

*AccessIT: strengthening the  
digital skills base in South  
East Europe*

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# AccessIT Project

- Funded under Culture Programme Programme (2007-2013)
  - Strand 1.2.1 (cooperation projects)
  - 1 May 2009 – 30 April 2011
- Partners:
  - MDR Partners (Coordinator)
  - Instytut Chemii Bioorganicznej Pan –PSNC (Poland)
  - Veria Central Public Library (Greece)
  - Belgrade City Library (Serbia)
  - Hacettepe University (Turkey)

# Policy Objectives

- Contributes to one of the three specific objectives of the Culture Programme:
  - **support for the trans-national circulation of cultural and artistic works and products**
- Support for cultural projects (Strand 1)
  - Cultural organisations are given support for projects to work together across borders and to create and implement cultural and artistic activities.
  - Aim is to help **cultural heritage organisations** from different countries to **cooperate** so that **different sectors can work together** and **extend their cultural and artistic reach across borders.**

# AccessIT

- **Accelerate the Circulation of Culture through Exchange of Skills in Information Technology**

# Europeana- “Think Culture”

Discover



WILLIAM



JUKKA

Explore



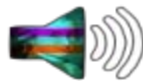
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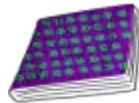
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Inspire



AUDIO



BOOK



FILM



MANUSCRIPT



PAINTING

# What are we doing?

- Focus on three target countries: Greece, Serbia and Turkey
- Enhance digital library skills and competencies in local/regional cultural institutions
  - Through the provision of specially targeted online training courses – what you need to know to be able to contribute your local, digital content to Europeana
    - Targeted at small, local organisations
    - Using our experience of EuropeanaLocal
  - Create pilot digital libraries for inclusion in Europeana

# Why?

- Current membership of the EU does not fully represent the history and culture of Europe
- Necessary skills are thinly distributed among local institutions in all three countries
- Funding programmes for Europeana (e.g. ICT-PSP) do not yet cover Serbia and Turkey
- An opportunity!

# Work plan

- Development of **skills and competencies checklist** and development of **initial training resources**
- **Training of core group** (4+ people each country)
  - workshop and study tour
- **Skills survey**
- Development of the **online training courses**
- Roll out of the **training** and **certification**
- Development of **pilot digital libraries**
- **Contribution of digital content** to Europeana and other services



# Skills checklist

- Organization of digitisation
  - Methodology issues
  - Policy development and administration (e.g. access, reproduction)
  - Intellectual property policy knowledge
  - Funding issues
- Experience in digitisation of various content types (audio, video, text, etc.)
- Long term digital preservation issues
- Metadata
  - Metadata schemes knowledge for diverse content types
  - Metadata and interoperability standards (e.g. Dublin Core)
  - Metadata mapping skills
  - Applying metadata schema knowledge
- Thesauri knowledge

# Skills checklist (2)

- Usability, accessibility, user satisfaction
  - Impact on users
  - Users survey Usability issues
  - Accessibility issues
  - Interface design
  - User centred DL design
- Knowledge about digital libraries software
  - Overview of free/open software which can be used to build digital repositories
- Reuse of metadata and objects from digital libraries
  - Aggregation of metadata from digital libraries
  - Reuse of objects from digital libraries in external services (e.g. education)

