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Executive Summary

This deliverable presents the functionality of the official website of the European Partnership on Transforming Health and Care Systems (THCS).

In particular, the document describes the infrastructure of the THCS website and presents the publicly available features along with the private area (only accessible by partners) of the website.

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1 Objectives

Making information available and easily accessible is an important contribution to the dissemination of the results of any EU funded project. In THCS, the dissemination and communication activities aim to provide proper visibility of the Partnership by creating appropriate visual and editorial support elements for all documents issued, as well as by ensuring a regular outward flow of information on the Partnership's ongoing progress and results obtained.

A wide dissemination of THCS results is planned at European and International level. Target of communication and dissemination activities will be the key actors of the health and care systems research and policy arena at local, regional, national and EU/international levels: research and innovation organisations, policymakers, health and care authorities, research and innovation funding organisations, healthcare providers, health and care professionals, health and care entrepreneurs and innovators and members of the general public. EU and international networks and/or organisations are also key actors.

To enhance the impact and improve the exploitation potential of THCS, a communication, dissemination and exploitation plan is being developed to raise general awareness about the Partnership, to target important audiences, to generate discussion and to assist the release of significant results. The communication, dissemination and exploitation plan will cover several dissemination activities, one of which is the THCS Website.

The purpose of this deliverable is to set up the THCS website, which will serve as a collaboration tool for knowledge, experience and best practice sharing, as well as consolidation of results and dissemination support.

The THCS website will provide all related information about the Partnership and it is foreseen to incrementally provide information and achievements and stimulate contacts with other users thus building up a community, which will support the Partnership and vice versa.

Section 2 provides an overview of the website infrastructure, whereas Section 3 describes the public and the private access areas of the website. Finally, Section 4 concludes this deliverable.

2 Website infrastructure

2.1 URL

The THCS consortium has acquired the following URL, which is used by Internet users for accessing the Partnership website: <http://www.thcspartnership.eu/>

Since January 30th, 2023 the website is publicly available.

2.2 Website architecture

The THCS website consists of two discrete access-controlled areas:

- a public area where visitors will be able to acquire information regarding the Partnership, download the Partnership's publicly available material (such as accepted deliverables, the THCS Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda and other informative documents or publications) and to find information about THCS funding opportunities and the funded-projects results, and
- a private area, where only the THCS partners will have access and will be used as a tool for the exchange of documents.

2.3 Compatibility with browsers

The website is compatible with the following web browsers:

- Microsoft Edge
- Mozilla Firefox
- Apple Safari
- Google Chrome

2.4 Website statistics

The statistics regarding the visitors of the website are constantly recorded and stored, using the Google Analytics toolkit so to have access to the history logs and be able to extract useful information about the website operation.

3 Website description

3.1 Public access area

The structure of the THCS website consists of the following **sections** and *web pages*:

- *Homepage*
- **THCS**
 - *THCS at a glance*
 - *Objectives*
 - *Pillar and Work Packages*
 - *Contact us*
 - *SRIA Overview*
 - *Partners*
- **Funding opportunities**
 - *Announcement of the Joint Transnational Call for proposals*
 - *FAQ*
 - *Calls for proposals*
 - *Funded Projects*
 - *Facts and Figures*
 - *Investing in health and care systems research and innovation*
- **News & EU Synergies**
 - *Latest News*
 - *Newsletter*
 - *Events*
 - *Other EU initiatives*
 - *Publications*
- **Partner Portal**

3.1.1 Homepage

The homepage provides users with an overview of the Partnership and links to key THCS information. In particular, the homepage consists of:

- The header which displays the THCS logo and the underlying strategy of the Partnership.
- The website menu indicating the different sections.
- Three main placeholders, i.e. “Partners”, “SRIA”, and “Funding Opportunities” that are conceived to remain permanent, although the underlying link to a specific webpage can be adapted from time to time (Figure 1).
- Two to three subsections that can be adapted from time to time as they display specific information and links to the corresponding webpages where appropriate (Figures 2a and 2b).

- The footer which displays the EU emblem and other information related to EU visibility rules and indicates the links to the legal notice and the privacy policy.

The following figures show some screenshots of the Homepage.

Figure 1 – Screenshot of THCS homepage and its placeholders

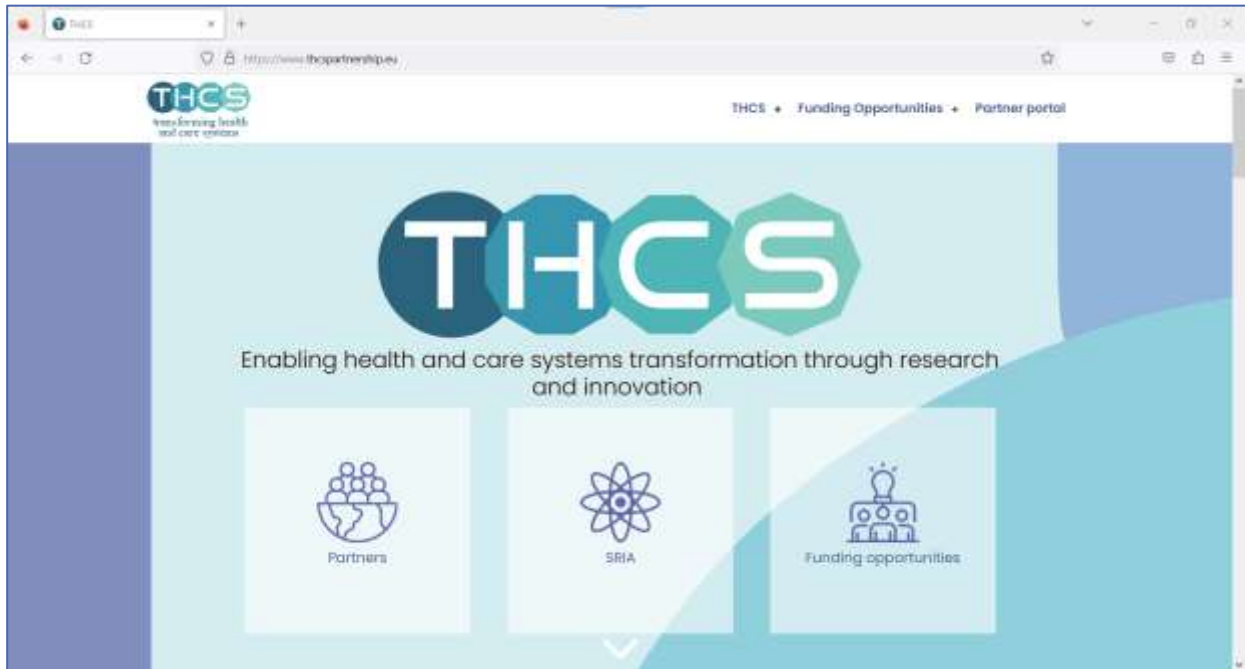


Figure 2a – Screenshot of THCS homepage and its subsection “About us”

