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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose of the document

This report is intended to inform of the progress achieved in the creation of a community around ALIADA's open source tool.

This deliverable is part of the task 4.8 Community around ALIADA

1.2 Detailed overview of objectives

The main purpose of this report, specified in the previous section, includes these objectives:

- Report on community actions
- Report on the results of those community actions

This document is structured in the following sections:

- Introduction. The purpose and audience of the document are described in this section.
- ALIADA Community
- Community actions
- Conclusions

1.3 Audience

The intended audience of this document are all the stakeholders of the ALIADA project who are, in particular, interested in the impact of ALIADA tool. Within this deliverable it is distinguished the following target groups:

1. ALIADA project members / partners.
2. The European Commission, who supports, and partially funds, the ALIADA project.
3. External stakeholders who want to know the impact of ALIADA as a tool for publishing open datasets from libraries and museums in the Linked Data Cloud (Semantic web).

2 ALIADA Community

For ALIADA open source solution future evolvement and maintenance in time is a key requirement to create a developers community around ALIADA. Initially ILS vendors and IT SMEs will be the first target group to be considered. From one side ALIADA consortium and ALIADA releases will be capable to attract professionals and companies but it is also equally important to maintain them into the community, so answering community doubts and questions, providing updates and news regarding ALIADA as a project as well as news regarding library, museums management software and cataloguing approaches and standards together with Linked Data worlds and checking the modifications and translations provided by members of the community in order to publish them in the community under the ALIADA label. The community will be technically supported by the ALIADA public website.

At this stage of the project (month 12), the first prototype has been just finished (September 2014) and the first release is expected for October 2014. The source code has been added to the GitHub's ALIADA project (<https://github.com/ALIADA/aliada-tool/>) and from October 15 the link and related documentation are available from the ALIADA's website. Before launching the first release, internal staff expert in library systems and museums have performed the usability and the technical monitoring to include those results in the release that will be deployed in the institutions and in the systems involved in the project Consortium. From November 2014 are expected external workshops that will also involve other stakeholders.

3 Community actions

Actions carried out to create the community around the ALIADA open source tool are the following

3.1 Dissemination through conferences

The community site on the ALIADA's website were disseminated through flyers and presentations at relevant conferences. Contacted stakeholders, IT developers, museums and librarians, were informed about this community and invited to join it.

