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FILMEU SMARTMEDIA MANUAL

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BRIEF INTRODUCTION

The FILMEU SmartMedia Manual is intended to students and teachers in subjects related with audiovisual production .



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Introduction to WP8 Digital Learning Services work package

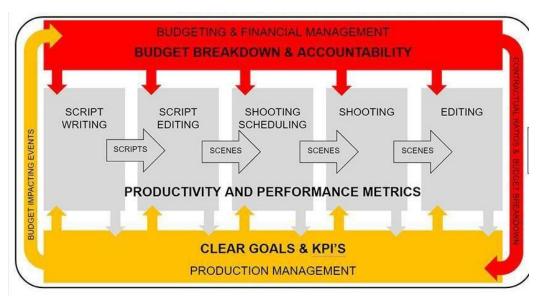
In this Work Package, the FILMEU Alliance will define, design, and implement the Digital Learning Ecosystem that will be used by FILMEU students, teachers, staff, and partners across the knowledge triangle to implement all of the activities of the Alliance and support the future activity of the European University.

This WP is highly complementary to WP5 where the infrastructures are implemented that will support the proposed services. One of the core services in this WP is the federation of all users in the Alliance that, almost from the start of the project, will allow FILMEU to give equal and transparent access for all users to all services and applications (i.e. libraries; mobility management, online tools) across all campuses of the Alliance.

SmartMedia System

SmartMedia was designed as an innovative technological platform, specifically aimed at supporting the integrated market-oriented management of the long-term fiction production process, making it highly efficient, integrated, and economically and environmentally sustainable. The research method resulted in the actual version available for the Alliance students and staff and SMARTMEDIA is an academic output designed from inside the media industry. It's the output of a 2-year work built from inside an Audiovisual production company - SP Telvisão. SmartMedia software is licensed for academic use and can evolve based on training needs that come from the course classes and pedagogical approaches defined within the Alliance under the SAMSARA pedagogical model.





SmartMedia production cycle

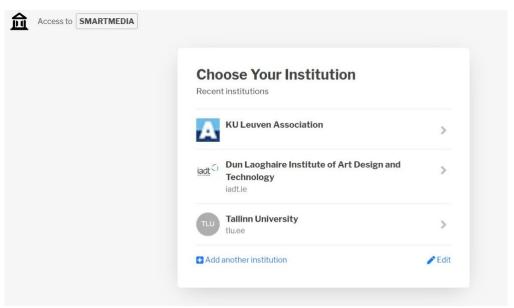
SmartMedia Login options

The SmartMedia login page allows users to log in locally or through the federated login. The Federated login was built using the Seamless Access approach allowing students and staff from FILMEU partner institutions to login using their own home credentials.



SmartMedia Login Page





Seamless access log in using eduGain

SmartMedia user roles

The academic version of SmartMedia has only two profiles. The Administrator profile has access to all the features in SmaertMedia and the Project Administrator has full access to all features within each project. For academic purposes, the students enrolled in each project can manage the production process and change all the settings. This pedagogical decision was taken after a 2-year pilot with Film degree students.

SmartMedia modules

SmartMedia is composed of 10 different modules. All the modules are available in the Academic version.

Budgeting module

The budget control module aims at the structuring, management, and financial supervision of student production projects.

Resources module

The Resources module allows the management of diverse production resources, namely actors, extras, technicians, producers, recording locations, and others.



Production module

The production module, together with the post-production module, constitutes the core of the SMART MEDIA solution. This module will allow users to create a project and manage its execution in the stages that begin with the provision of a script and end with the delivery of media with the corresponding recorded scenes.

Script-breakdown and production notes module

The Script-breakdown and production notes module aims to ensure the consistency and coherence of all elements of production, artistic and technical. The Annotations module allows users to manage annotations at any stage of an audiovisual production project.