# Training workshop



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# Hard at work



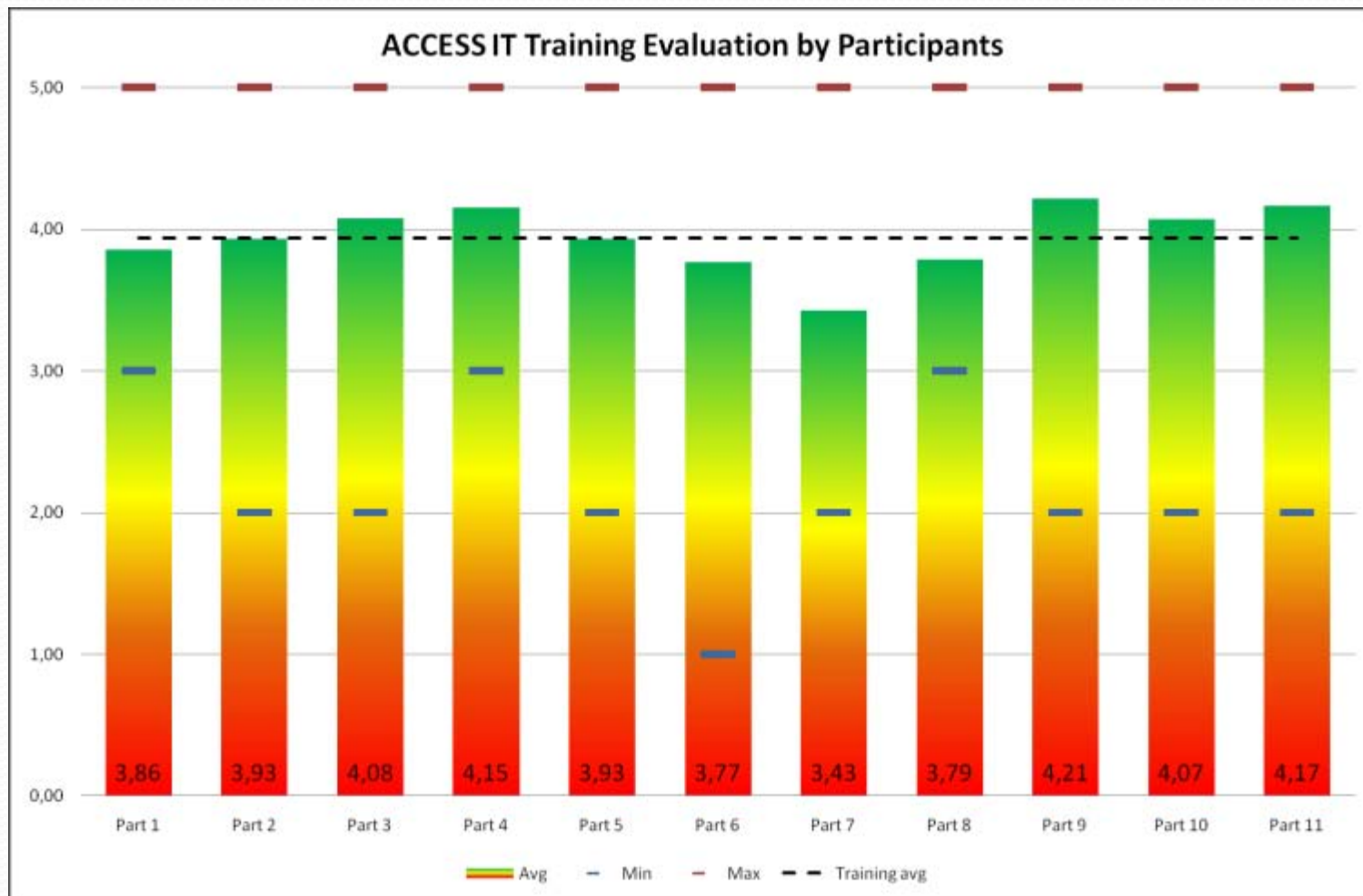
# In Veria Library



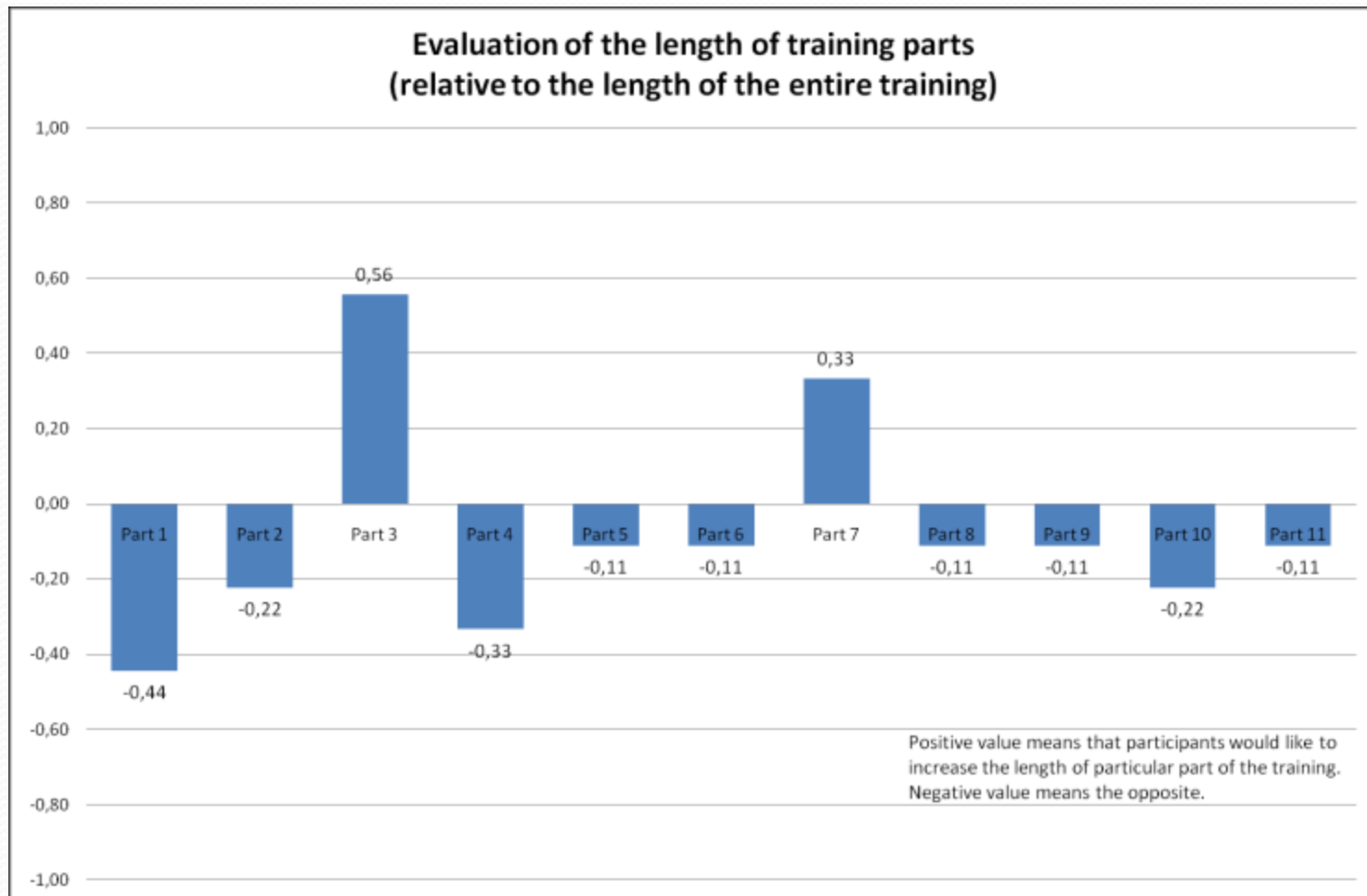
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# Participants feedback