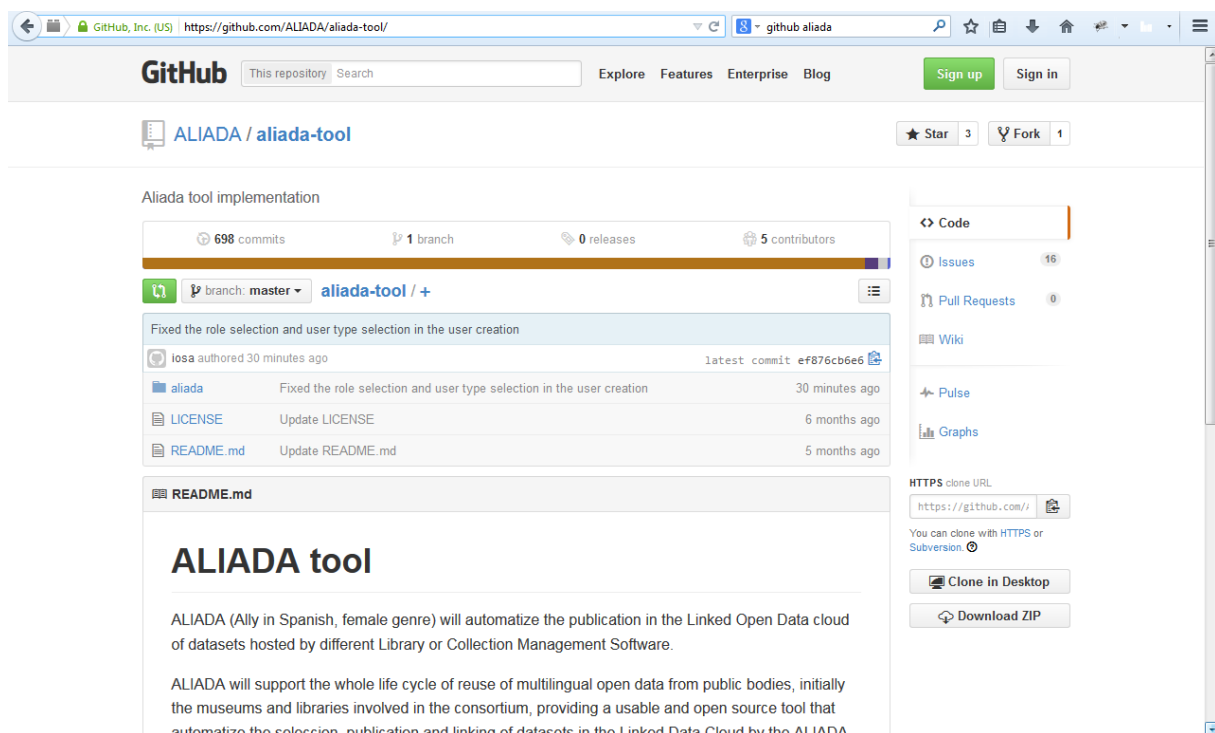
3.2 Dissemination through workshops

Until now, the usability and technical monitoring workshop arranged by the Consortium was internal, so the developers, librarians and curators in the Consortium are the first members of the community, because they have contributed to the improvement of the first prototype.

3.3 GitHub

From the beginning of the Development stage, a GitHub place was created to upload the source code and to be a forum among the developers and the librarians and museums in the Consortium. All the decisions related to the development and the design of the tool adopted by the partners are registered there:

<https://github.com/ALIADA/aliada-tool/>



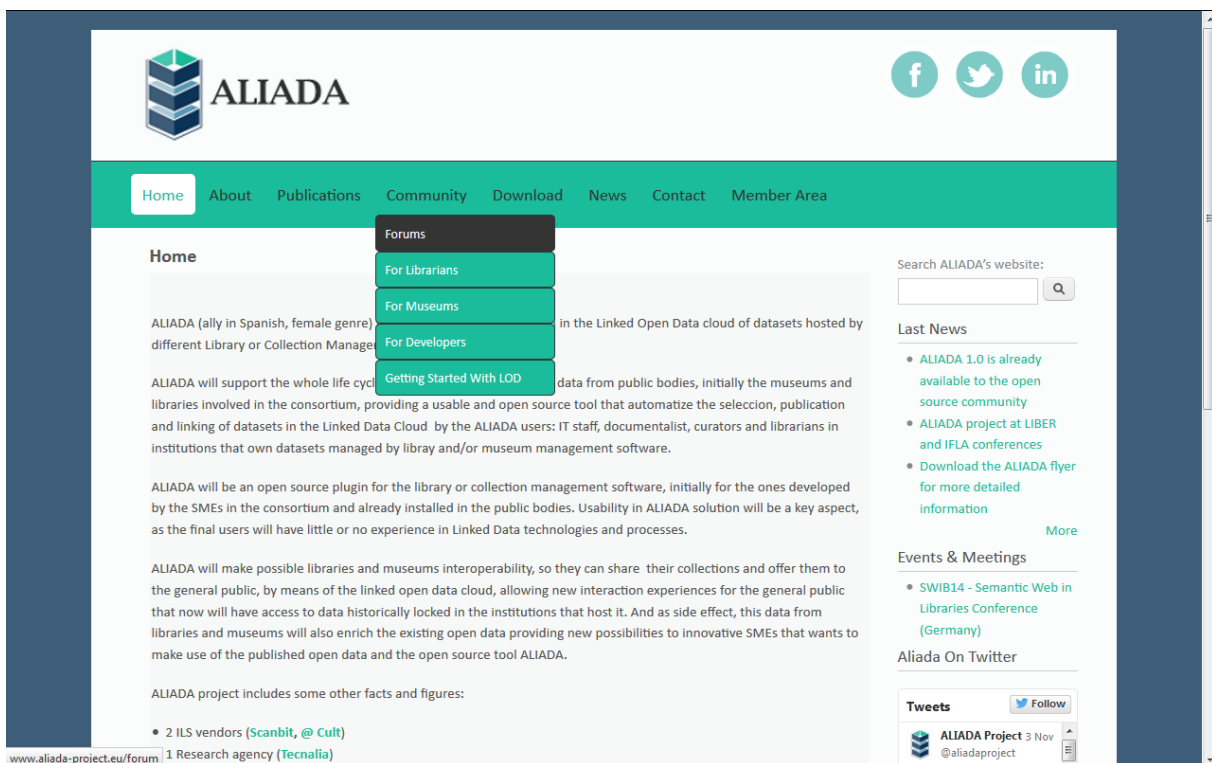
The screenshot shows the GitHub repository page for ALIADA/aliada-tool. The repository has 698 commits, 1 branch, 0 releases, and 5 contributors. The latest commit is by losa, titled "Fixed the role selection and user type selection in the user creation", made 30 minutes ago. Other recent commits include "Update LICENSE" (6 months ago) and "Update README.md" (5 months ago). The repository includes files for LICENSE and README.md. The README.md file is displayed, showing the title "ALIADA tool" and a description: "ALIADA (Ally in Spanish, female genre) will automatize the publication in the Linked Open Data cloud of datasets hosted by different Library or Collection Management Software. ALIADA will support the whole life cycle of reuse of multilingual open data from public bodies, initially the museums and libraries involved in the consortium, providing a usable and open source tool that automatize the selection. publication and linkino of datasets in the Linked Data Cloud by the ALIADA".