Soft-Sponsoring module

The Soft-sponsoring content module aims to facilitate the management and execution of obligations arising from soft-sponsorship contracts, product placement, and other forms of project-sponsored content.

Post-production module

The post-production module, together with the production module, constitutes the core of the SMART MEDIA solution. Despite post-production tasks being eminently technical and artistic, only the correct monitoring of the editing, editing, sound, color correction, quality control, approval, and delivery of finals, from a process management perspective, will ensure compliance with the operational and financial objectives defined for each project.

Communication module

The Communication module is the central repository of information sent to and collected from the media.

Reporting module

The Reporting module allows the production of analytical outputs with key metrics for each sector throughout the production process.

Copyright contents module

The copyright contents module aims to facilitate the management of content (sound, image, and others) subject to copyright and its use in long-term audiovisual productions.



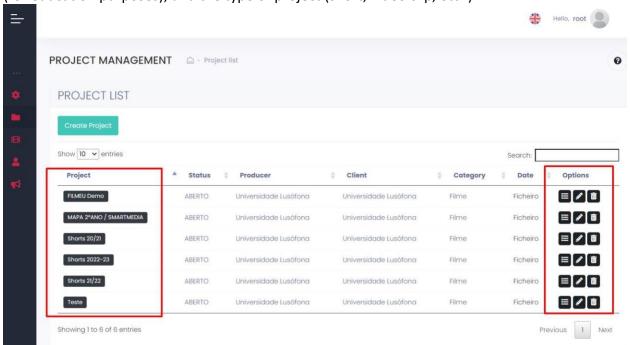
Notifications and alerts module

The Notifications and Alerts module aims to formalize and facilitate the exchange and sharing of relevant information by sending notifications and system alerts between users and between the system and its users.

SmartMedia Projects

SmartMedia projects page is where students can see the projects that they are associated with. The association of students with projects is done by the SmartMedia Administrator. It is done through the import of an Excel list or by copying and past a CSV format file into SmartMedia.

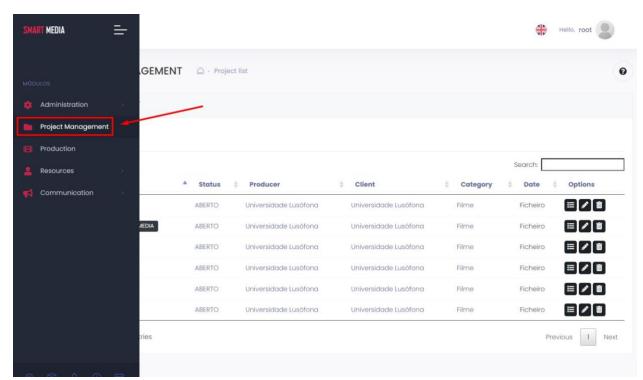
On the projects page users have access to their projects and the options for each one. From the list it's possible to know the status of the project, the producer, the client (for education purposes), and the type of project (short, video clip, etc..).



Smartmedia Projects page

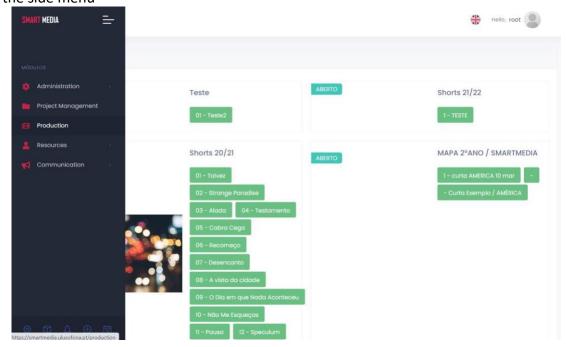
Each main project is composed of at least one sub-project or more (they can be viewed as seasons). Each sub-project is managed by the users that were associated with. All the users (students) have the same permissions.





