

Collaboration with Jasig and Sakai



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Since its creation, ESUP Portail has always followed the principles of collaboration within its community: participation, cooperation, sharing, discussion,... It is with this philosophy in mind that the consortium has decided to share its work beyond the French community and expose it to the whole world. Our presence in this 2012 Jasig-Sakai conference is a proof of our willingness to also contribute to the communities whose works are the foundations of our own.

The consortium is a force of decision to define the best digital services for higher education institutions in France. Therefore, its choices, and the ensuing activities they arise, regarding e-learning, ECM or portal solutions are crucial and require a deep and thoughtful work.

In addition to the support it gives to its members, ESUP Portail provides additional services and features, look-and-feel customization and enhancement, internationalization-related work, etc. It is in the interest of everyone to give all of this back to the worldwide community. Besides sharing these technical contributions, ESUP Portail members are also interested in being part of the Jasig-Sakai effort by participating in specific working groups, in which their knowledge and perspective on the matter may be a significant benefit.

ESUP Portail also includes **ESCO Portail** which is an ENT for secondary and apprenticeship education (middle and high schools, agriculture schools). To this date, ESCO is used by more than 650,000 users in nearly 300 different schools.

ESUP Portail is a consortium of higher education establishments that was initially created to respond to the call for bids launched by the French Ministry of Higher Education and Research (Ministère de l'Enseignement Supérieur et de la Recherche). Opened in 2002, its goal was to develop ENT solutions for students and staff : 5 French universities developed a common solution and 10 other institutions joined the cause to deploy the resulting deliverable.

Financial contributions from the French Ministry of Higher Education and Research and French local self-governments make it possible for ESUP Portail to keep supporting and working on the common projects of the French institutions.

Nowadays, ESUP Portail includes 80% of the French establishments. Created in 2008, the new structural entity is now composed of **70 members** : its funding enables them to develop projects and meet the new digital guidelines regarding education.



The French Ministry of Higher Education and Research also supports the consortium, notably with regard to the evolution of digital plans and services for training, employability and academic life.



INNOVATE IN OUR UNIVERSITIES
AND ENGINEERING SCHOOLS

to ensure and develop

DIGITAL FREEDOM FOR OUR STUDENTS

AND STAFF MEMBERS

ESUP Portail develops digital access to academic services for both students and establishment staff.

ESUP Portail's OBJECTIVES

FACILITATE learning and campus life for students... but also the daily work of the staff.

POOL the development of digital services to divide costs between universities.

SHARE technological evolutions and new services amongst the members.

IMAGINE AND PLAN the evolutions of the French students' personal portal (Espace Numérique de Travail - ENT).

17 regional digital universities (Universités Numériques en Région - UNR) use the ENT developed by ESUP Portail.

70 French higher education institutions (which represents two-thirds of the potential target) develop and deploy the solutions that the ESUP Portail community has conceived so far.

80% of French students and establishment staff use this platform to access services and information.

The community's ASSETS

The ESUP Portail consortium is **nationwide**: it includes 70 higher education establishments.

Its work is **recognized** and its solutions are adopted by most of the Universités Numériques en Région.

Solutions are **open-source** to enable a constant evolution of tools and services. Each establishment can adapt the technological groundwork to fit its own strategy and needs.

ESUP Portail **develops its solutions on its own**, so the collaborators totally master them and know how to adapt them to better fit the establishments' needs.

The ESUP Portail community includes members from universities and engineering schools who have an extensive knowledge of the learning environment, its needs but also its limitations.

ESUP Portail works **in partnership with the Jasig consortium which supports uPortal/CAS**, regarded nowadays as the best portal solution for higher education.

INNOVATIONS

The technological basis that the consortium has developed and deployed, enables its members to create a Digital Work Environment (Espace Numérique de Travail - ENT) on the Web. It offers many services to users wherever they are and whatever device they are working with (personal and professional computers, smartphones...).

It especially gives them access to a digital office, administrative services such as the student's grade report and personal file or the university history. It also gives them access to digital services for training and to teaching resources.

Here are some of the main services that have already been deployed:



Acces to LMS



Digital community management



Staff member's personal file



Mobile services for smartphones



Selective admission management
Internship management



Integration of Content Management System (CMS) in the students' personal portal



Student digital office



The ESUP-Mobile Project

Because of its technological innovative nature and the increasing demand, the ESUP-Mobile effort mobilizes the entire ESUP Portail community and pools initiatives around mobility.

Mobile devices are becoming essential platforms to receive new services from the Internet. A growing number of students have smartphones and expect mobile academic services. A mobile version, therefore, seems to be necessary in addition to the ENT desktop version. Mobile services from the ENT can then be combined with geolocation services.

To better coordinate the different initiatives, ESUP-Mobile has created a label to define rules for good mobile development practices as well as criteria for form.

SERVICES to the consortium Members

ESUP Portail is also a lively community in which the members are encouraged to debate about all kinds of topics related to our digital academic solutions. The digital priorities of universities and the components used to interface with their information systems are therefore jointly defined.

The consortium members can be informed of evolutions and general issues through daily mailing-list messages or a wiki which enables everybody to follow a topic and instantly take part in the discussion.

Since 2009, the consortium has regularly organized workshop meetings for members to get together, share ideas and identify the main evolution to conduct for each digital service.



The ESUP Days to Exchange and Be Informed

Since 2006, the "ESUP Days" have been organized twice a year to gather together representatives (both technical and functional profiles) from the 70 community members.

These seminars are an occasion for members to discover the current evolutions and exchange about their experiences, methodologies and organizations.

It is during one of these ESUP Days that 5 higher education universities located in Normandie have come up with the idea of deploying and sharing one single portal for all of their users: this ambitious project has become a reality since then...