3.4 Website as meeting point

Despite of having the GitHub project, the partners have created the ALIADA's website to gather all the information, events, news, resources about ALIADA in a unique place. The Website is also intended as the meeting point for the community that is being building around the ALIADA project (until the publication of the first prototype) and then around the ALIADA as an innovative open source tool to automatize the publication of library and museum data in the Linked Data Cloud.

Therefore, all the stakeholders are forwarded to this website to allow them to be part of the project. On the website, they can:

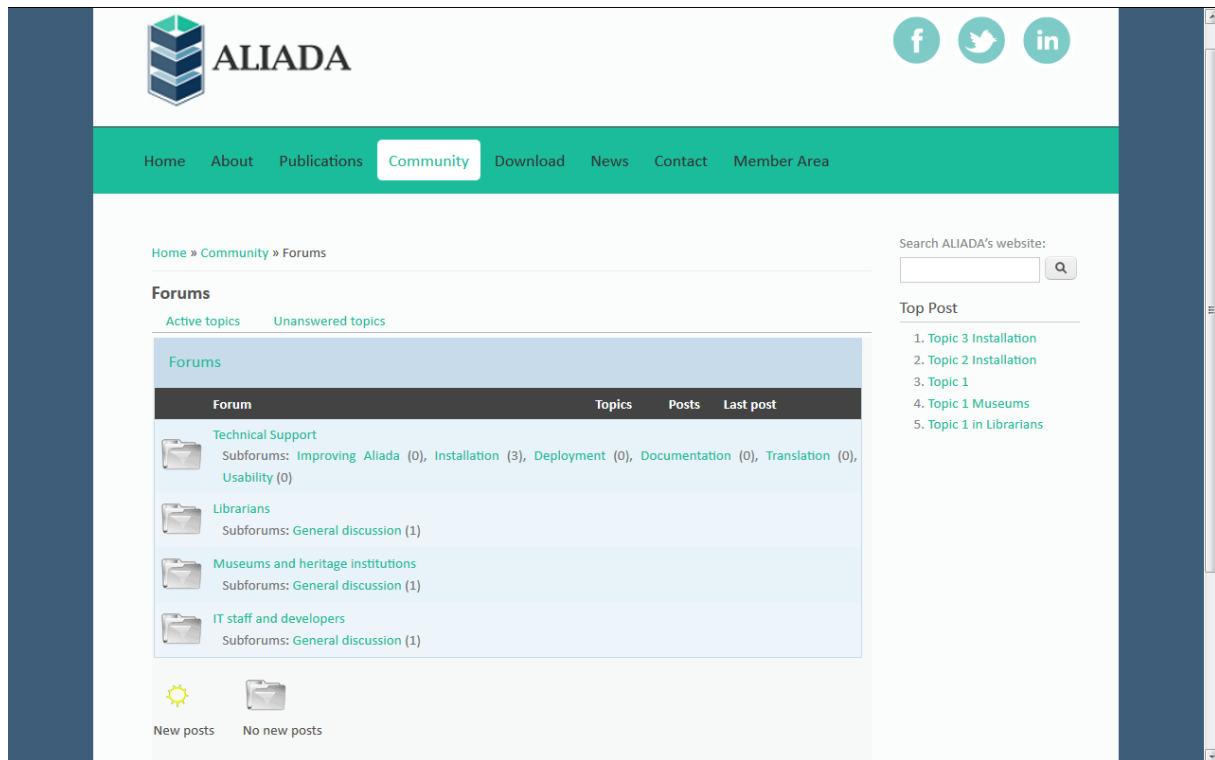
- **login or request a user account** to comment the blog, to rate the events and news or to access to the forum and to the registered content for public users
- **download dissemination materials** such as flyers or power point general presentations
- learn about **latest or ongoing events** organized by the partners
- relate the project to other **similar projects and get started** on the Linked Data technology in libraries and museums
- **contact the partners** of the ALIADA Consortium
- **download the installation documentation**, the user manual, videos and other technical documentation related to the ALIADA open source tool
- **access to the GitHub's ALIADA project** to get the source code
- **use and read the forum**



The screenshot shows the ALIADA website homepage. The header features the ALIADA logo and social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn. A navigation menu includes Home, About, Publications, Community, Download, News, Contact, and Member Area. The 'Community' menu is expanded, showing options for Forums, For Librarians, For Museums, For Developers, and Getting Started With LOD. The main content area is titled 'Home' and contains introductory text about ALIADA's purpose and goals. A search bar is located on the right side. Below the search bar, there are sections for 'Last News' (listing recent updates like 'ALIADA 1.0 is already available to the open source community') and 'Events & Meetings' (listing 'SWIB14 - Semantic Web in Libraries Conference'). At the bottom right, there is a 'Tweets' section showing a tweet from 'ALIADA Project' dated 3 Nov.

3.5 Forum

Despite of having a forum in GitHub for ALIADA, the Consortium decided to maintain the official forum on the ALIADA website in order to keep together all the community resources in the same meeting place.



The forum will be maintained by one of the technical partners responsible for the deployment tasks and that partner will forward all the questions sent by the community to the corresponding partner to solve them as soon as possible and to generate knowledge for the rest of the stakeholders and users in the forum.

The forum is divided into 4 sections depending on the target users and specific contents: Technical support, Librarians, Museums and IT developers

It's required to be registered to use the forum. The partner responsible for the website measures the requests for being part of the forum and remove the spam.

4 Conclusions

During the beginning of the project and the development stage, several dissemination activities were performed by the partners in the Consortium to generate impact and expectation around ALIADA and to contact stakeholders to invite them to the community. Other indirect contacts have been made through presentations at relevant conferences and through the social media. All the professionals interested in being part of the community or in learning more about the technology to implement the tool in their cultural institutions are welcome to the website, as the meeting point for the ALIADA's community.

