



## OBJECTIVE

The GEM-STONES community of doctoral students, along with the academic and non-academic supervisors, is a well-positioned pool of expertise for any party interested in the topics broached by the project. The project's website ([www.gem-stones.eu](http://www.gem-stones.eu)) is the showcase of the consortium's activities. It has been developed with an eye on: (1) reflecting the programme's research, training, impact and people's components; (2) helping manage the project's implementation; and (3) serving as a single entry point for both GEM-STONES members and external stakeholders to the project's content.

With regards to the later, and for the GEM-STONES to serve as focal point of expertise on the study of EU's regime complexes' management, the list of available researchers, academics, associated staff as well as the content of their expertise was to be made available for third parties.

The expected impact of this tool is to provide better access to the GEM-STONES pool of expertise, and thus to enhance its function as a source of knowledge for third parties.

## FUNCTIONING

The way the system behind the GEM-STONES expertise directory functions provides advice for all possible profiles of stakeholders: researchers, academics, media, policy making community, general public or any person interested in the topics broached by the project.

Considering the available expertise within GEM-STONES is spread over a variety of partner institutions' departments, centres and faculties; the GEM-STONES expertise directory main function is to serve as an easily accessible information aggregator.

As such, it presents a unified and single-point entry information set embedded in its website. It serves as an integrative platform bringing together the people, areas of expertise and publications available.

Technically speaking:

- The expertise directory search bar (entry point) appears on the top right corner of the GEM-STONES website's home page. This was done in order to provide all visitors with easy access to its functions.
- The system pools all available data and isolates topical information on the basis of in-text keywords' search (see "a search example" box below).

## SCHEDULED DEVELOPMENT

The GEM-STONES expertise directory is to last as long as the project's website remains online. This is currently budgeted until September 2021.

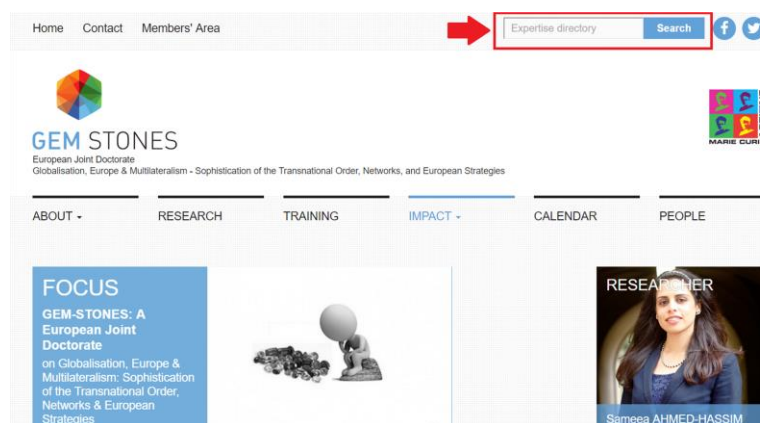
Its production follows the project's overall schedule as the PMO is charged with its setting up by month 6; the community as a whole is expected to contribute towards uploading the necessary information for it to function; and at the end of the project all the available data (except for that which falls under a prolonged embargo) is to be folded into the public website and thus the "expertise data-base".

Following its launch in January 2017, the PMO will focus on three further developments which will feed into the expertise database:

1. Compilation and uploading of a maximum of information on all members of the consortium to make sure the 'People' pages are as up-to-date as possible
2. As part of the project's "Data Management Plan" it will develop a matrix of key words and concepts which will serve as a charged referencing system and be included in the meta-data associated with each categories of information. Once included said meta-data will serve as a further matrix to identify available expertise
3. Finalizing the publications section of the website which is to involve a separate dedicated referencing system.

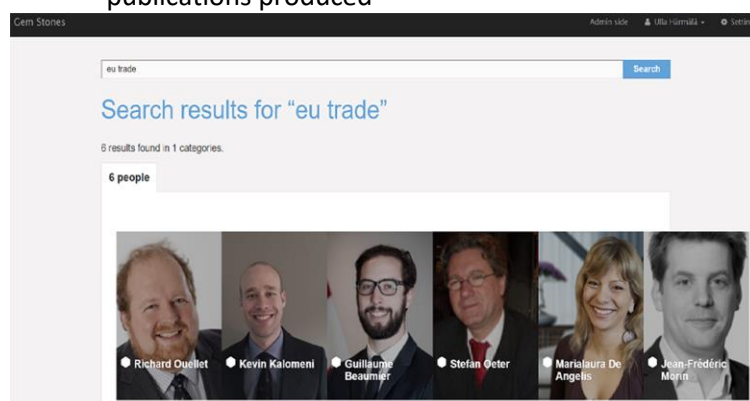
## A SEARCH EXAMPLE

a visitor interested in GEM-STONES available expertise on "International Trade" will simply type in "Trade" in the GEM-STONES expertise directory's search bar (available on the [www.gem-stones.eu](http://www.gem-stones.eu) home page).



The data management system will then look for any mention of the word "Trade" in two specific sections of the website:

- The individual "People" pages which include the researchers' own descriptions of their work and areas of expertise
- The publication database which will contain all the publications produced



Search results are classified by type. Interested parties will be able to consult three sources of expertise: (1) people; (2) publications; and (3) events



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