# Assessment and improvement of a corporate research information system

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## Objectives of the assessment

- Analysis of RisOSH information content,
  - ✓ Qualitative as well as quantitative
- Verifying the efficacy of the developed functionalities

- Improving the communication flow of the information producers in order to increase the number and quality of project results collection
- Identifying best practices for the direct involvement of researches as well as of the top management

## Methodology

- Analysis of RisOSH data until February 2007
- Contacting ISPESL's scientific referees
- Analysis of the answers
- Analysis of the number of project descriptions and related project results
- Analysis of the content quality of project results, in particular:
  - Descriptions of Results (i.e. Grey information)
  - Availability of Deliverables (i.e. Grey Literature)
  - Descriptions of Products (i.e. Grey information)
  - Publications produced during the project

### **Major aim of RisOSH**

- Developing a CRIS giving particular emphasis on the diffusion of research results
- Building part of the institutional repository focused on research activities funded to external organisations

#### Requirements

- Facilitate the collection of projects and project results
- Interoperability with other CRISs
- Interoperability with other
  ISs on Occupational Safety
- Promotion of the technological transfer

 Integration with in-house already developed systems





Distributed input by the identified information producers using workflow technology



CERIF2000 database schema



**OSHA** Thesaurus



**NACE Classification** 



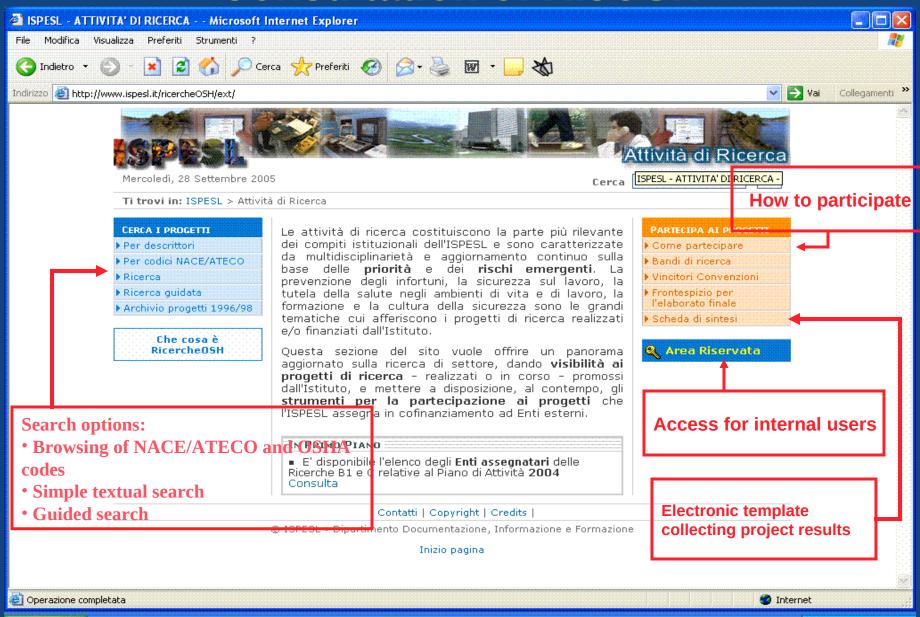
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## **Actual updating of RisOSH**

- Central input of project descriptions:
  - ✓ Rationale
  - ✓ Project aims
  - ✓ Budget
  - ✓ Project duration
  - ✓ Project assignees
  - ✓ Classification
  - ✓ Results

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#### **Consultation of RisOSH**



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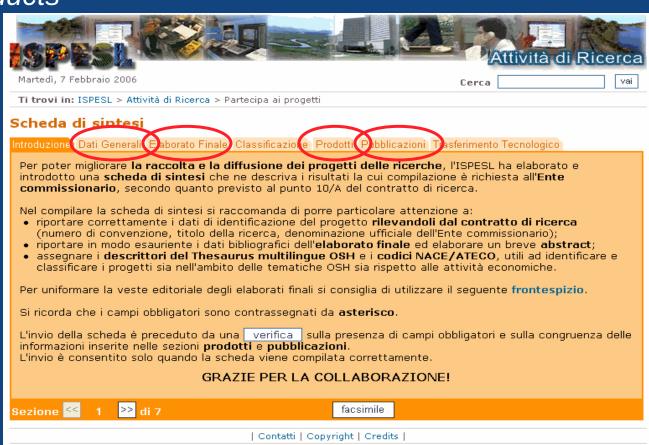
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#### Electronic template collecting research results