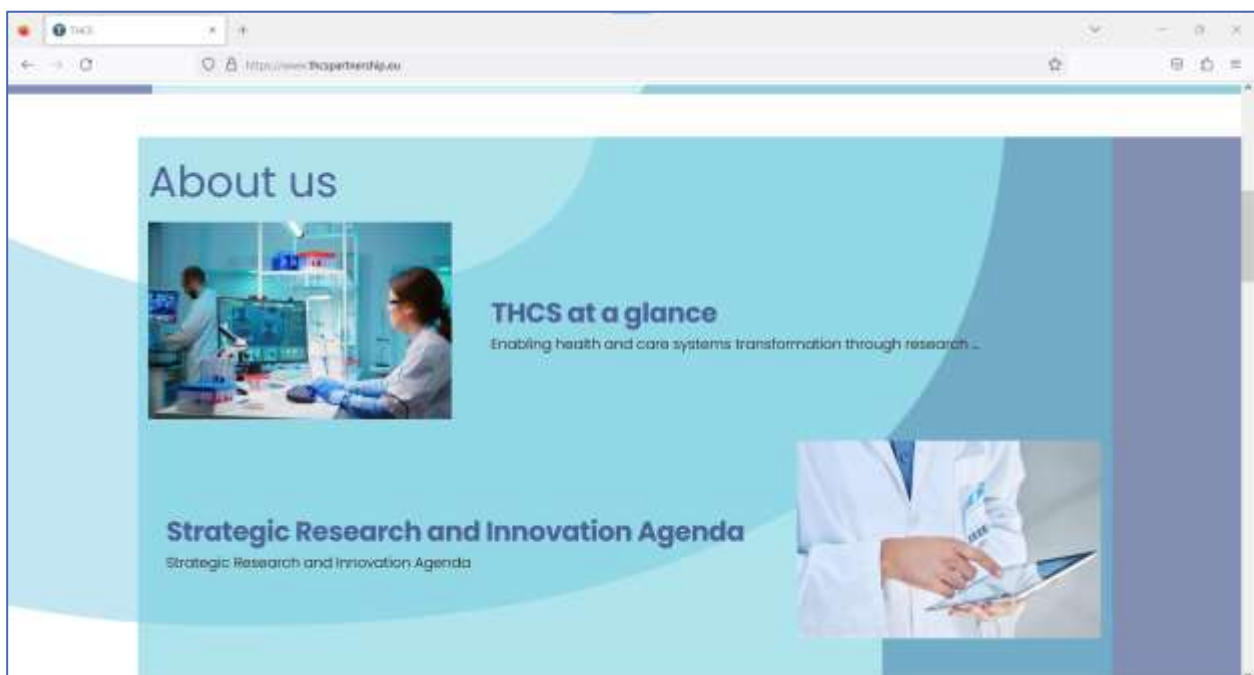


Figure 2b – Screenshot of THCS homepage and its subsection “Funding Opportunities”



3.1.2 Section “THCS”

3.1.2.1 THCS at a glance

This webpage:

- includes general information on the European Partnership instrument,
- outlines the THCS mission,
- provides an outlook of the project information with a direct link to the Partnership’s page in CORDIS (The Community Research and Development Information Service of the European Commission),
- displays a graphical overview of the THCS Pillars and Work Package Structure.

The sidebar displays quick-links to the other webpages and contents of this section of the website.

The following screenshot (Figure 3) presents some of the contents of the webpage.

Figure 3–Screenshot of the webpage “THCS at a glance”



THCS • Funding Opportunities • Partner portal

THCS at a glance

Enabling health and care systems transformation through research and innovation

THCS

The European Partnership instrument

The European Partnership on transforming health and care systems (THCS) is a Cofund action under the Horizon Europe Programme designed to support coordinated national and regional research and innovation programmes along with capacity building, networking, dissemination and other key activities to support health and care systems transformation.

THCS core activity is the fund of research and innovation projects through joint transnational calls involving a large number of Research and Innovation Funding Organisations on common priorities and topics.

The Partnership instrument is open to all EU Member States, as well as to countries associated to Horizon Europe. It is open also to non EU countries that can participate at their own costs. THCS Consortium includes Ministries representatives, Research and Innovation Funding Organisations and Research Performing Organisations.

The Partnership also encourages engagement with other relevant Ministries not partners in this action and involves other key actors from civil society and end-users, research and innovation community, innovation owners, health and care systems owners/organisers and health and care agencies.

The Partnership's governance structure enables an upfront strategic steering, effective management and coordination, daily implementation of activities and ensures the use and uptake of the results. The governance leaves sufficient space for involving the key stakeholders, including but not limited to R&I community, patients and citizens, health and care professionals, formal and informal care organisations, and innovation owners.

European Commission is directly involved in the governance of the Partnership and contributes by co-funding 30% of all eligible costs.

Our mission

Health and care systems in Europe are facing core common challenges, which require harmonised and coordinated solutions. The European Partnership on Transforming Health and Care Systems (THCS) represents a unique strategic opportunity to bring together stakeholders, create synergies, coordinate research and innovation actions, facilitate the digitization of health and care services and support the transformation of health and care systems with innovative solutions driven by knowledge and evidence.

The general objective of THCS is to contribute to the transition towards more sustainable, efficient, resilient, inclusive, innovative and high-quality people-centred health and care systems equally accessible to all people.

For this purpose, THCS aims not only to create new knowledge and scientific evidence but to co-design new solutions and support their transfer and scale-up across countries and regions while also fastening capacity building. The approach for a successful and smooth implementation of THCS will focus on three main work streams:

1. Filling the knowledge gaps with research actions aiming at providing the necessary evidence,
2. Implementation and transfer aiming at supporting actions focusing on the testing of existing solutions and adaptability in different national and regional contexts, and
3. Boosting health and care systems through dedicated activities (capacity building and trainings, study visits, technical assistance, twinning, networking) involving different health and care stakeholders.

To address these three work streams, THCS is built around four pillars that group different types of activities addressing different types of stakeholders of the health and care system. The activities are organised in ten Work Packages working closely together to achieve the objectives of the Partnership and clustered in the four Pillars.



