

Solcara ConceptSearch implemented at the European Bank of Reconstruction and Development

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Solcara, the highly innovative supplier of information management software that connects people to information that matters, is delighted to announce the successful implementation of its unique ConceptSearch module at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

The EBRD invests in 27 countries from central Europe to central Asia, with an aim of building market economies and democracies in the region. To help them in their goals EBRD staff regularly use and seek information from public sector, regulatory and International Organisations' websites, for example, IMF or the World Bank. ConceptSearch will enable the bank's lawyers, economists and information professionals to quickly pinpoint specific and highly relevant information from millions of pages of content on these sites.

Frank Ryan, Head of Library & Information Services at the EBRD, is a strong advocate for the timely and accurate retrieval of information. In a recent paper for Business Information Review, Ryan said, "Information is the most important aid to productivity in any organisation."

"Good information researchers...are in a class of their own. They are gold dust. They know where to look and how to quickly retrieve on-target data. They have, on many occasions, to be mind readers taking vague requests and honing them into sharp answers."

ConceptSearch is an information researcher. Using multi-word terms to index material, it creates a more intelligent understanding of text within unstructured information. A large unmapped document can become a finite series of relevant concepts for you to quickly scan, giving you more time to add value to this information through analysis and insight.

Economists and Lawyers at the EBRD are reaping the benefits of Solcara ConceptSearch. Vital information within lengthy economic analyses, legal documents and environmental reports is now easily accessible to fee-earning individuals.

The EBRD is promoting this software in other departments within the organisation. New websites are being sought to index and they intend to invest in new, faster hardware to get maximum efficiency from the software.

ConceptSearch is saving the EBRD money and time and giving users a rewarding and satisfying search experience. Don't struggle to find what you're looking for, let ConceptSearch do the hard work for you.

About The EBRD

Set up in 1991, the EBRD is the largest single investor in the region and mobilises significant foreign direct investment beyond its own financing. It is owned by 60 countries and two intergovernmental institutions. But despite its public sector

shareholders, it invests mainly in private enterprises, usually together with commercial partners.

It provides project financing for banks, industries and businesses, both new ventures and investments in existing companies. It also works with publicly owned companies, to support privatisation, restructuring state-owned firms and improvement of municipal services. The Bank uses its close relationship with governments in the region to promote policies that will bolster the business environment.

The mandate of the EBRD stipulates that it must only work in countries that are committed to democratic principles. Respect for the environment is part of the strong corporate governance attached to all EBRD investments.

About Solcara

Solcara dramatically increases the value of an organisation's information.

We do this by providing web based software and solutions that connect people to information that matters. With Solcara you spend less time searching for information and more time putting information to work.

Our software enables users to capture, store, share and re-use unstructured and structured information regardless of its format, type or location. By improving access to this information we enable our clients to drive efficiency and productivity gains through knowledge intensive business processes in order to significantly impact the bottom line.

Solcara is one of the UK's fastest growing and most innovative software companies. We service the needs of clients across many sectors including government, professional services, pharmaceuticals and the media.

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