# Feedback on length of modules



# Further development of training courses

- Adam Dudczak ...



# Study tour – in Poland

- All visits the tour accompanied by a professional Polish – English translator
- **2010/04/27 – Wrocław**
- 9:30 – 11:30 – Visiting the Wrocław University Library (WUL)
- 11:30 – 13:00 – Presentations of experiences of Silesia Public Library (hosted in WUL)
- 14:30 – 16:00 – Visiting The Ossolinski National Institute
- 16:00 Travel to Poznań



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# 2010/04/28 – Poznań, Warsaw

- 7:45 – 8:30 – Walk through the Cytadela Park and city centre to the Poznań University Library
- 8:30 – 11:00 – Visiting the Poznań University Library
- 11:30 – 13:30 – Visiting the Poznań Branch of National Archives
- 13:30 – 14:30 – Lunch
- 15:00 – 16:00 – Visiting PSNC
- 16:00 – Travel to Warsaw



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# 2010/04/29 – Warsaw

- 7:45 – 8:30 – Bus transport to the National Library, meeting with the translator
- 8:30 – 10:00 – Visiting the National Library
- 10:00 – 11:30 – Visiting the National Museum
- 13:00 – 15:30 – Visiting the National Digital Archive
- 15:30 – Depart



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# What's happening now?

- In Serbia, Greece and Turkey:
  - Launch conferences
  - Register for Online Training
  - Certification/accreditation
  - Skills Survey



# Skills survey – open now

ITEM	0	1	2	3	4	5	Total	Average
Management of digitisation 'projects and programmes	(N/A) 0	(N/A) 0	33.3% 1	(N/A) 0	33.3% 1	33.3% 1	3	3.7
Carrying out digitisation of content	(N/A) 0	(N/A) 0	(N/A) 0	33.3% 1	66.7% 2	(N/A) 0	3	3.7
Application of metadata to digital content	(N/A) 0	33.3% 1	(N/A) 0	33.3% 1	(N/A) 0	33.3% 1	3	3.0
Mapping' one metadata standard to another	(N/A) 0	33.3% 1	(N/A) 0	66.7% 2	(N/A) 0	(N/A) 0	3	2.3
Use of thesauri and other terminology schemas, taxonomies, vocabularies etc.	(N/A) 0	33.3% 1	(N/A) 0	66.7% 2	(N/A) 0	(N/A) 0	3	2.3

# How to participate

- More from Dr Emannouel Garoufallou
- Skills survey at:
- [www.surveygizmo.com/s/295376/-accessit](http://www.surveygizmo.com/s/295376/-accessit)
- Online Courses:
- Contact Veria Library

# Thank you!

Any Questions?

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# Targets for Greece

- Participation by:
  - 100 libraries
  - 50 museums
  - 20 other cultural institutions
- 25,000 cultural works made newly available digitally to Europeana and other services