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THCS

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- Objectives
- Pillars and Work Packages
- Contact us

Explore

- SRIA Overview
- Partners

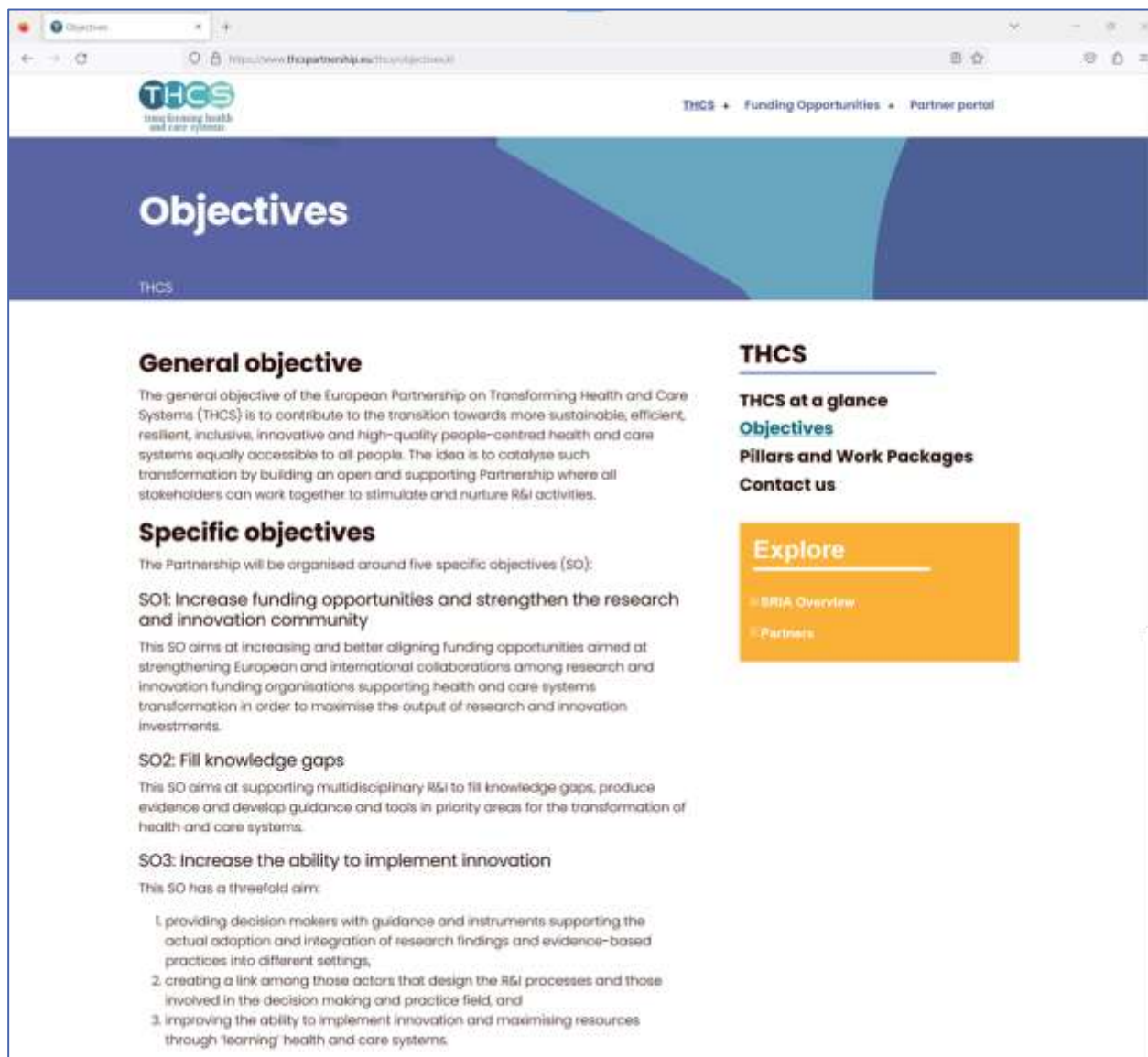
3.1.2.2 Objectives

This webpage describes the general and the specific objectives of the Partnership.

The sidebar displays quick-links to the other webpages and contents of this section of the website.

The following screenshot (Figure 4) presents an overview of the webpage contents.

Figure 4–Screenshot of the webpage “Objectives”



