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Europeana and Europeana Local

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EU networks of local cultural institutions: a brief history

- PubliCA and PubliCA-CEE (1997-9)
- ISTAR Networks (1998-2000)
- PULMAN (2001-3)
- CALIMERA (2004-6)

**FP6 Cross domain**, guidelines, policy toolkit, country progress, technical solutions

- ENTITLE (2008/9)
- Europeana Local (2008-11)

Making locally-sourced digital content available in Europeana. Towards an aggregations framework.
Why EuropeanaLocal?

• EuropeanaLocal a proof of concept regarding the value of local and regionally sourced content
  • But...... a short term approach to short term targets

• In fact, a Best Practice Network......

• Not a sustainable approach; there is no 'ELocal aggregation'

• Action is needed at national level to aggregate local and regional content metadata
  • You need digital content first!

• Need for viable aggregator business models at national level

• Start something – ownership/governance can come later
What are ELocal partners?

• One partner per country (new repository/existing aggregator)

• Heterogeneous organisation types
  • Ministry of Culture
  • national libraries
  • national museums
  • national cultural agencies
  • regional cultural agencies,
  • public libraries,
  • local museum,
  • research foundation,
  • regional digital library provider,
  • private sector organisations

▪ All aggregators of local/regional content
EuropeanaLocal: where are we?

• 70% complete
• Year 1 was preparation
  • Commission Review of preparatory year (July 2009) was favourable
• Year 2 was implementation: getting content into Europeana
• Year 3 focus is encouraging more sustained aggregation of local and regional content: national meetings
  • Potentially important events in moving forward ‘aggregation politics’ in each country
  • Towards a ‘sensible level of aggregation"
Europeana content objectives

- 10 million items for Rhine release summer 2010-exceeded!
- Representation of National and European culture by all European countries
- Representation of all domains and types of content
Data provided by country, by September 2009

- France: 47%
- Germany: 16%
- Netherlands: 16%
- UK: 8%
- Sweden: 8%
- Others: 5%
Data provided per country – Top 10
June 2010
Europeana Content, June 2010

- Content at prototype launch Nov ‘09: 2 million items from every domain, every EU member

→ today around 12 million items,

- **images**: photos, paintings, drawings, postcards, posters
- **texts**: books, newspaper articles, manuscripts, letters
- **videos**: movies, documentaries, TV broadcasts, public information films
- **sounds**: cylinders, 78rpm discs, radio, field recordings
Content from EuropeanaLocal

• Big opportunity to prove value of local and regional content
  • a great improvement in place-based discovery in Europeana

• by end August 2010
  • EuropeanaLocal has already contributed 3.5 million (27%) of the c12 million items now in Europeana - the largest single source
  • Content from over 20 countries

• EuropeanaLocal partners are only a small sample of potential
Aggregations in Europe

Museums  Archives  Libraries  Audio-visual collections

Cross-domain aggregators

Thematic aggregators
Elocal partners as aggregators

- ELocal partners in each country are almost all aggregators, large or small, either
  - already a major national or regional aggregator of local content
  - **OR** where none exists, they might become the national or regional aggregator of local content
  - **OR** main task is to ensure that the local and regional content they have aggregated becomes part of larger aggregation
Steps to Provide Content

1) Preparation of ESE Data Sets
2) Validation of ESE Data Sets
3) Submission of ESE Data Sets to Europeana

- ESE Specification
- Metadata Mapping & Normalisation Guidelines for the Europeana prototype
- ESE XML Schema
- Content Checker
- Europeana Contact
What are the technical requirements?

- Metadata mapped to the ESE v3.2.2 Specifications
  This is the Europeana current data model which consists of the Dublin Core (DC) metadata elements, a subset of the DC terms and a set of twelve elements which were created to meet Europeana’s functionality needs. [Link](https://version1.europeana.eu/c/document_library/get_file?uuid=c56f82a4-8191-42fa-9379-4d5ff8c4ff75&groupId=10602)

- Europeana Data model (EDM) by Danube release, 2011

- A link to the digital object’s location online

- A thumbnail of the object
  [Link](http://version1.europeana.eu/c/document_library/get_file?uuid=6b52d4be-6a4d-443a-842a-91bca2b1f&groupId=10602)

- Metadata Mapping & Normalisation Guidelines
  are also provided as normalisation on some values is necessary to enable machine readability. Providers should consult the following document: [Link](https://version1.europeana.eu/c/document_library/get_file?uuid=58e2b828-b5f3-4fe6-aa40-5dcbbc0a2a1f&groupId=10602)
How do I validate compliance with ESE?

- **Using the XML v3.2 ESE schema:**

  The ESE v3.2 XML Schema is the XML representation of the Europeana Semantic Elements (ESE) specifications v3.2. This schema can be used to validate XML instances of Data Sets to be submitted to Europeana.

  [Link to ESE-V3.2.xsd](http://www.europeana.eu/schemas/ese/ESE-V3.2.xsd)

- **Using the Content Checker:**

  This is a test and validation environment that consists of the Content Ingestor where providers upload their data and the portal that allows them to search and browse these data as if they were using the real Europeana.

  [Link to Content Checker](http://version1.europeana.eu/c/document_library/get_file?uuid=5efae853-74d4-4ca7-a949-90c401c93127&groupId=10602)
How can I contribute my data to Europeana?

- Determine the best route to submit data to Europeana, info in Europeana Aggregator Handbook:
  http://www.group.europeana.eu/web/guest/provide_content
  → for Aggregators or Individual Institutions

- EuropeanaLocal refers enquiries from local institutions national aggregators wherever possible
Direct provider benefits

- Prestigious initiative
  - Endorsement from European Commission
  - Erasmus Award 2009
- Content remains within your organisation
- Increase traffic to your site (view content in context)
- Knowledge exchange with professional network
  - Metadata standards, best practices, technological innovation
- Popularity among users
  - Loyal user base (60% of survey respondents visiting the site more than 5 times);
  - Overall positive ratings for Europeana features and functions
EuropeanaLocal is a Best Practice Network project, funded under the eContentplus programme of the European Commission, which started on 1 June 2008. It is designed to help local and regional libraries, museums, archives and audio-visual archives:

- make the enormous amount of content that they hold available through Europeana (the European Digital Library)
- deliver new services.

EuropeanaLocal is developing a common multilingual access point which will make it possible to search Europe’s distributed digital cultural heritage online. It will give users direct access to millions of digital objects, including film material, photos, paintings, sounds, maps, scripts, books, newspapers and archival papers. The first prototype was launched in November 2008 by Viviane Reding, European Commissioner for Information Society and Media.

EuropeanaLocal is one of a suite of additional projects, funded by the European Commission, which will further develop Europeana. EuropeanaLocal will play an important role in ensuring that the enormous amount of digital content provided by Europe’s cultural institutions at local and national level is represented in Europeana, alongside that held at national level. Such content will not only bring together a rich diversity of content of all types, cultures and languages but also people, making it possible to establish integrated services with great potential and added value for communities and individual users.
Thank you.

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