Project management option

To access the production module, users have to choose the option **Production** from the side menu



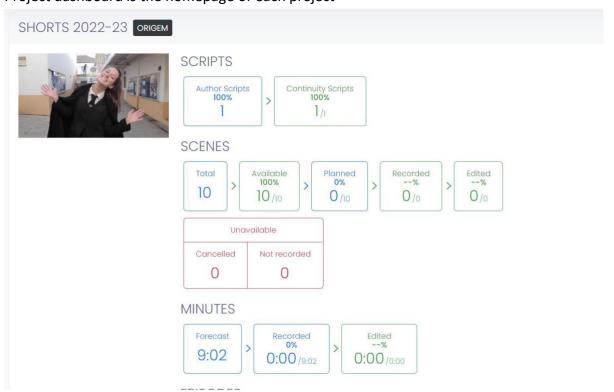
Production management option

From the list of projects, students can access the data about their projects. Students can only see their own projects.



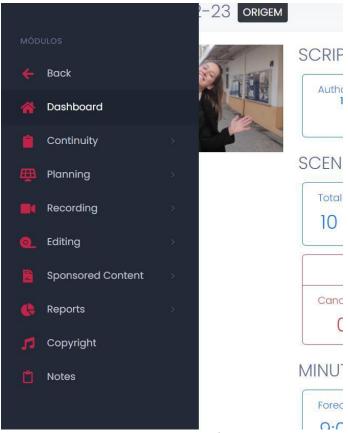


Project dashboard is the homepage of each project



From the project homepage users can access the different modules that are part of SmartMedia and are available for the management of the overall student project

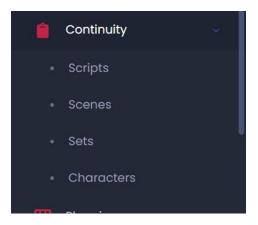




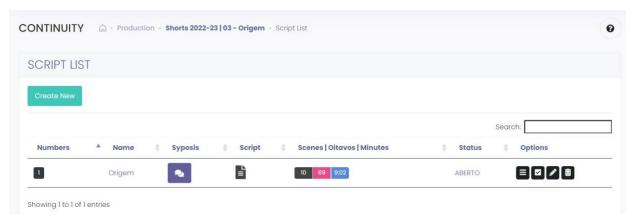
SmartMedia options menu for projects

Continuity options

The continuity option is divided into 4 options: Scripts, Scenes, Sets, and Characters. Each option gives students the possibility to define each of the options available that correspond to the initial set for a production project.

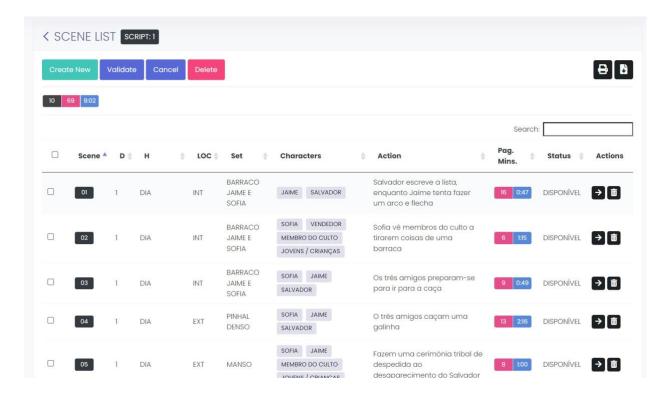






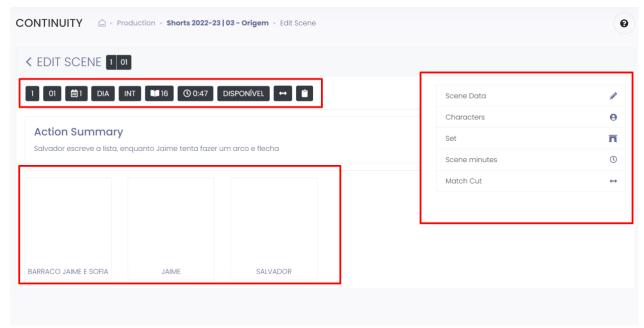
The script management screen

Each script is composed of several scenes. Each scene is composed of several elements, like the associated set, characters, resume of action, status, and the previewed minutes.