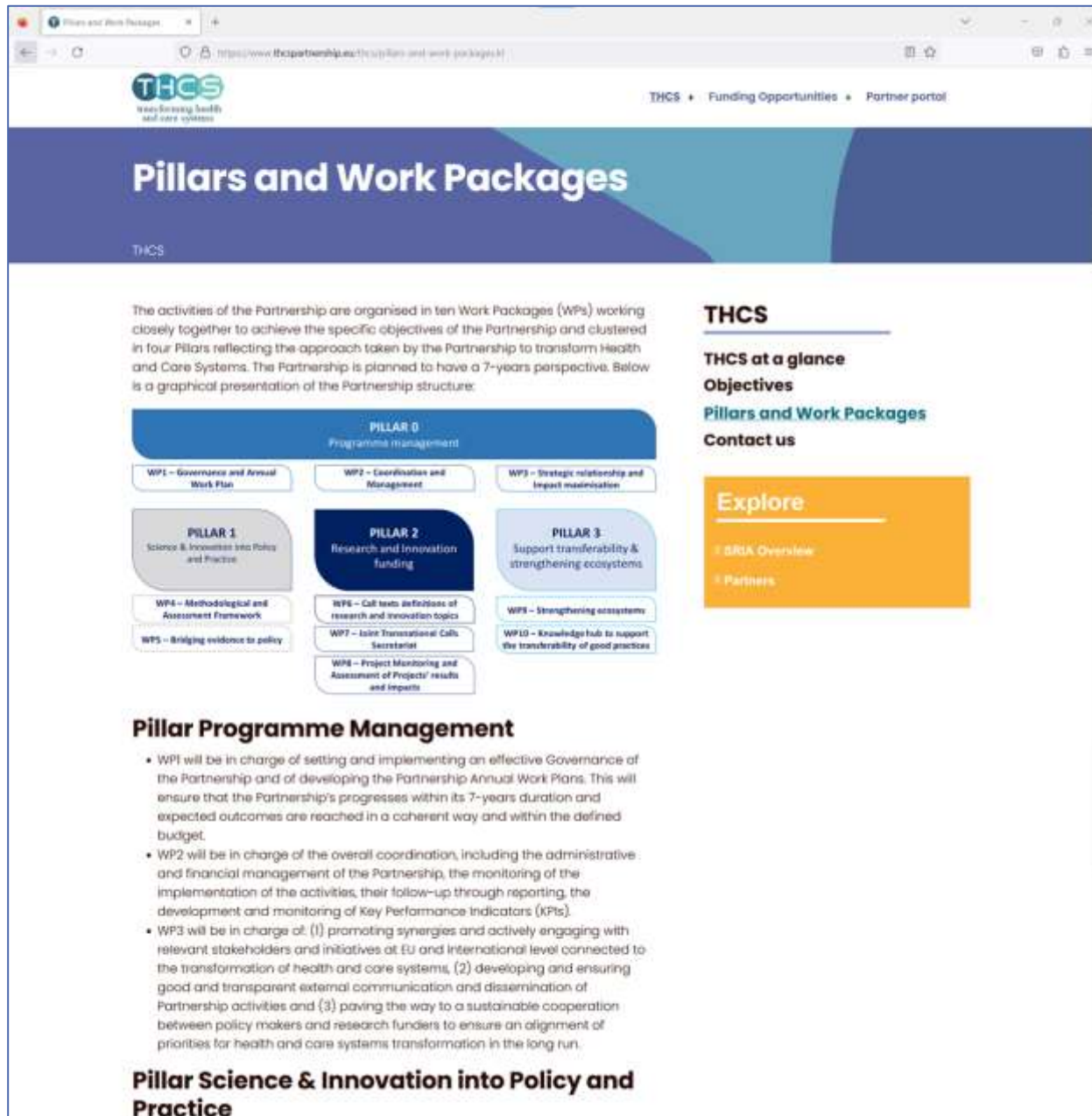
3.1.2.3 Pillars and Work Packages

This webpage describes the activities foreseen under the ten Partnership work packages that are clustered under four pillars.

The sidebar displays quick-links to the other webpages and contents of this section of the website.

The following screenshot (Figure 5) presents an overview of the webpage contents.

Figure 5–Screenshot of the webpage “Pillars and Work Packages”



The activities of the Partnership are organised in ten Work Packages (WPs) working closely together to achieve the specific objectives of the Partnership and clustered in four Pillars reflecting the approach taken by the Partnership to transform Health and Care Systems. The Partnership is planned to have a 7-years perspective. Below is a graphical presentation of the Partnership structure:

PILLAR 0
Programme management

- WP1 – Governance and Annual Work Plan
- WP2 – Coordination and Management
- WP3 – Strategic relationship and Impact maximisation

PILLAR 1
Science & Innovation into Policy and Practice

- WP4 – Methodological and Assessment Framework
- WP5 – Bridging evidence to policy

PILLAR 2
Research and Innovation funding

- WP6 – Call texts definitions of research and innovation topics
- WP7 – Joint Transnational Calls Secretariat
- WP8 – Project Monitoring and Assessment of Projects' results and impacts

PILLAR 3
Support transferability & strengthening ecosystems

- WP9 – Strengthening ecosystems
- WP10 – Knowledge hub to support the transferability of good practices

THCS

THCS at a glance

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Pillar Programme Management

- WP1 will be in charge of setting and implementing an effective Governance of the Partnership and of developing the Partnership Annual Work Plans. This will ensure that the Partnership's progresses within its 7-years duration and expected outcomes are reached in a coherent way and within the defined budget.
- WP2 will be in charge of the overall coordination, including the administrative and financial management of the Partnership, the monitoring of the implementation of the activities, their follow-up through reporting, the development and monitoring of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs).
- WP3 will be in charge of: (1) promoting synergies and actively engaging with relevant stakeholders and initiatives at EU and International level connected to the transformation of health and care systems, (2) developing and ensuring good and transparent external communication and dissemination of Partnership activities and (3) paving the way to a sustainable cooperation between policy makers and research funders to ensure an alignment of priorities for health and care systems transformation in the long run.

