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Summary

This deliverable mainly depicts the user support via (publicly available) material given in ATS2020. The structure of the user support was given in Deliverable 2.1 (ATS2020 Functional Specification – see https://mahara.ats2020.eu/view/view.php?id=182) while Deliverable 2.3 (Tools Development – see https://mahara.ats2020.eu/view/view.php?id=302) does not only document the initial Tools Development but also shows the further development of tools and platforms for ATS2020.

The Deliverable 2.4 (was kept as an ePortfolio page on Mahara (https://mahara.ats2020.eu/view/view.php?id=468) since April 2016. Starting with the launch of the ATS2020 resources portal (https://resources.ats2020.eu), many of the guides were published there, as well, especially the ones on Office 365/OneNote Class Notebook, and the Mahara page focused on resources related to the use of Mahara.

Guides for the use of the piloting evaluation tool EIS were published via Mahara, as well. Some of them are also available via the ATS2020 resources portal.

The structure of user support on f2f level is laid out in D. 2.3.

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1. Guides for tools in Mahara

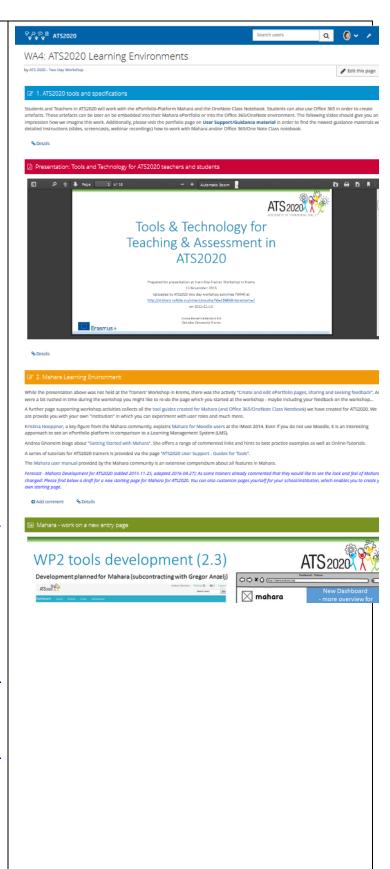
Workshop-Page on Tools and Technology for ATS2020 (public page)

In the Framework of the ATS2020 Partner meeting in November 2015 in Krems, a train-the-trainer workshop was held. Part of it (Working Activity 4) was used as an introduction to the ePortfolio platform Mahara as well as to give an insight into the tools proposed for ATS2020. As development of tools was planned to be done collaboratively with partners, teachers and teacher trainers, the platform Mahara (at that time) was just used for training purposes and to get feedback from the participants on the suitability of the platform. The platform Office 365/OneNote Class notebook was presented at the workshop, as well. Workshop materials are collected in Mahara and can be visited at https://mahara.ats2020.eu/view/view.php?id <u>=149</u>

To collaborate with trainers, teachers and partners, the ATS2020 Trainer Online Forum was set up on Mahara, as well (today at

https://mahara.ats2020.eu/group/view.php?id=7). Additionally, a Community of Practice (today at

https://mahara.ats2020.eu/group/view.php?id=4) was set up in order to allow online preand post-phases for the whole workshop and in order to stimulate discussions between project participants.



Groups in Mahara (restricted to users of ATS2020 Mahara)

With the decision of a range of project participants to use Mahara as an ePortfolio platform for working during the ATS2020 pilot, a new instance of Mahara was set up for ATS2020 at https://mahara.ats2020.eu.

As mentioned before, two groups ("Trainer Online Forum" and "Community of Practice") had been set up on the "old" Mahara (http://mahara.eufolio.eu/). The groups and the content related to them were moved to the new Mahara (https://mahara.ats2020.eu) in March 2016. The ATS 2020 Community of Practice has 46 members, the Trainer Online Forum counts 69 members. Additionally, a Group "Admin Support"

(https://mahara.ats2020.eu/group/members .php?id=6) was founded in order to facilitate communication between the country coordinators of ATS2020 and the Mahara administrators (Gregor Pirker and Andrea Ghoneim, DUK). The Group "Admin Support" offers some Quick Guides to solve Frequent Problems, such as: "How can I change the E-Mail"

