



EuropeanaConnect Fact Sheet

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EuropeanaConnect is a key project of Europeana, the European digital portal providing user-friendly access to Europe's cultural heritage.

Key data

- **Co-ordination:** Austrian National Library
- **Project partners:** 30 institutions from 14 countries
- **Duration:** May 2009 – October 2011 (30 months)

EuropeanaConnect is a Best Practice Network co-funded by the European Commission within the *eContentplus* Programme. The project will deliver essential components enabling Europeana to become a truly interoperable, multilingual and user-friendly service. Users will be able to access millions of images, books, maps, video, historic writings and audio files representing Europe's cultural diversity.

What EuropeanaConnect will do

- **Provide multilingual searching and browsing**
including translation tools and other language resources to enable multilingual searching of objects and data in Europeana.
- **Semantically enrich digital content in Europeana**
creating new connections between objects. Semantic enrichment will make Europeana content more accessible, reusable and exploitable.
- **Develop a spatio-temporal interface**
allowing users to use chronological time as well as geographical space to search or browse the vast Europeana database.
- **Build a Europeana interface for mobile devices**
allowing browsing of Europeana on mobile devices independent of location.
- **Study the behaviour of users of digital libraries**
to understand what users really want from Europeana. Logging tools and methodologies developed by the project will identify additional services required by users.



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- **Integrate multimedia annotation, eBooks-on-demand and GIS information**
allowing tagging of digital books, images and other content. To further enhance Europeana, EuropeanaConnect will integrate geographical information services and will enable the ordering of eBooks-on-demand.
- **Build and validate a set of Europeana rights licenses**
assisting in the selection of the correct licenses for digital content provided to Europeana. EuropeanaConnect will draft an initial Europeana licensing framework.
- **Create an audio-aggregation infrastructure and add music**
harvesting audio from hundreds of audio archives and aggregating 200.000 music files for Europeana. EuropeanaConnect also provides the infrastructure for harvesting, analysis and storage of audio metadata prior to integration into Europeana.
- **Deploy key infrastructure components for Europeana**
including an OAI (Open Archive Initiative) Management Infrastructure to handle large-scale metadata harvesting, a Metadata Registry to ensure interoperability, a Service Registry to enable integration of external added-value services and a Resolution Discovery Service to allow unique resource identification.

Project partners

- Austrian National Library, AT – CO-ORDINATOR
- AIT Applied Information Technology Ltd., AT
- AIT Austrian Institute of Technology GmbH, AT
- Amsterdam University Press, NL
- CELI S.R.L., IT
- EREMO S.R.L., IT
- European Digital Library Foundation, NL
- German National Library, DE
- Goettingen State and University Library, DE
- Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin / Berlin School of Library and Information Science, DE
- Institute for Musicology of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, HU
- Institute of Art of the Polish Academy of Sciences, PL
- Institute of Lithuanian Literature and Folklore, LT
- Instituto Superior Técnico, PT
- KB, National Library of the Netherlands, NL
- KnowledgeLand, NL
- National Library of Luxembourg, LU
- National Library of Portugal, PT
- National Technical University of Athens, GR
- OFFIS Institute for Information Technology, DE
- Rundfunk Berlin-Brandenburg, DE
- Scientific Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts, SI
- The Royal Library, The National Library of Denmark and Copenhagen University Library, DK
- UCL Consultants Ltd, UK
- University of Amsterdam – Institute for Information Law, NL
- University of Innsbruck – University and Regional Library of Tyrol, AT
- University of Padua – Dep. of Information Engineering, IT
- University of Vienna, AT
- VU University Amsterdam, NL
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