Pillar Science & Innovation into Policy and Practice

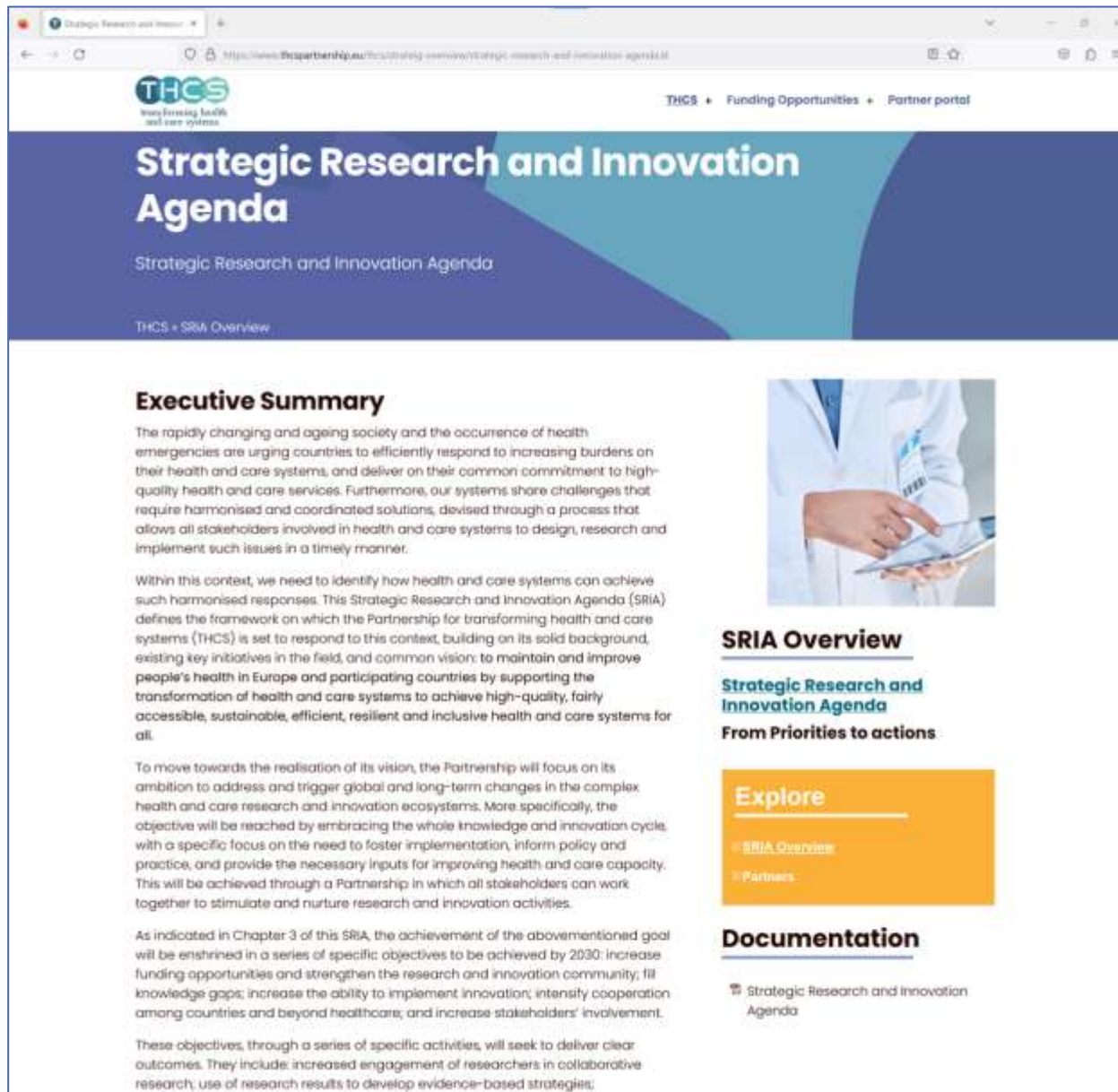
3.1.2.4 SRIA Overview

This webpage, which is articulated in two second-level webpages, i.e. “Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda” and “From Priorities to actions”, includes an overview of the THCS Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA) and a focus on the Partnership research and innovation key priorities areas and actions.

The sidebar of the second-level webpage “Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda”, besides including a quick-link to the other second-level webpage, allow to download the document from which the information displayed are taken.

The following screenshot (Figure 6) presents an overview of the second-level webpage “Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda” contents.

Figure 6–Screenshot of the second-level webpage “Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda”

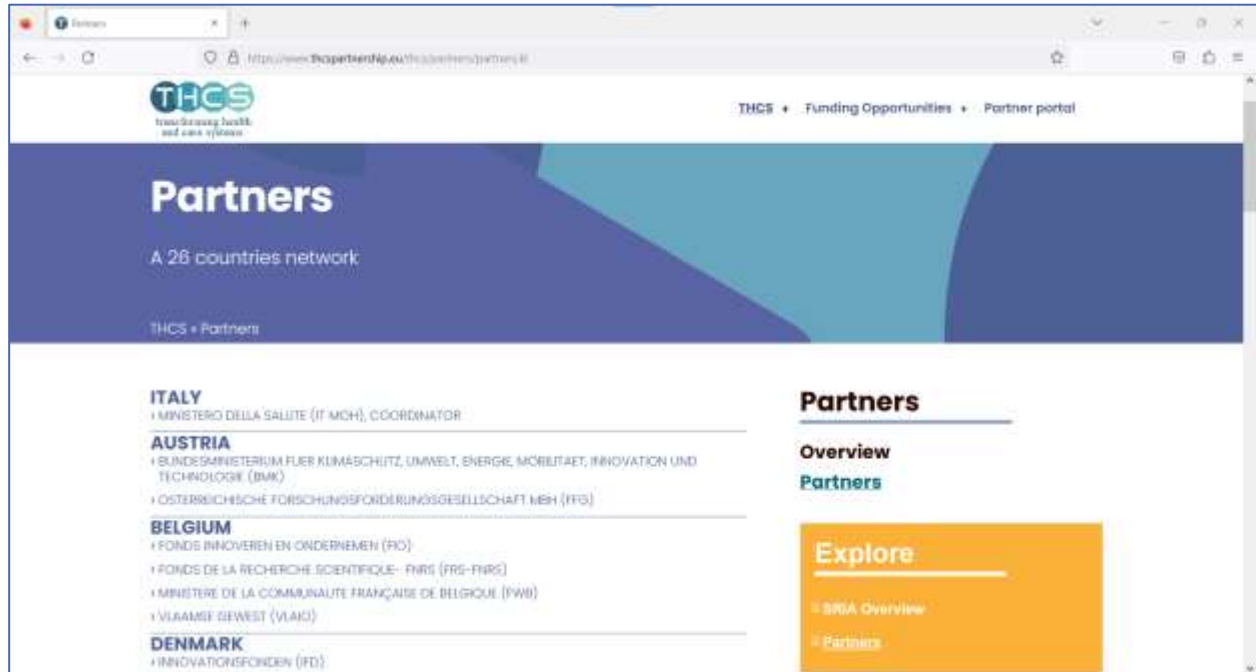


3.1.2.5 Partners

This webpage, like the one “SRIA Overview”, is articulated in two second-level webpages, i.e. “Overview” and “Partners”, and provides both an overview of the THCS Consortium composition both the list of THCS Partners with a direct link to their websites.

The following screenshot (Figure 7) presents an overview of the second-level webpage “Partners” contents.

Figure 6–Screenshot of the second-level webpage “Partners”



3.1.3 Section “Funding Opportunities”

3.1.3.1 Announcement of the Joint Transnational Call for proposals

This webpage provides the information related to a given Joint Transnational Call for proposals launched by the Partnership. In addition, the webpage page contains the materials related to dissemination activities of the Call organised by the Partnership as well as the link to the Partner search tool made available by NCBR, Polish THCS partner.

The sidebar displays quick-links to the other webpages and contents of this section of the website but also gives the possibility to download the main documents included in the webpage.

The following screenshot (Figure 7) presents an overview of the webpage contents.

Figure 7–Screenshot of the webpage “Announcement of the Joint Transnational Call for proposals”



THCS • Funding Opportunities • Partner portal

Announcement of the Joint Transnational Call for proposals “Healthcare of the Future”

THCS launches its first Joint Transnational Call for proposals aiming to encourage the optimization of patient care pathways and contribute to the transition towards more sustainable, efficient, resilient, ethical, high-quality, and accessible person-centered healthcare systems. More than 30 funding agencies participate with an indicative budget of more than 30 million €.

Funding Opportunities

The European Partnership on Transforming Health and Care Systems (THCS) brings the opportunity to coordinate and optimize research and innovation efforts in Europe and its partner countries supporting the much-needed transformation of health and care systems.

Under this umbrella, the first Joint Transnational Call for proposals “Healthcare of the Future” has the ambition to identify and develop innovative solutions that can, in the future, help to relieve the pressure on health and care facilities. To reach this ambition, the complementarity of inpatient and outpatient care, and the coordination between them needs to be optimised.

The goal of this Call is to identify, develop and implement innovative solutions that can inform decision-making and optimise the delivery of health and care services across different settings. These solutions should aim to make health and care systems economically, socially, and environmentally sustainable, while keeping people at the centre of the care process.