(https://mahara.ats2020.eu/view/view.php?i d=1008) or

As can be seen on the screenshot on the right side (Example taken from the most vivid group, the trainer online forum), the forum topics were almost exclusively opened by the administrators. However, a range of pages were shared with the group, and some members got actively involved in



Forums | ATS2020 Trainer Online Foru

New topic

Edit forum

Forums /

General discussion

As we can open up new topics within a forum, I think, we can confine

Please note that discussions from the ATS2020 Trainer Online Forum until March 2016) have not been transferred here. In case you miss t know, and she will find a way to make the discussions visible here.

TOPIC

- Mahara for ATS2020: use after the end of the project by Andrea Ghoneim
 - Dear teachers, trainers, friends,
- ATS2020 in "Media and Learning News"

by Andrea Ghoneim

Dear trainers.

Mahara Downtime for Upgrade (25-27 July 2017) by Andrea Ghoneim

Dear trainers,

Mahara downtime/unstable service Tuesday (20 June) in the evenir by Andrea Ghoneim

Dear users,

Mahara downtime tonight (Wed 3 May)

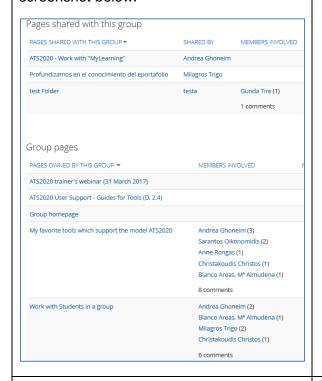
by Andrea Ghoneim

Dear ATS2020 trainers,

ATS2020 trainer online meeting

by Andrea Ghoneim

discussions, as can be seen from the screenshot below.

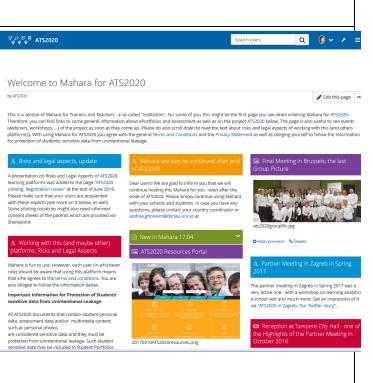


ATS2020 landing page (restricted to

users of ATS2020 Mahara)

The ATS2020 landing page (at https://mahara.ats2020.eu/view/view.php?id

=176) was created to give users orientation on the platform, to make them aware of risks and legal aspects of working with ePortfolio platforms like Mahara. It served furthermore to point at groups and further resources (like the ATS2020 resources portal) and to provide some project information as well as general information on work with ePortfolios. The page was visited 400 times since its creation on April 4, 2016.



ATS2020 User Support - Guides for Tools (public page)

The page "ATS2020 User Support - Guides for Tools (D. 2.4)" collects the core part of the ATS2020 user support material. The material consists of ePortfolio pages, webinar recordings, Slide-presentations (made available as pdf) and screencasts (mp4).

Most of the guidance material was created on the basis of user questions, assuming that there would be more users interested in the answers.

The following guides are available via the page "ATS2020 User support – Guides for Tools" at

https://mahara.ats2020.eu/view/view.php?id =468

- Mahara User Settings and First Steps:
 Created in October 2015
- Managing Institutions in Mahara.
 Webinar recording of January 2016 + slide presentation
- Work with groups in Mahara. Webinar recording of April 2016 + slide presentation
- Create and Share Pages: screencast of April 2016

My Learning in Mahara. Links to

ePortfolio page

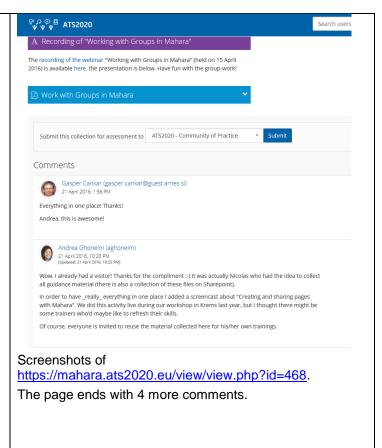
(https://mahara.ats2020.eu/view/view.p
hp?id=179), ePortfolio Group page with
screencast

