INSIDE THE EDUSAN PROJECT – THE COLLABORATION SUBSYSTEM FOR HEALTH EDUCATION AND DISEASE PREVENTION

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SUMMARY

The three years EDUSAN project (A Complex Integrated System for Health Education and Disease Prevention) was developed in the frame of the Research of Excellence Program - Ceex (PC-D03-PT00-300). Started in September 2005, the project aimed to improve the capacity of preventing diseases, facilitate an early diagnosis and realize a health information space for knowledge discovery. Maintaining a state of good health for the population, adopting a healthier lifestyle, with special implications on long term in social and economic plan, can be made with the help of a real sanitary culture. In this sense, ICT became an extraordinary environment to promote education in the public health domain. As a result, developing a complex integrated system means to define a shared responsibility which implies cooperation and creating partnership among decision-makers in the health domain, health professionals and also computer specialists.

As a main component of the EDUSAN system, the Collaboration subsystem between the institutions involved in the health education and disease prevention was organized on a database structure that include specific tables and relations which offer the necessary support for sharing experiences and training opportunities, make known specific projects, interrogate the database and access the collaborating platform (Suduc et all. 2007).

The Collaboration subsystem was implemented based on the MySQL server technology. The subsystem specific data was recorded into a relational database on the server. The Collaboration subsystem web interface implemented the architectural model of the subsystem: involved elements, data types and forms. The interface of the Collaboration subsystem (http://edusan.ssai.valahia.ro) allows the access to its main functions (Experience exchanges, Training, Partnerships, Health programs - named according to the sub-modules names) and also to the collaborative EDUSAN platform (Alexandru et all. 2007).

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