In particular, the Call aims:

1. To provide the necessary knowledge to build the health and care of the future. This includes addressing several dimensions of health and care systems such as quality, safety, equity, efficiency, effectiveness, accessibility, sustainability, economy, ethics and resilience in reorganised health and care settings. By providing this knowledge, the call aims to support the development of new and innovative solutions that can address the current and future challenges facing health and care systems.
2. To support the implementation of innovative solutions on a larger scale. This includes identifying and promoting the adoption and transferability of evidence-based and successful practices that have already been proven to be effective in some contexts in addressing the challenges facing health and care systems. With research and innovation supporting the implementation of these existing solutions, the call aims to accelerate the pace of change and make a positive impact on health and care systems in a more efficient way.

Deadlines

May 23, 2023	Deadline for obligatory intent to Apply submission
June 13, 2023	Deadline for proposal submission

Information and application

- Call text, Amended version of 5 April 2023 including an history of changes
- Guidance for applicants
- Frequently Asked Questions

The intent to Apply and the Proposal must be submitted through the online submission platform. At the moment only the Intent to Apply can be submitted. The function for submitting proposals will soon be open.

[Access the online submission platform.](#)

Call webinars



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Funding Opportunities

Announcement of the Joint Transnational Call for proposals “Healthcare of the Future”

Investing in health and care systems research and innovation

Explore

FAQ

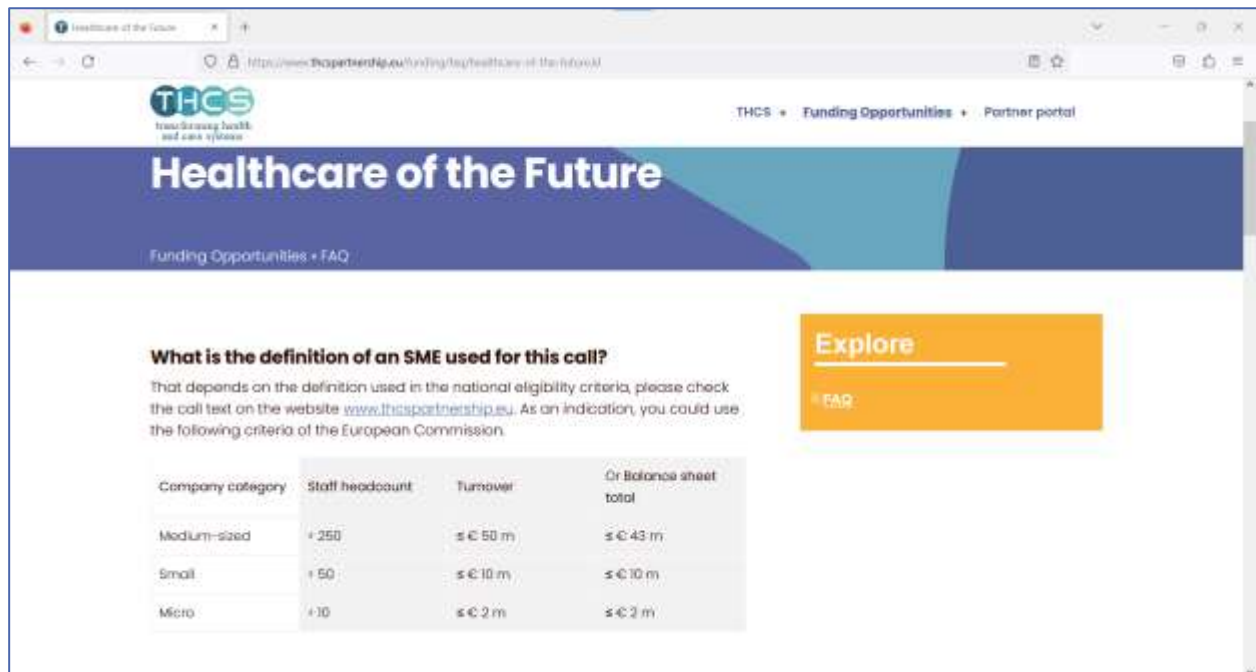
3.1.3.2 FAQ

This webpage, which will be articulated in second-level webpages related to each Joint Transnational Call for proposals to be launched by the Partnership, directly addresses some of the commonly questions potential applicants may have on a given Joint Transnational Call for proposals.

A direct link to the concerned second-level webpage is provided in the sidebar of the webpage “Announcement of the Joint Transnational Call for proposals”.

The following screenshot (Figure 8) presents an overview of the second-level webpage “Healthcare of the Future” contents.

Figure 8–Screenshot of the second-level webpage “Healthcare of the Future”



3.1.3.3 Call for proposals

This webpage will display all THCS funding opportunities whose deadline has passed. In particular, these will be archived according to the year in which a given funding opportunity was made available by the Partnership. For each funding opportunity a link to the corresponding second-level webpage will be included.

3.1.3.4 Funded Projects

This webpage will display information on all THCS funded projects. In particular, these will be classified according to the year the corresponding funding opportunity was made available by the Partnership. For each funded project a link to the corresponding second-level webpage will be included.

3.1.3.5 Facts and Figures

This webpage will display statistics and data on the Joint Transnational Calls launched by the Partnership. Data will encompass but will not be limited to the following aspects: geographical coverage of submitted/funded projects, funding and success rate per country, gender balance, etc. The information concerning each Joint Transnational Call will be displayed in second-level webpages.

3.1.3.6 Investing in health and care systems research and innovation

This webpage describes the importance for THCS of funding research and innovation activities in order to achieve the Partnership main objectives.

The sidebar displays quick-links to the other webpages and contents of this section of the website.

The following screenshot (Figure 9) presents an overview of the webpage contents.

Figure 9—Screenshot of the webpage “Investing in health and care systems research and innovation”



3.1.4 Section “News & EU synergies”

3.1.4.1 Latest News

This webpage will provide up-to-date information on THCS activities. News will be displayed following descendent date order (i.e. from the latest one to the oldest one). For each piece of news, a link to the corresponding second-level webpage will be included.

3.1.4.2 Newsletter

This webpage will provide access to the newsletters published by the Partnership. Newsletters will be classified by year of publication and each issue will either include a link to the corresponding second-level webpage or be downloadable.

3.1.4.3 Events

This webpage will provide information on both events organised by THCS and those where representatives of the Consortium have been invited to present the Partnership or some of its specific activities.

The events will be displayed following descendent date order (i.e. from the latest one to the oldest one). For each event, a link to the corresponding second-level webpage will be included.

3.1.4.4 Other EU initiatives

This webpage will provide an overview of the synergies promoted by THCS with other EU initiatives.

3.1.4.5 Publications

This webpage will provide access to THCS publications, which may encompass but will not be limited to the Partnership public deliverables, dissemination materials, etc.

3.2 Private access area

The THCS website will also host a private area where only the THCS partners will have access through the section “Partner portal”.