(https://mahara.ats2020.eu/view/view.p
hp?id=7274) and displays further
guidance material, created between
November 2015 and April 2016



- Assessment in Mahara: Slide presentation, created in August 2016
- Quick Help: "How can I change the E-Mail" (link to
 https://mahara.ats2020.eu/view/view.ph
 p?id=1008)
- Quick Help: Lost passwords: Slide presentation, created in September 2016
- New in Mahara 17.04. Created in July 2017 after a major upgrade of Mahara

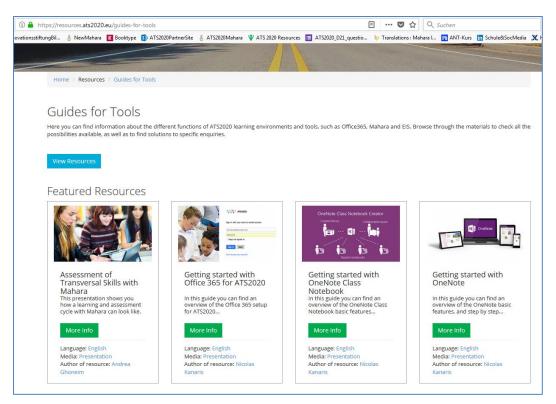
The page contains further hints to the project's other main learning environment: Office 365/OneNote Class Notebook. The page counted 4414 page visits from 21 April 2016 to 24 April 2018. As it is publicly available, it was most likely also used by Mahara users who were not actively involved in ATS2020.



For the development

2. Guides for Office 365/One Note Class Notebook

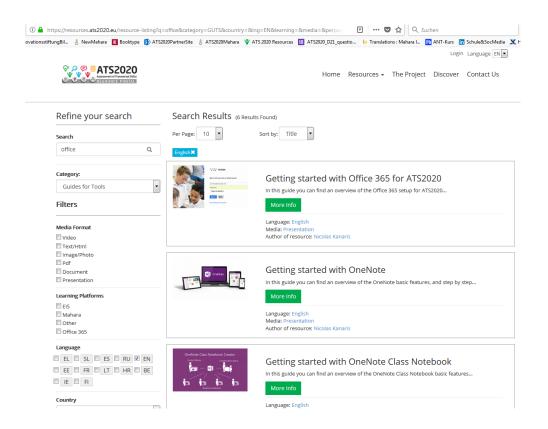
As mentioned above, the Mahara page "ATS2020 User Support – Guides for Tools" points at some resources for the use of Office 365/OneNote Class Notebook, as well. However, the main point for user support for OneNote Class Notebook was the ATS2020 resources portal, namely the section "Guides for Tools" at https://resources.ats2020.eu/guides-for-tools.

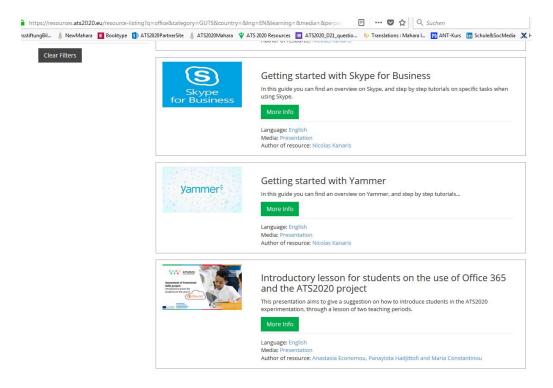


Screenshot: https://resources.ats2020.eu/guides-for-tools

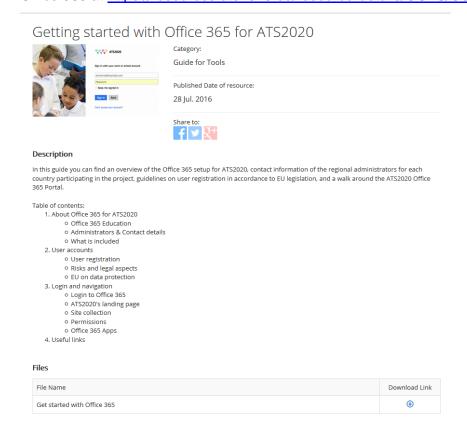
The Guides features on the main page already show, that this repository of User Support Materials links to Mahara resources as well as to resources for the work with Office 365/OneNote Class Notebook.

