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Name Project:

PortalU[®]

the Environmental Information Portal
for Germany

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Country:

Germany

Reference project number:

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Reference Organisation:

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Case's specifications

Name of the case: **PortalU®** – German **Environmental Information Portal**

Location and players involved:

Cooperation of environmental administrations
(federal and state) in Germany

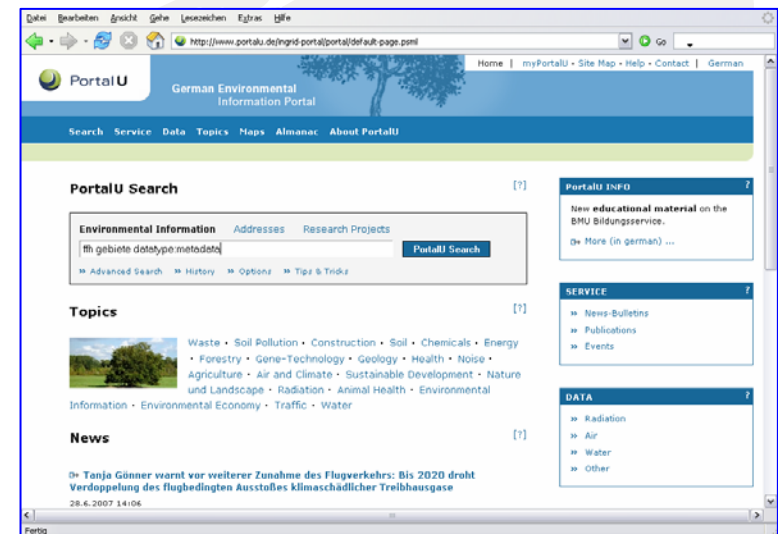
Main focus and type of project:

- **Information** service
- **Central access-point** to publicly held environmental information/data

Scale:

Target audience:

„**Interested public**“ in **Germany**



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Problems and barriers → Solutions

Organizational:

Environmental **information distributed** among many different public authorities

- All **key-players** (state, federal) **involved** in cooperation
- But: Municipalities still missing!

Technical:

Different **formats, heterogeneous data**

- Adaptable, easy-to-install **data-interfaces**
- Common **data catalog**

Project impacts

- **Harmonization of data management**
→ Common model for **metadata**
- **Harmonization of data presentation**
→ Common **thematic categorization**
- **Harmonization of technology**
→ PotalU-software is used to build **regional information portals**

Lessons learnt

In-depth involvement of all key stakeholders

→ Developments in PortalU are discussed and decided by all parties involved.

A sound financial basis helps

→ Long-term administrative agreement between federal government and states provides funding for technology and human resources.

Affordable technology is important

→ The use of license-free open-source software makes it easier to spread software.





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