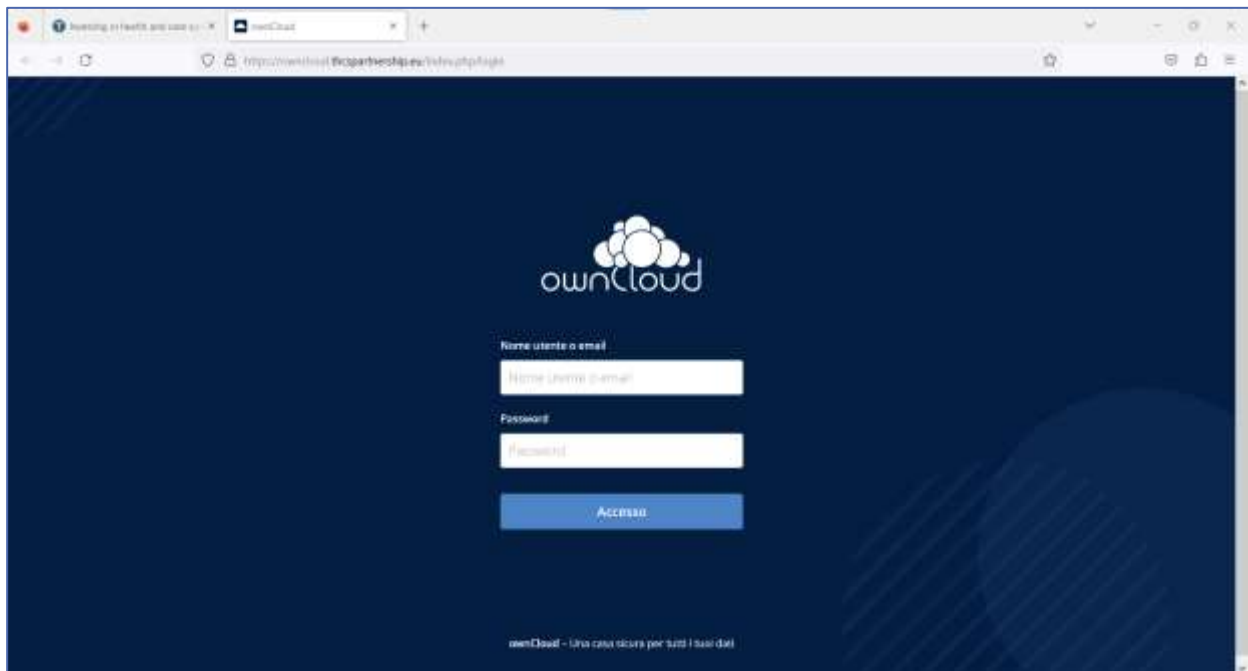
3.2.1 Partner portal

The private area of the website is mainly conceived to share the different working documents with all THCS partners (e.g. templates, presentations and minutes of the meetings, legal and financial documents of the consortium, etc). For this purpose, it relies on ownCloud (www.owncloud.com), an open-source software product for storing, sharing and syncing of files.

It provides access to data through a web interface, sync clients or WebDAV, while providing a platform to view, sync and share across devices easily.

In all cases, access is available only after user authentication through credentials provided only to the members of the THCS consortium (Figure 10).

Figure 10–Screenshot of the authentication page to the website section “Partner portal”



3.2.2 Structure of the private access area

The private access area is still under construction, but the idea is to organise its contents according to their purpose. To this end, main folders will be created (Figure 11), which in turn will be organised into subfolders (Figures 12a, and 12b are provided as examples).

Figure 11–Proposal for organising the contents of the THCS private access area

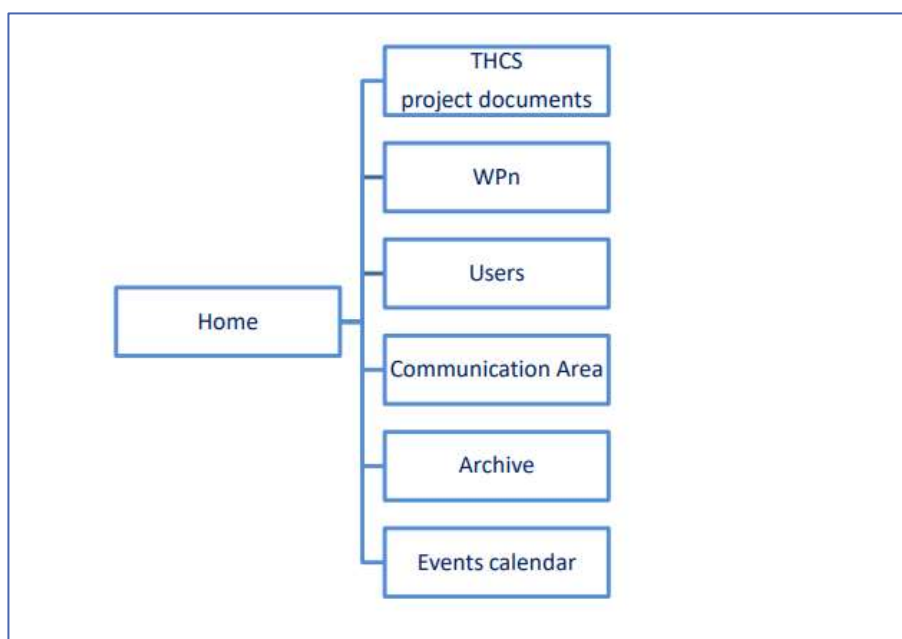


Figure 12a–Proposal for organising the contents of the folder THCS project documents