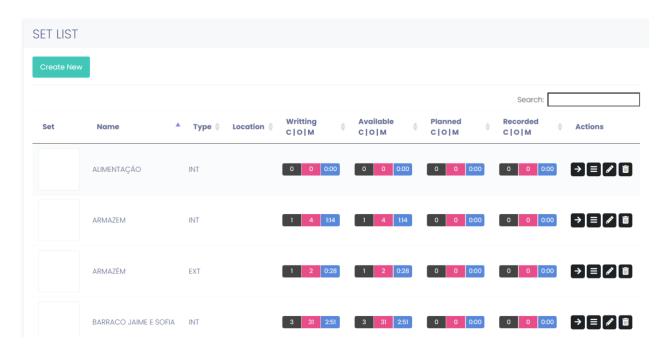


Each scene has several data associated with it, like characters, set, duration, etc



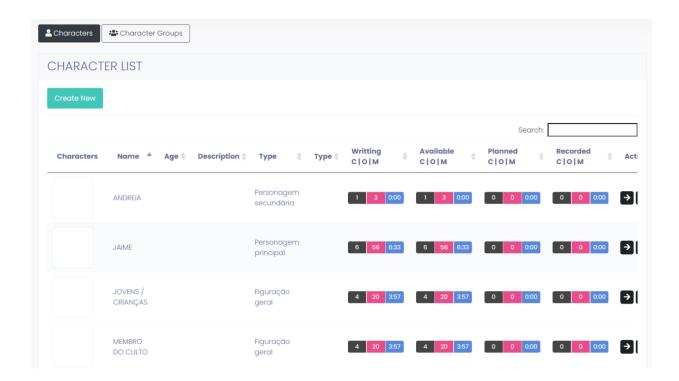
Scene break out screen

The ser list for the project can be accessed from the same menu option. The screen is similar to the one below.



The character page gives users access to the list of characters defined for a particular project. Users can reuse characters from a different project if they have access to it.

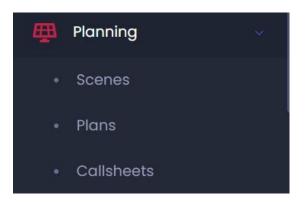




Planning options

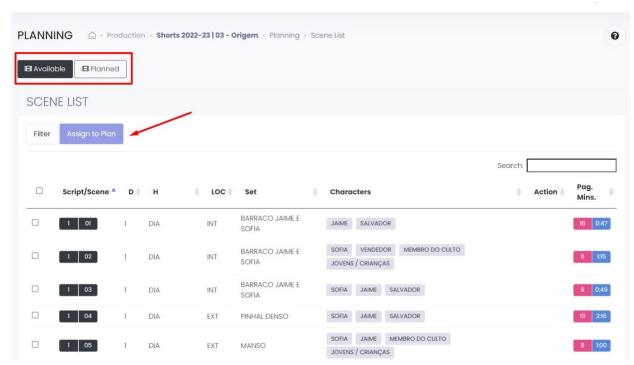
The planning options are organized in 3 different options: scenes, plans and callsheets.

The scenes option allows users to list all the scenes thar are available to be recorded. These scenes are the ones that were already validated by the continuity team. From the list, user can choose from the available scenes or the already planned ones.