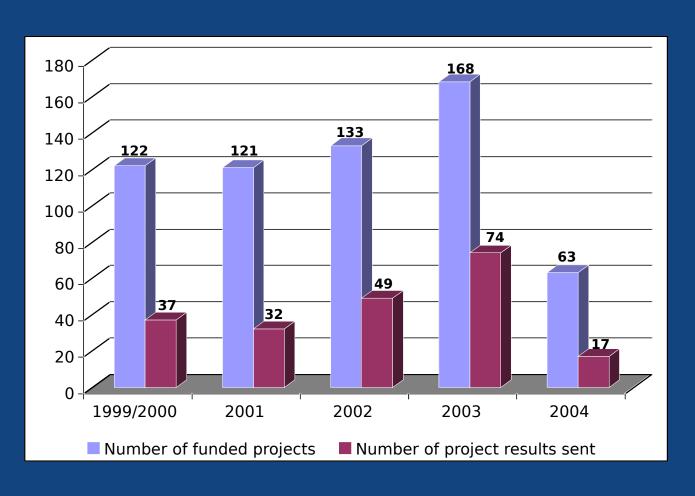
- The project assignees provide:
- ✓ Abstract in Italian and English of the project results
- ✓ Bibliographic information on the deliverable and possible full-text downloading
- ✓ Description of products
- ✓ Bibliographic description of publications



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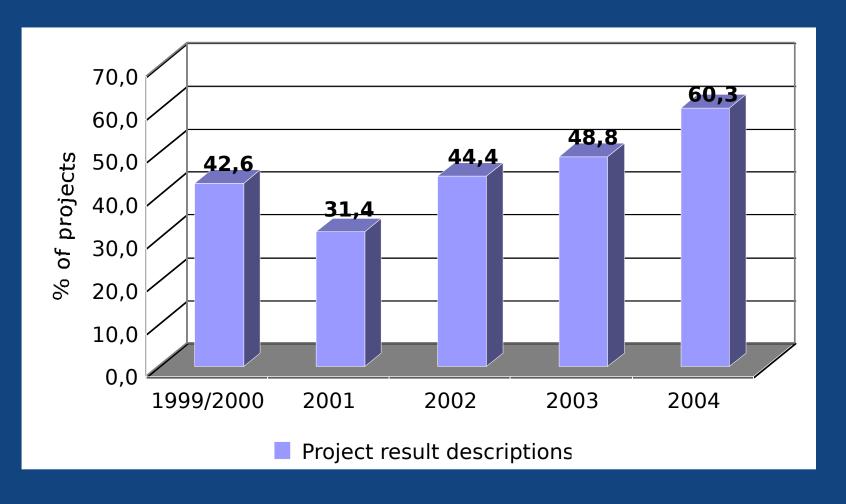
#### Results of the assessment

RisOSH data until February 2007 distributed by year of project funded and description of project results

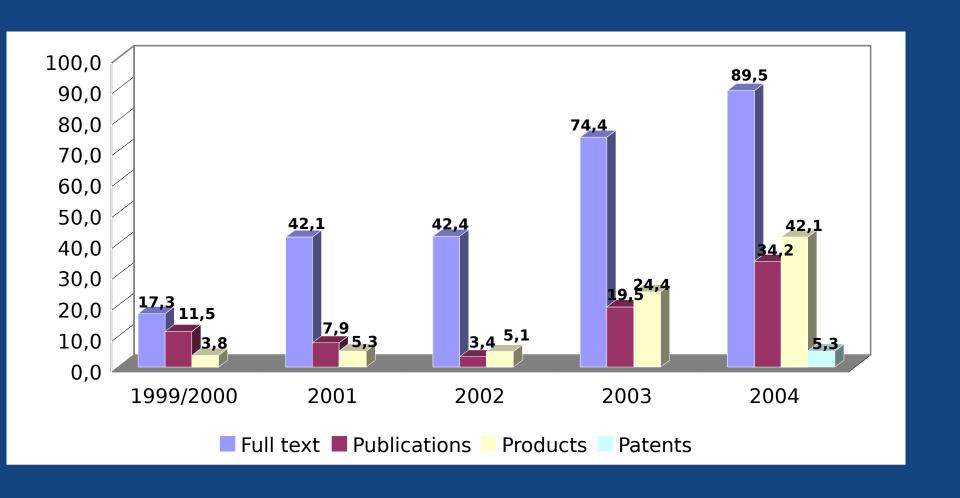


### Project results descriptions today

RisOSH project descriptions in November 2007 distributed by year of project funding



# Information on available full-text, publications, products and patents



#### Conclusions

- Communication flow with project assignees is improving quantitatively and qualitatively:
  - ✓ Autonomous sending of research results
  - ✓ Good quality of the project result descriptions
  - ✓ Increasing tendency to downloading the full text
  - ✓ Increasing number of descriptions of products
  - ✓ Reporting of bibliographic references of publications
- Improvements
  - Promotion of a more active participation of internal project referees
  - ✓ Foster a greater commitment of the top management
  - ✓ Integration of RisOSH with future information systems