

WCMS 3 project updates

Web Advisory Committee March 2021

Date changes

The release of WCMS 3.0.0 for new sites, and start of migration for WCMS 2 sites has been moved from April 26/May 18, 2021 to **June 29, 2021 for both.**

The deadline to complete migrations has been moved from September 1, 2022 to **November 19, 2022.**

Alpha and beta testing

Many thanks to all involved in alpha testing so far (nine weeks of testing to date). We have added two additional alpha testing cycles in our revised schedule.

- Alpha 4 running March 16 – April 5
- Alpha 5 running April 6 – 26

Beta testing will run as originally structured, once Alpha testing completes.

- Beta 1 running April 27 – May 17 (closed beta, for alpha testing group)
- Beta 2 running May 18 – June 7 (open beta for general campus)

Lead up to release

We have added a space for a release candidate (RC1) immediately following the completion of Beta 2, running June 8 – 28. This will provide an opportunity for us to complete full process/workflow testing leading up to release. On June 29 we will release WCMS 3.0.0, and it will also mark the start of migrations. This means:

- New site requests can be submitted
- Migration requests can be submitted
- Site launch process can start for beta sites flagged for production

Remaining work

Global/site admin

- ADFS integration
- Google Analytics
- GDPR banner
- Domain routing (Pantheon vs on-prem)
- Migration scripts
- Global alert banner

Remaining work cont'd

Content types, blocks, and sections

- Facts and figures
- Listing pages with filters
- Homepage banners (static)
- image gallery
- Catalog
- Special alert
- Webform

Migration information

Draft schedules were previously shared with points-of-contact via the Migrations channel in MS Teams.

- Emphasize that schedules are meant to be a starting point, fully expect that different individuals will want to make changes based on priority, resource availability, etc.
- [Pre-migration prep checklist](#) available on the WCMS 3 project website

Migration information cont'd

Do you have any recommendations on strategy for how to plan?

- Highly recommend moving smaller, simpler sites to the start of your schedule
- Would have created drafts with this in mind, but we don't know your sites like you do

Can I add additional people to the schedule?

- Absolutely. As many have done already, you can request a person be added through Teams, or directly via Andrea Jennings or Sarah Cooper

Migration information cont'd

You said you would be scheduling follow up meetings with everyone. Should I wait until then to make changes?

- In order to most effectively manage time for the Training and Support team, ask that once you've had a chance to review your draft schedule, if you have any questions at that point you can book time to meet via Andrea Jennings
- If you have a relatively simple schedule and feel comfortable already, feel free to forego a meeting, but know that we are available at anytime through the process

Migration information cont'd

Sites are spaced a week apart on the schedule. Is that how long I have to migrate each site? And is that how long you are expecting a migration to take?

- One week was chosen as a somewhat arbitrary length of time mostly for organization purposes; we are not limiting the migration process to a week per site
- Unfortunately we do not yet know how long the process will take, this is mostly dependent on two variables
 - Migration scripts/size and complexity of a site
 - How much time you want, or are able, to spend reviewing each site

Migration information cont'd

Are you going to publish my sites automatically based on the schedule?

- As per our current WCMS 2 process, we will never publish a site live without point-of-contact approval
- We recommend that once a site has been migrated, that you complete your review in as timely a manner as possible to avoid manual content replication and/or the need for an extended content freeze
 - We are not able to “re-migrate” a site that has already been migrated once

Migration information cont'd

[Additional migration information](#), including other commonly asked questions, and a **working draft** of the migration process, is available on the WCMS 3 project site. We will continue to update this content over the next several weeks and months.