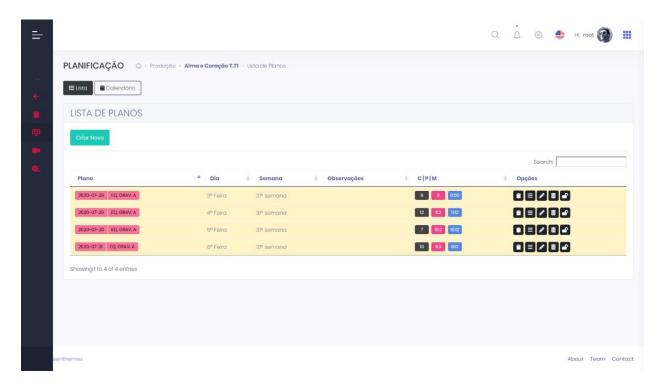
The scenes list includes data about each scene so it's easy to have a first sense of the type o scene that needs to be included in a recording plan. Data about the period of the day (day / night), the associated recording set and type of set, if interior or exterior are all importante data that needs to be taken into account when planning.





List of scenes available and planned to be recorded

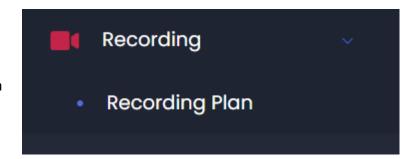
The plans list is where users can find the different recording plans scheduled. Scenes should be grouped in a optimal way to reduce cost and availability of resources.



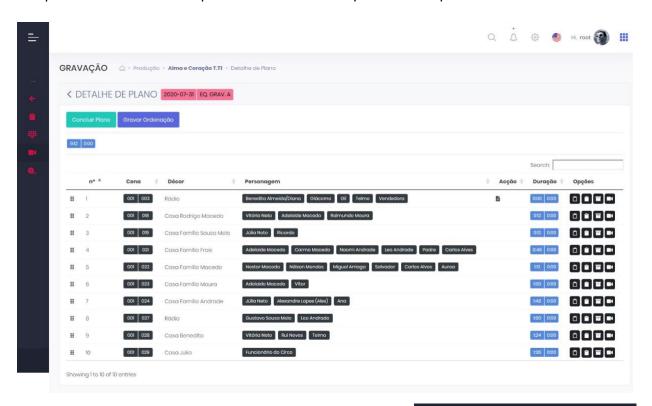


The callsheets option is where users can create callsheets for each planned day of recordings. Callsheets include all the necessary data for each scene or group of scenes that will be recorded in a recording plan.

The recording plan is a list with details about each recording plan, including the scenes and all the annotations associated with each scene. These data is also available in the callsheets

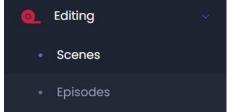


The planned scenes inside a plan can be seen in the plan details option

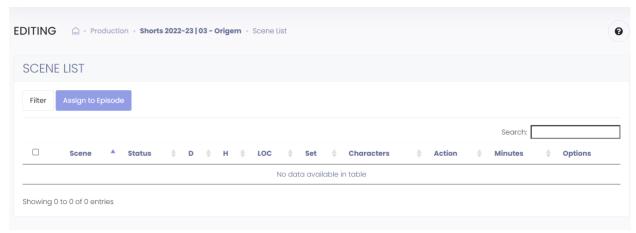


The Editing option

The editing menu gives access to users to the scenes available for editing. The episodes option is not included in the present manual because the option is not suitable for students projects at the time of writing of this manual.





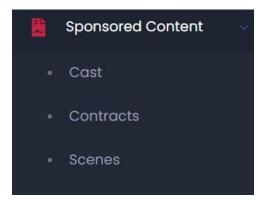


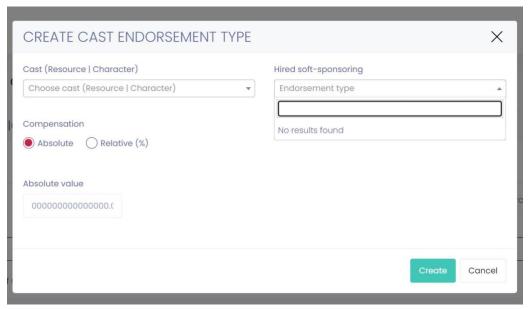
The scenes available for editing

Sponsored content option

The menu option is composed of 3 options: cast, contracts, and scenes.

