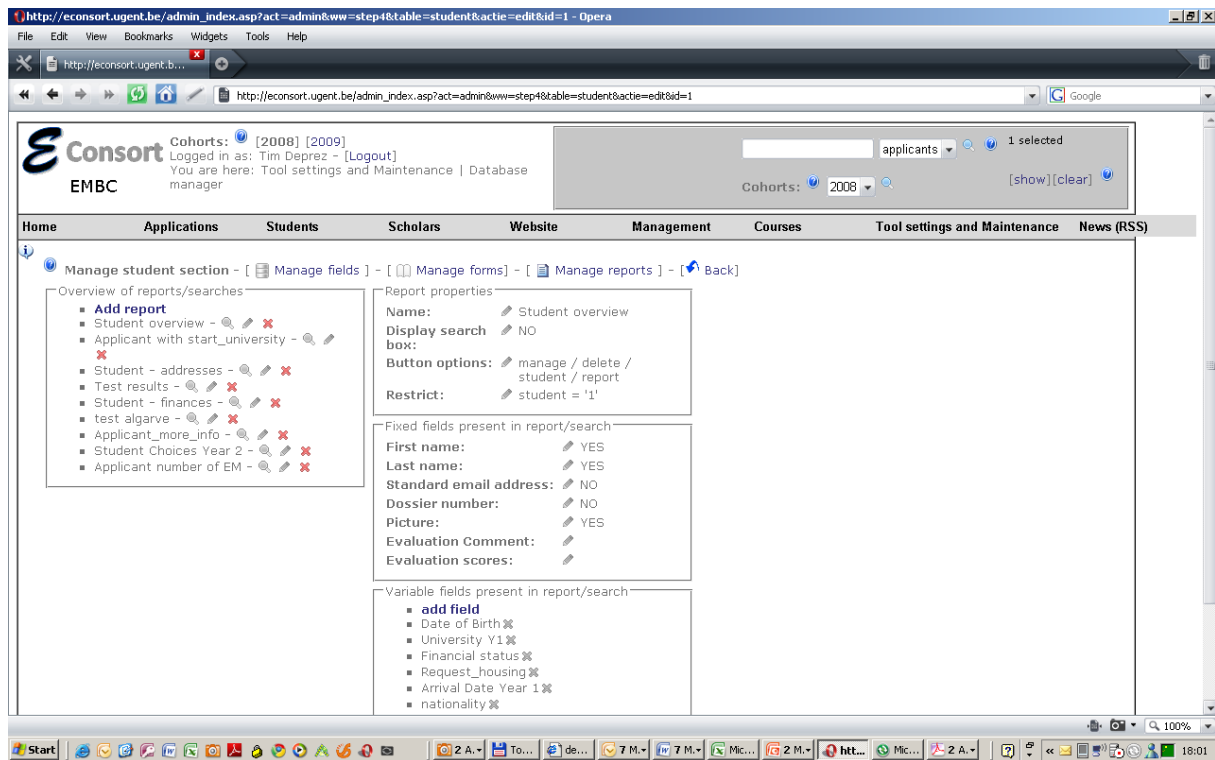




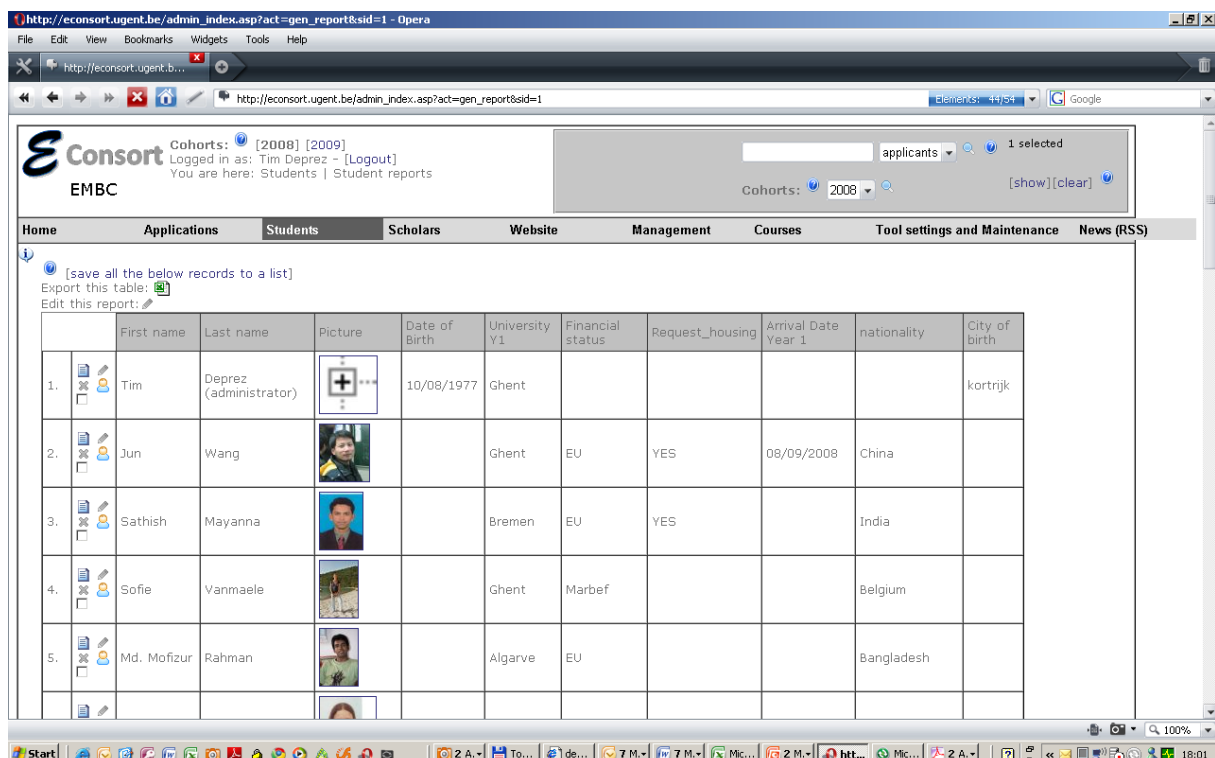
Example of student database management tool: defining and editing forms and reports in the databases



