The new DOBES web site combines the information that was available on the old site with an adaptation of the DOBES-DEMO that was created for the VW-endorsed exposition “Science + fiction”. The latter part is created in such a way that it is informative for the general public and not only for specialists.

The layout of the site allows for navigation in different ways. On the left side you find a traditional navigation panel for accessing different parts of the site quickly, e.g. using the Site Map. The main section on the right side starts off with a graphics based presentation that is intended for exploration rather than quick access. By slowly moving over the interactive dots, which are marked white, different topics of the site can be accessed.

The main page has three sections: Documentation, Endangerment and Languages. Each section is again subdivided in a number of topics:

**Languages**
Under this section you can find information on the following topics:
- projects: contains links to the websites of the individual DOBES projects
- data-types: gives an overview about the different sorts of data contained in the data base (arts & handcraft, religion & medicine, dance, music, everyday work, environment)
- field work locations: shows the worldwide location of the places where fieldwork for the DOBES project is done
- transcripts: contains several examples of modern and traditional transcriptions
- annotations: contains examples for grammatical analysis and translation of language samples
including direct links to the underlying media (videos)
- meta data: illustrates among other things how
  the IMDI Editor works (a tool for entering and
  organizing metadata)

Endangerment
Under the section Endangerment you can find
some explanations about reasons of
endangerment (e.g. death of speech
communities, religious education, cultural
dominance, industrialization, social reputation).
Selected quotations from David Christal's book
“Language death” are presented. The following
submenu points are accessible:
  - endangerment
  - revitalization
The crucial points of revitalization are: shaping
awareness and the creation of a positive image
of the language, availability of material on the
internet and using of new technologies, culture
specific teaching methods, teaching material
(examples from DOBES are given), regional
centers for language instruction and minority
rights.

Documentation
Under the section Documentation you can find
information on the following topics:
- goals (e.g. scientific analysis, archiving,
  material for teaching)
- stages shows the different stages that a
  prototypical piece of recorded data has to
  pass: recording - digitization - editing -
  metadescription - annotation - integration.
- tools (for some of the steps mentioned under
  "stages")
- archive (illustrates how the data are organized
  in the archive, what is done for the security of
  the data etc.).

At the moment the site is written in such a way
that it works well with Internet Explore on
Windows, with Windows Media Player to play the
audio and video files. You can still view the site
with other browsers and operating systems, but
some things may not work. We will try to make
the site more platform and browser independent
in future versions.
We hope you will enjoy using the site!
http://www.mpi.nl/DOBES/