

europeana think culture

EUROPEANA POLISH DIGITAL LIBRARIES DECEMBER 2009

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Vision

"A digital library that is a single, direct and multilingual access point to the European cultural heritage."

European Parliament, 27 September 2007

"A unique resource for Europe's distributed cultural heritage... ensuring a common access to Europe's libraries, archives and museums."

Horst Forster, Director, Digital Content & Cognitive Systems Information Society Directorate, European Commission



Objectives Europeana

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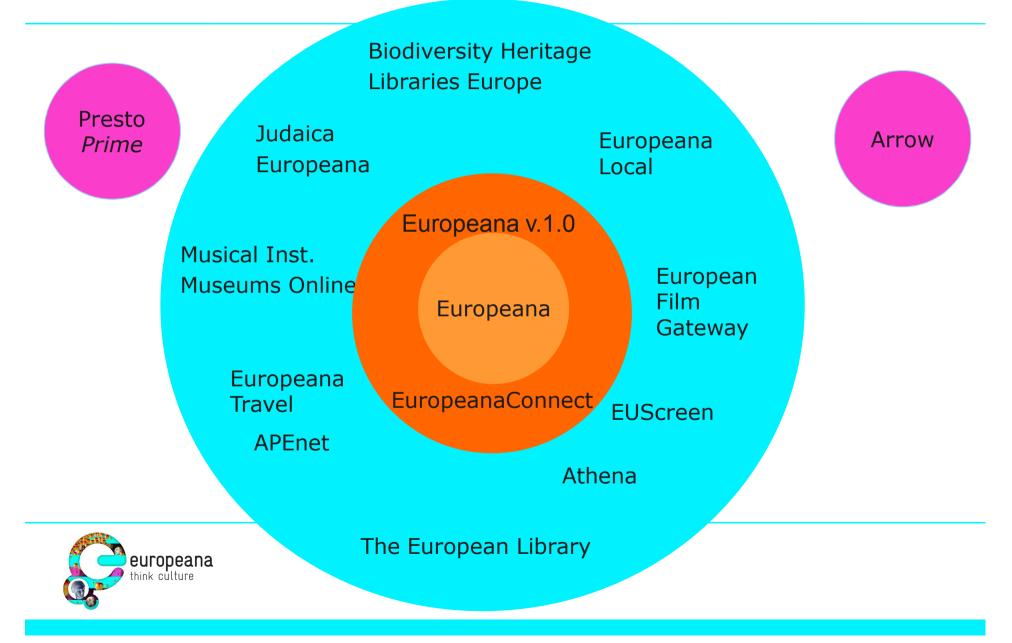
- To create an operational service; Europeana.eu,
- To maintain and extend a powerful alliance of stakeholders
- To disseminate the service to end-users

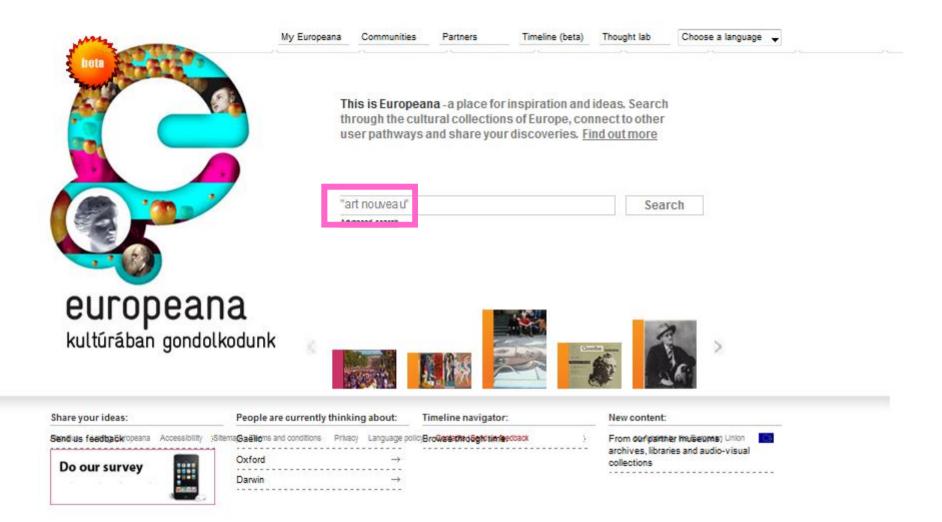
Content objectives Europeana

- 10 million items for Rhine release
- Representation of National and European culture by all European countries
- Representation of all domains and types of content



Europeana Group of Projects





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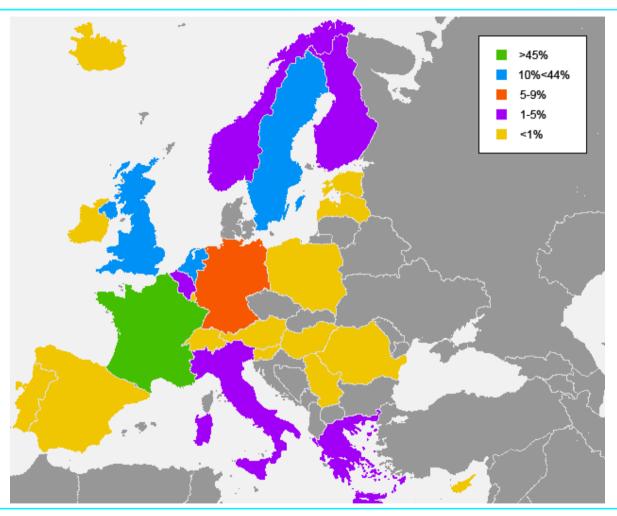
Content