Example of student database management tool: making an application form including automated email communication towards applicants.



Example of student database management tool: setting up spreadsheet like reports. These reports can easily be exported to excel. All reports are sortable and searchable.



Example of report


http://econsort.ugent.be/admin_index.asp?act=table_course&h=39 - Opera

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applicants

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Year 1

Ghent University

MODULE 4: Transferable Skills						
- Upper-intermediate Academic English	1		0	30	0	60 3
MODULE 1 : Understanding the structure and function of Marine Biodiversity						
- Marine Ecology	1	Vincx Magda, Vanreusel Ann, Moens Tom,	20.0	15.0		135 5
- Marine Geology	1	Henriet Jean-Pierre, De Batist Mark,	20.0	24.0		140 5
- Biodiversity of aquatic food-webs : from algae to marine mammals	1	De Troch Marleen, Coppejans Eric,	30.0	20.0		170 6
- Biodiversity of Marine Micro-organisms	1	Vyverman Wim, Sabbe Koen, Huys Geert,	30	15		90 4
- Margin Systems and Extreme Environments	1	Vanreusel Ann, Henriet Jean-Pierre,	20.0	20.0		140 5
- Biogeochemical cycles	1	Middelburg Jack, Help Carlo,	20.0	20.0		120 4
- Evolution and Biogeography of Aquatic Organisms	1	Remerie Thomas, De Clercq Olivier, Verbruggen Heroen,	20.0	12.0		90 3
- Paleocology and Global Change	2	Verschuren Dirk, Verleyen	22.0	20		135 5

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Overview of a table of courses offered in a programme.

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Course details for 'Advanced academic English' (1 students)

<< General information Course schedule Students >>

Course name: Advanced academic English
Ugent Code: CHEMBC01000137
 • Van Praet Ellen (Course responsible) [edit teacher] [delete]

Teachers: [Add teacher]
 (Ellen.VanPraet@UGent.be;)

Module: MODULE 4: Transferable Skills
Key words: English, Language acquisition, Communication
Position of the course: The overall objective of the course is to improve the students' English language skills in an academic context. Focus is on reading, writing, listening and speaking skills. (academic writing, reporting, writing a letter of application, attending a job interview, giving and attending a presentation, communicating with colleagues)
Contents: Module academic reading and writing: Students obtain insight in the structure and organisation of scientific texts. They study and practise the use of the most important academic language functions (describing spatial relationships, defining, classifying, comparing, describing cause and effect, ...). They learn to pay attention to the organisation of paragraphs as well as informative texts as a whole. They learn how to write a text in three stages: preparing, writing and rewriting. Attention is paid to a number of grammatical aspects which are crucial for writing texts at an advanced level: relative clauses, verb tenses, discourse markers,... The authentic materials which are used in class are taken from the domain of exact sciences.
 Module applying for a job: students learn how to write a CV and a letter of application. They will be given advice and information about how to be successful when attending a job interview.
 Module presentation skills: Students will learn how to give a presentation, how to provide a framework, introduce a subject, deal with questions, bridge two points. In addition, they will learn how to give their opinion, state arguments pro and contra, ask questions, explain, report, describe and define.
Initial competences: The students' level of English should correspond to that of the final objectives for pupils at the end of secondary school in Flanders. This includes adequate practical knowledge of English as well as good oral and written skills, in addition to sufficient understanding and relevant attitudes for learning to communicate in English in an academic context. Basic computer skills are required to access and manipulate

Setting a course ECTS file