The cast option allows users to associate the available cast on SmartMedia with a specific contract so it can be planned later. See image below to check the data that is needed to do the association.

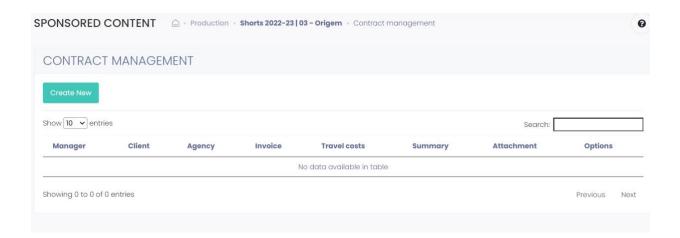




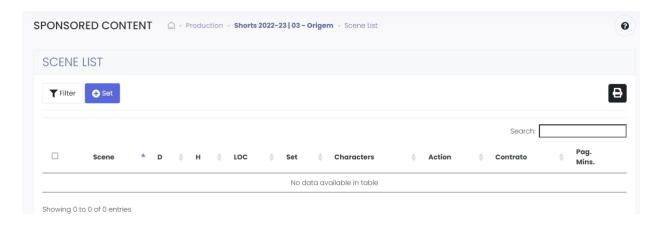
Cast screen options

The contracts option allows users to define new soft-sponsoring contracts that will later be associated with scenes and cast for recording.



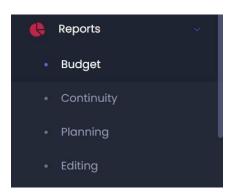


The scenes option allows users to list all the scenes that include sponsoring content.

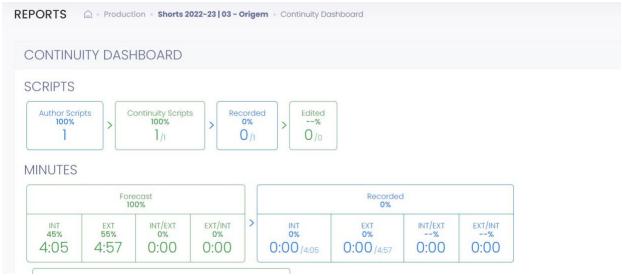


Reports option

The reports option is divided into 4 options: Budget, Continuity, Planning and Editing. Together the available reports allow users to have an overview about the state of each production stage and to prevent deviations os bottlenecks in the production chain.







Continuity report

Copyright option

The copyright option gives users access to the copyright catalog list



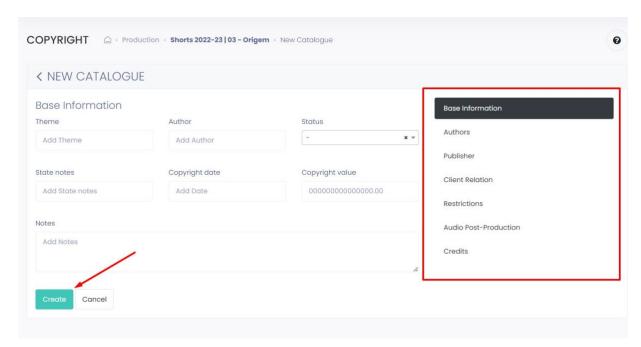


A new catalog can be created from the copyright page.



To create a new copyright catalog the user has to fill some data in the new catalog page.

