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Project acronym: EDIT

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Instrument: Network of Excellence

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Component 2.1.6 Data on experts associated with first batch of ATBI+M's entered in information service

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WP2 made the EditExpertNet database, available for public online access in May 2009. The database is presently located at <http://taxonomyexperts.mediastyle.dk/> . 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.

The numbers mentioned in this component cover the first and second batches of participants in WP7's ATBI+M project of conducting biodiversity inventory fieldwork in the natural parks of Mercantour/Alpi Marittime (France and Italy) and Gemer (Slovakia). This is in contrast to the component title, which refers to only a first batch of participants. However, as this component is delayed, its scope has been expanded to properly reflect the actual condition of the EditExpertNet database regarding registering of taxonomists involved in this project of inventorying of biodiversity.

A total of one hundred-twenty-eight ATBI+M participants of at have been registered in the EditExpertNet database. Eighty-nine of these participants visited the collection sites in the natural parks of Mercantour/Alpi Marittime and thirty-nine Gemer in Slovakia during the years 2007 and 2008.