The following Guides for Office 365/OneNote Class Notebook are available as result of a query "Office" in the Category "Guides for Tools" (filtered by resources in English)

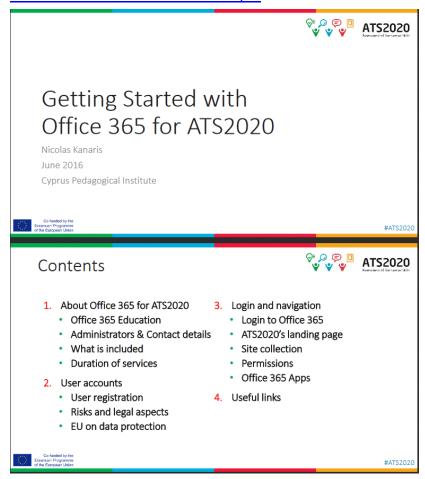




Each Guide displayed in the ATS2020 Resources Portal displays more detailed information if the user clicks on "More info". Here is an example of the first guide in the list ("Getting Started with Office 365 at https://resources.ats2020.eu/resource-details/GUTS/O365-get-started):



Upon clicking on the download link displayed in the screenshot above, a slide presentation can be downloaded from https://resources.ats2020.eu/udata/contents/files/Resources/Guides-fortools/ATS2020-O365-1-GetStarted.pdf:



These are the further Guides for Office 365/One Note Class Notebook available via the resources portal:

- Getting started with OneNote: created in July 2016, more info at: https://resources.ats2020.eu/resource-details/GUTS/quide-OneNote
- Getting started with One Note Class Notebook: created in July 2016, more info at: https://resources.ats2020.eu/resource-details/GUTS/guide-ClassNotebook
- Getting Started with Skype for Business: created in July 2016, more info at: https://resources.ats2020.eu/resource-details/GUTS/O365-skype
- Getting Started with Yammer: created in July 2016, more info at: https://resources.ats2020.eu/resource-details/GUTS/O365-Yammer
- Introductory Lesson for the Use of Office 365 and the ATS2020 Project, created in November 2016, more info at: https://resources.ats2020.eu/resource-details/GUTS/intro_office

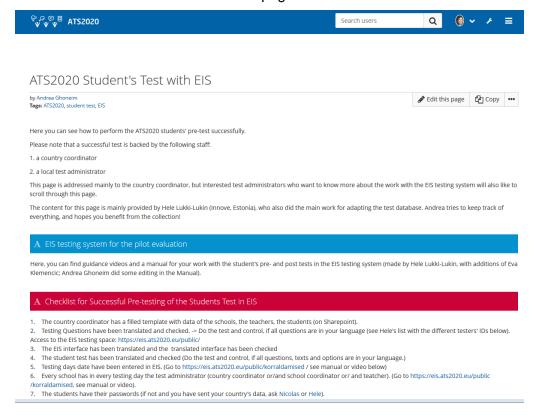
3. Technology support for the pilot evaluation in ATS2020

The pilot evaluation was carried out with the Estonian Test Database/Item Bank EIS, adapted and set up for ATS2020 at https://eis.ats2020.eu/public



Screenshot: https://eis.ats2020.eu/public

As a basis for the registration of students and teachers for the test and the ATS2020 pilot, Excel sheets were created by Nicolas Kanaris (CPI) where the students' data were collected and coded. More information about the workflow and support scheme can be found at the Mahara page devoted to the work with the ATS2020 Students Test with EIS at https://mahara.ats2020.eu/view/view.php?id=2775 (only for logged-in users). The following screenshots show the contents of the page:





Screenshots from: https://mahara.ats2020.eu/view/view.php?id=2775

For details on the contents of the user support material and the support and development aspects, please consult Deliverable 2.3.3 (Adaptation and Implementation of EIS), available via https://mahara.ats2020.eu/view/view.php?id=302.