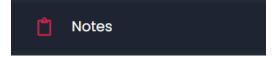


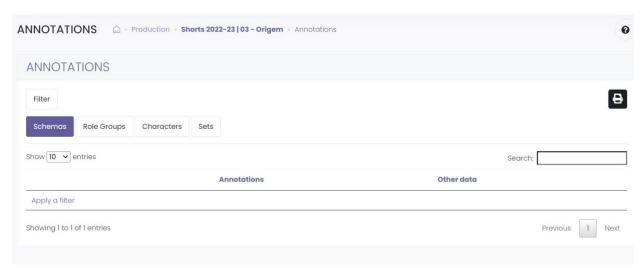


New copyright catalogue window

Annotation option

The notes option gives users the possibility to see all the created annotations. Annotation can be assigned to scenes, sets, characters, or plans.





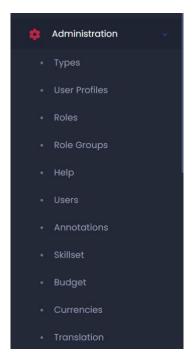
The annotations window



Administration menu

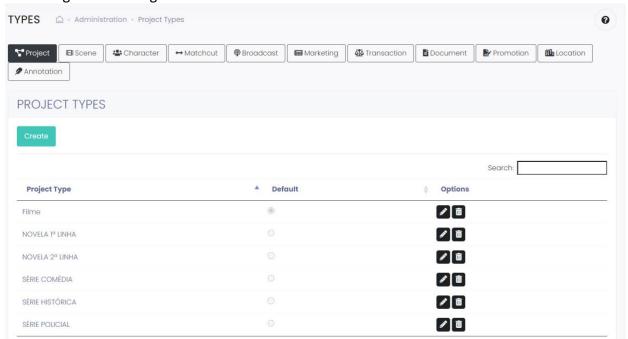
The administrator menu gives users with the administrator role (usually faculty or degree staff) access to a large role of options. The options included are:

- Types,
- User profiles,
- Roles,
- Role Groups,
- Help,
- Users,
- Annotations,
- Skillset,
- Budget,
- Currencies
- Translation.



Types

All the high-level configurations of SmartMedia





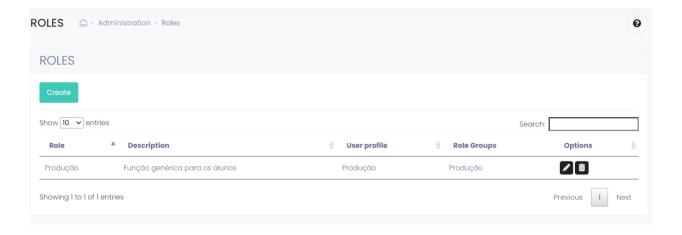
User profiles

The option allows to define user profiles for SmartMedia, like Aministratior or production manager that were referred in the beginning of this manual.

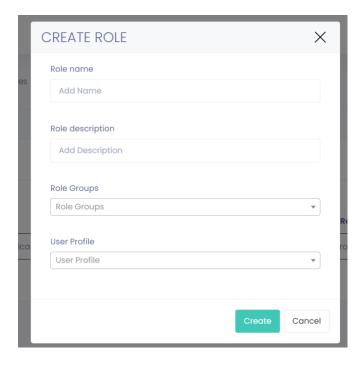


Roles option

The roles option allows users to create roles by defining the name for it and associate the role with user groups and user profils. A user can have different roles in different projects. This

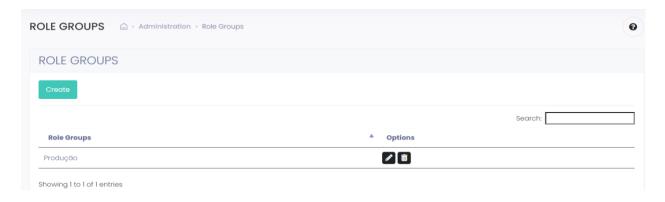






Roles group

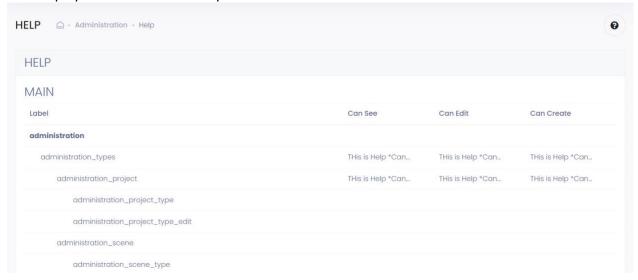
The role group allows user to create roles that can be used later





