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WP2 made the EditExpertNet database, available for public online access in May 2009. The database is presently located at <http://editexpertnet.org/>. The objective of the database is to provide an efficient online information service on European Taxonomic experts, their expertise and ongoing and planned taxonomic research projects. It provides searchable information on the taxonomists' expertise down to family level, their research activities, methods used and geographical and environmental distribution of research organisms. At present, the scope of the taxonomic expertise covers fungi, plants and animals. In addition to providing information on the main institutional affinity of the expert, the data base also lists taxonomic societies and networks in which the taxonomist participates. Furthermore, it is possible to conduct a search for experts by articles, presentations or published news.

Each taxonomist has been given a unique password and has been invited to supplement and update their personal information and elaborate on their taxonomic research. This method ensures correct registration regarding all details pertaining to the individual taxonomists.

In close collaboration with PESI, thirteen hundred taxonomic experts originally registered in the European species database (FaunaEuropaea, SMEBD, Euro+Med Plantabase, ERMS, WORMS, Index Fungorum and Algaebase) have now been included in EditExprtNet.org database.