- Content at launch: 4.7 million items from every domain, every EU member
- 3,500,000 images: photos, paintings, drawings, postcards, posters
- 1,000,000 texts: books, newspaper articles, manuscripts, letters
- 82,000 videos: movies, documentaries, TV broadcasts, public information films
- 14,000 sounds: cylinders, 78rpm discs, radio, field recordings





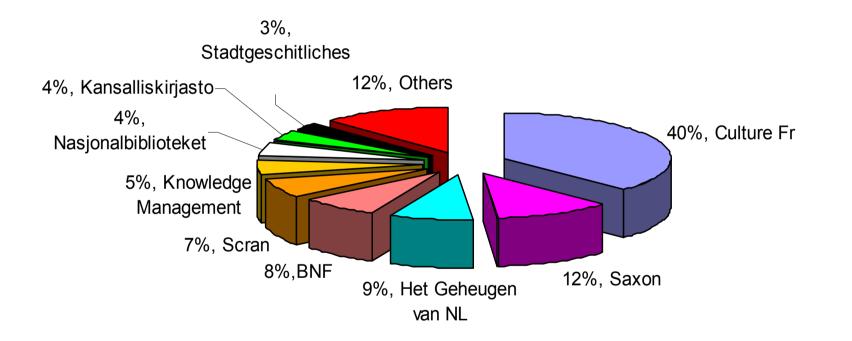
Spread by country





82% of the content comes from 4 countries

Spread by provider





70% of the content comes from 4 providers

Content Strategy

- Promotion and support of aggregators
- Collaboration between all Europeana related projects
- Even representation of all European Countries & Cultures
- Increase diversity of types of Content
- Development of relevant themes of content available

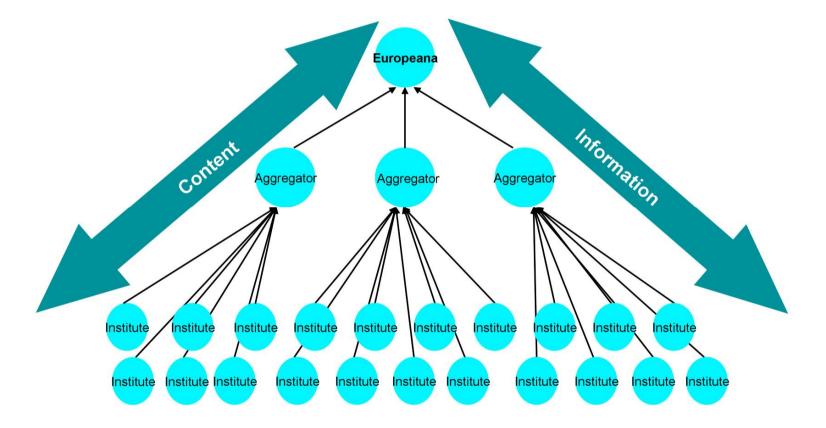


The role of Aggregators

- Business Process
 - Content Aggregation & Ingestion Process
- Organisational Model
 - Information flow and expertise
- Financial Sustainability
 - Broader support & keeping Europeana office small
- End-users
 - creating a virtuous cricle



Content & Information flow





Activities to promote Aggregation

- Establishement of CCPA & Aggregators Group
- Aggregator Survey
- Aggregator Handbook
- Training
- Developing business models and assessment of cultural and economic impact of aggregators
- Europeana Content Checker
- Europeana source code
- Identifying potential new aggregators



Representation of countries

Tier 1 – High Priority <1% content in Europeana

Austria Bulgaria Cyprus **Czech Republic** Denmark Estonia Hungary Iceland Ireland Latvia Lithuania Luxembourg Malta Poland Portugal Romania Serbia Slovakia Slovenia Spain Switzerland

- Identification of potential collections and institutions
- Proactive approach of Member States and institutions
- Intensive technical and organisational support for content providers
- Prioritisation of content partners from tier 1 in all projects
- Intensive technical and organisational support for potential aggregators



Content from Poland

- At the moment 18,000 items = 0.4%
- +350,000 items from EuropeanaLocal = 7%
- More items to come from EuropeanaLocal and Athena
- Aim for Summer 2010
- 7% of total content = 700,000

Join a local or regional aggregator, help us build the Polish content in Europeana



GP1 GP2 Why joining Europeana?

- Prestigious initiative
 - Endorsement from European Commission
 - Erasmus Award 2009
- Knowledge exchange with professional network
 - Metadata standards
 - Best practices
 - Technological innovation
- Popularity among users
 - User survey results:
 - Loyal user base (60% of respondents visiting the site more than 5 times);
 - > Overall positive ratings for Europeana features and functions





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Why joining Europeana?

- Reaching out to users
 - Remain relevant
 - Put content where people are
 - Open up your marvelous collections
- Content remains within your organisation
- Increase traffic to your site
 - User interest in viewing items in original context
 - 75% of Europeana user survey respondents thought it very useful to view the searched object in its original context.





Questions?

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