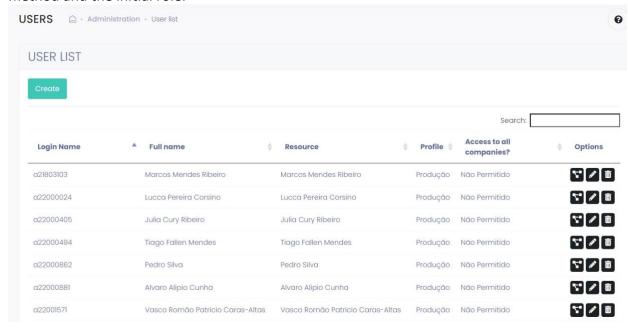
Help option

The help option is where the help menus and labels can be created



Users

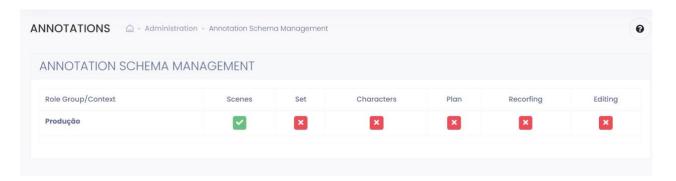
The users option allows the creation of new users and to define the authentication method and the initial role.





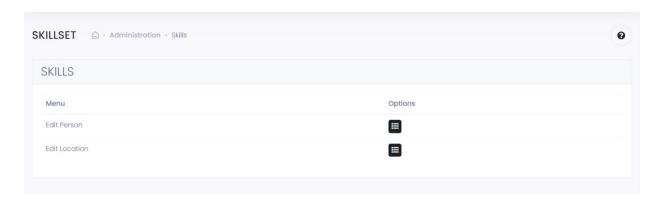
Annotations

The annotations option allows the definition of the different permissions and contexts where the notes can be created.



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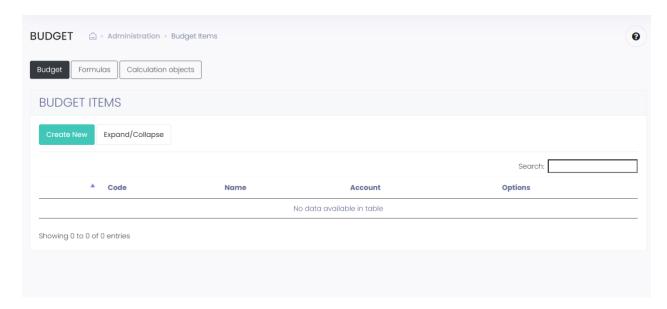
The skillset option allows users to define an attribute (skillset) that can be associated with a resource.





Budget

The setting of the production budget are defined in this section of SmartMedia



Currency

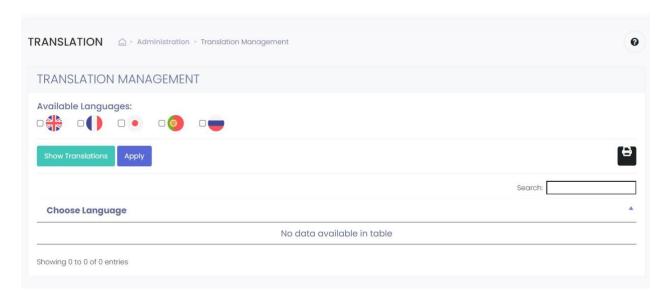
The general setting for currency to be used within a project





Translation

The different languages available in SmartMedia can be defined here.





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