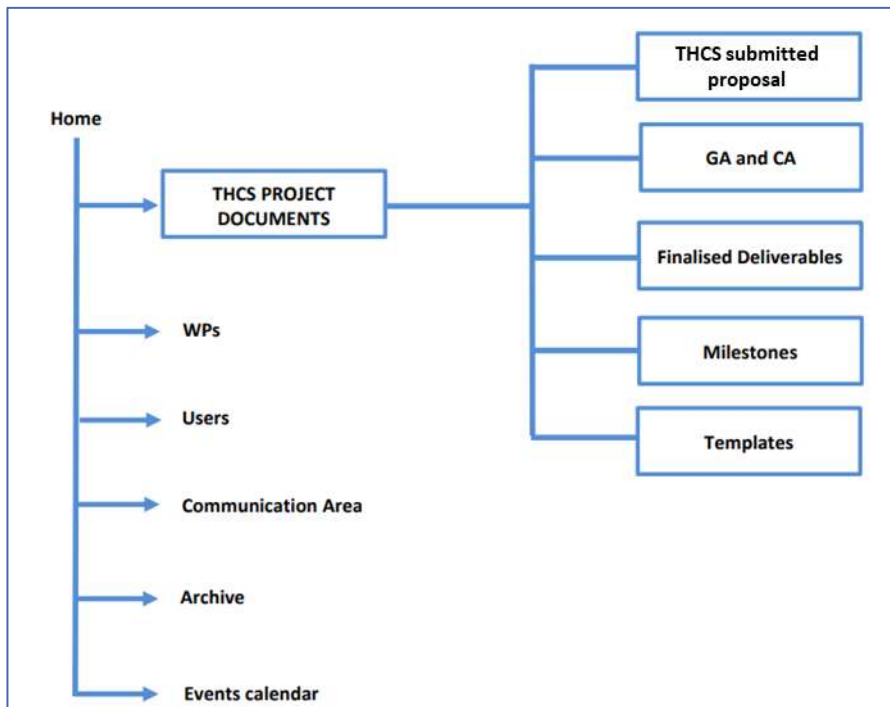
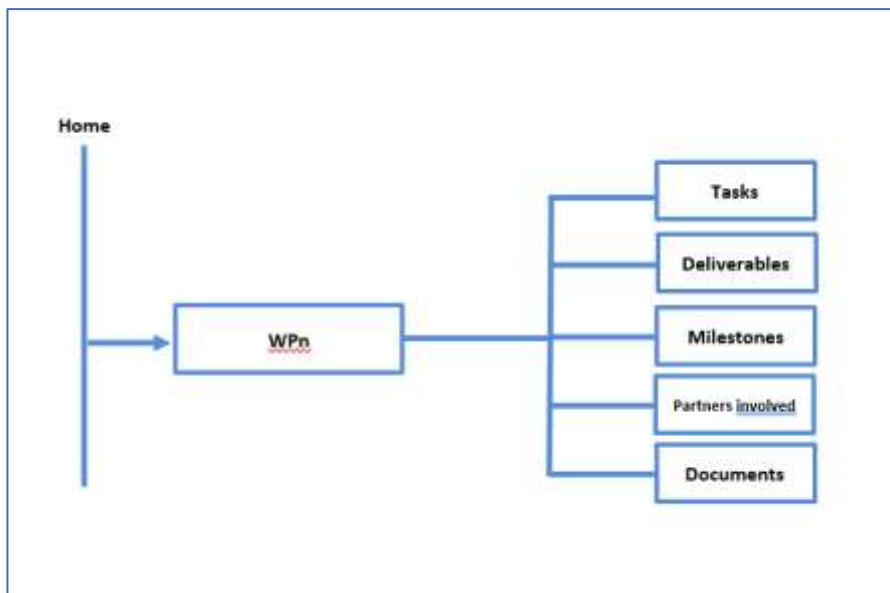
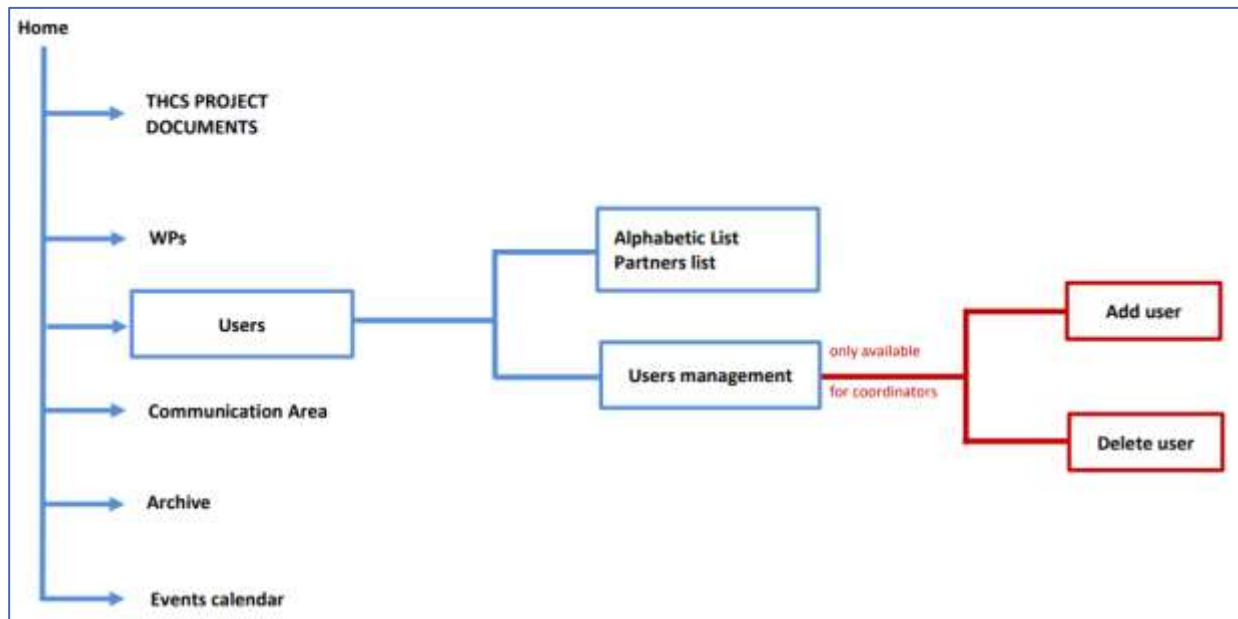


Figure 12b–Proposal for organising the contents of the folder WPs



Access to the THCS private access area by users will be exclusively managed by the THCS coordination team (Figure 13).

Figure 13—Users management for accessing the THCS private access area



Since it is necessary to restrict access to certain sub-folders, such as those relating to work packages, partly in order to avoid potential conflicts of interest, sub-folders may be public or private depending on the configuration that is set. For example, all sub-folders of the main folder “THCS submitted proposal” are public as they involve all THCS partners.

Under the private access area users will be able to upload and download of any type of documents and multimedia content.

For each file stored in the THCS private access area, an history log of the latest changes will be displayed.

4 Conclusions

This Deliverable, D3.3 THCS Website, is part of the WP3 “Strategic Relationship and Impact Maximisation activities” and provides information regarding the design and implementation of the Partnership website.

The THCS website was made publicly available since the early stages of the Partnership (less than one month after its start) and is an important dissemination channel for THCS activities, especially those related to the Joint Transnational Calls for proposals, and for spreading the THCS results to wide audiences.

Some webpages are not yet online because their content either is not yet available (e.g. “Call for proposals”, “Funded projects”, “Facts and Figures”) or is under construction (e.g. “News”).

The THCS website will be maintained and updated on a regular basis during the duration of the Partnership.