From The European Library to The European Digital Library

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Timeline Past to Present

- Started as TEL a project funded by the EU and led by The British Library – now fully operational service
- Owned by CENL, funded solely by the National Libraries, The European Library is live since 17 March 2005
- Digital Collections from 24 National Libraries Austria, Britain, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy-Rome, Italy Florence, Latvia, Lithuania, Netherlands, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland
- 34- end 2007 remaining 9 EU & EFTA National Libraries and the Russian State Library.
- 2008 Adds all the former soviet countries through Swiss Development Agency money and Bulgaria and Romania via TELplus = 44 of 47 national libraries in CENL by end of 2008.

Organisation

CENL

The European Library Management Board

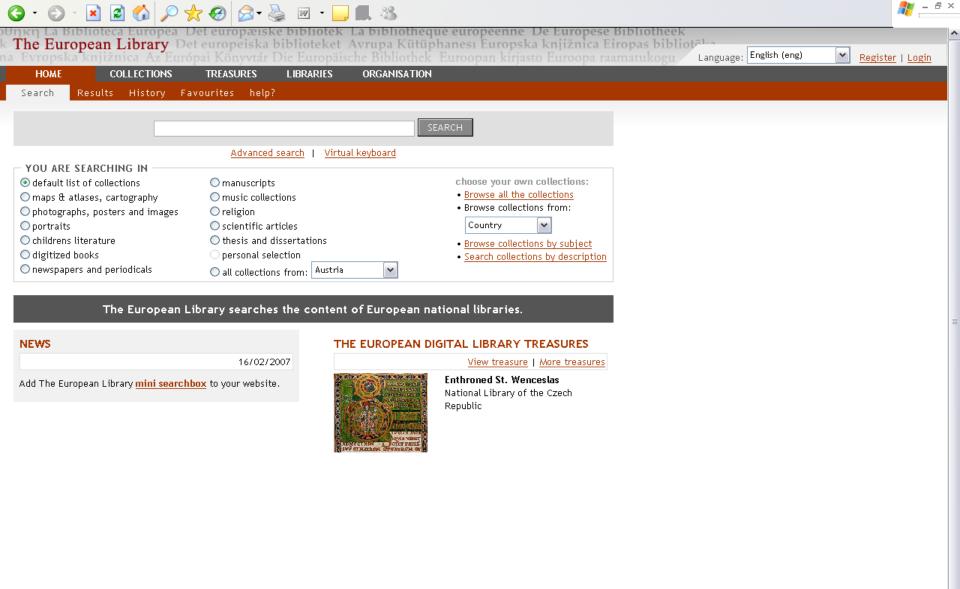


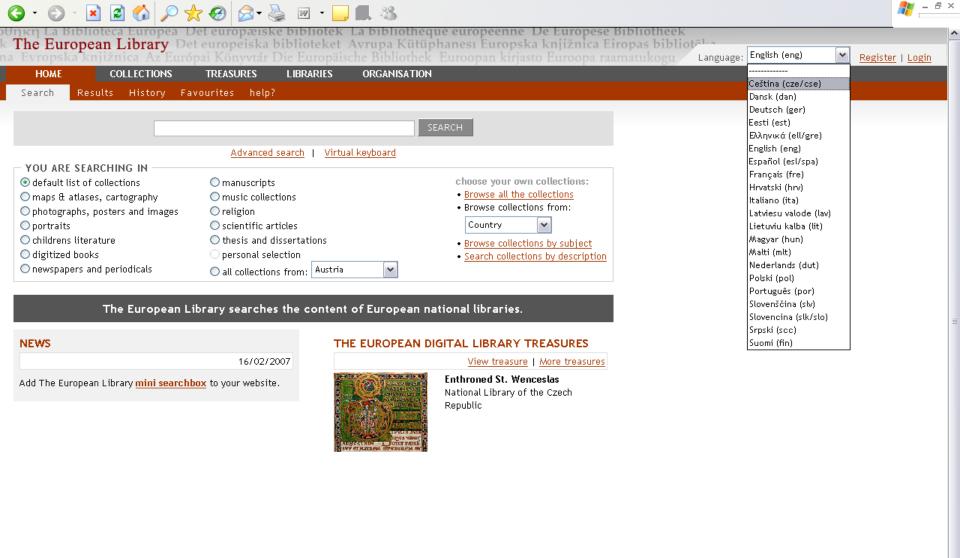
The European Library Executive Group

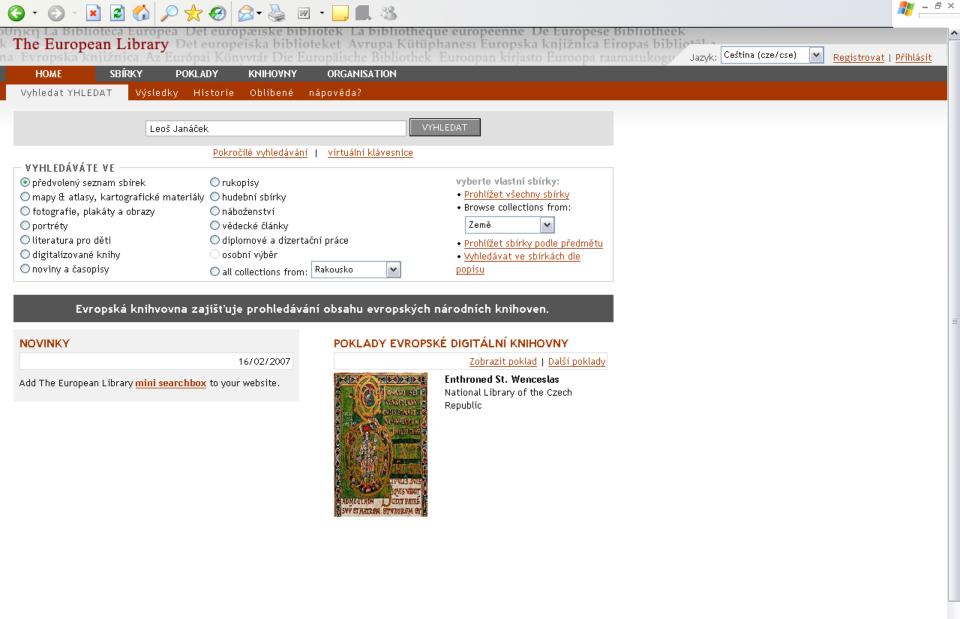


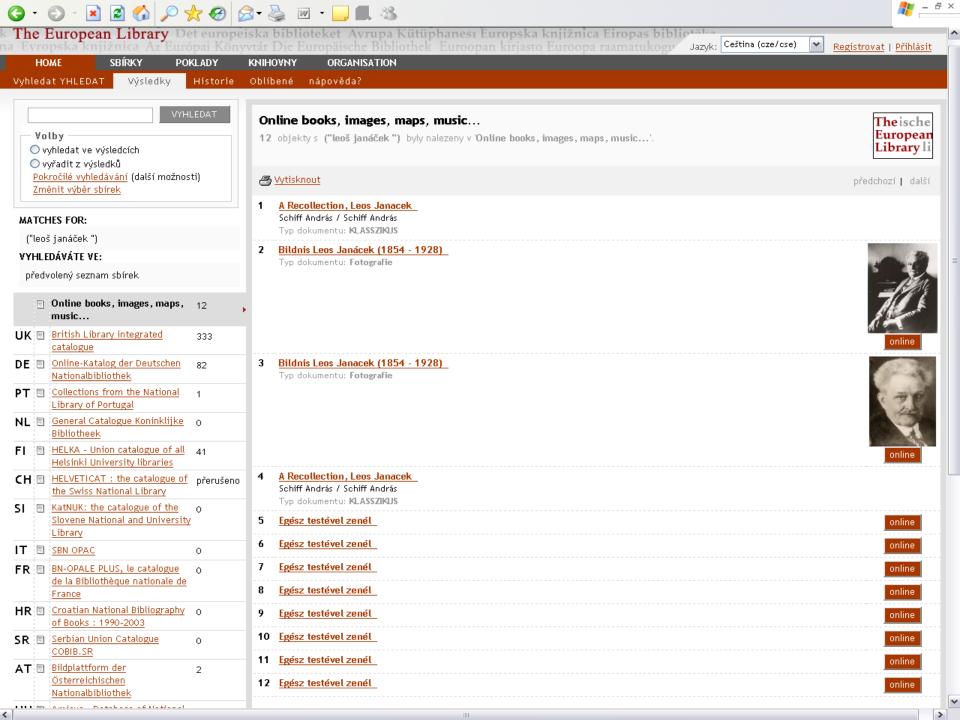
The European Library
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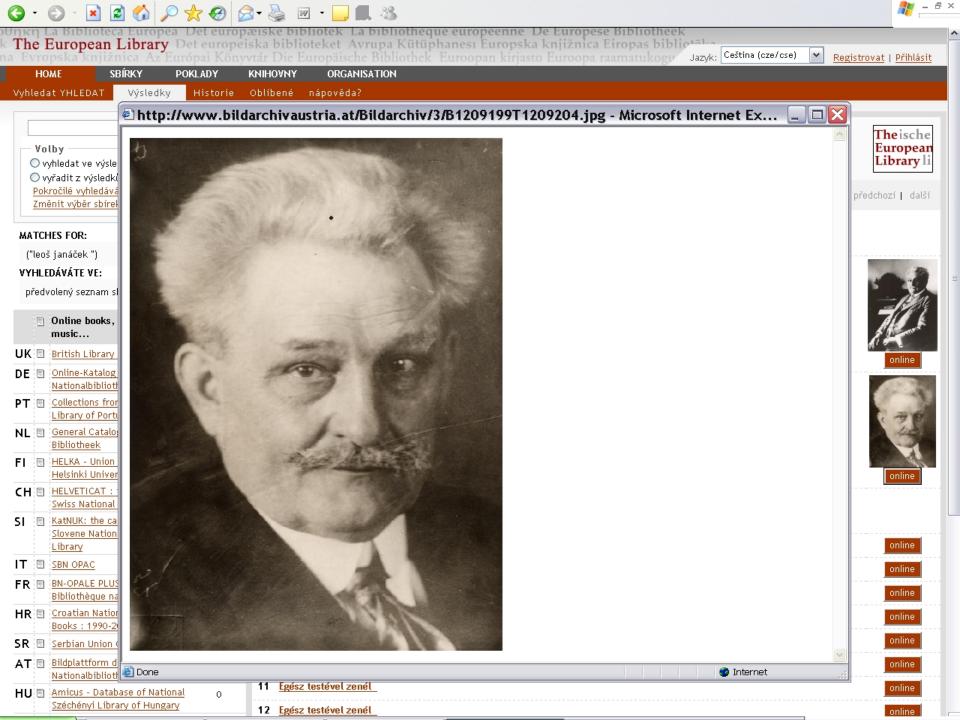




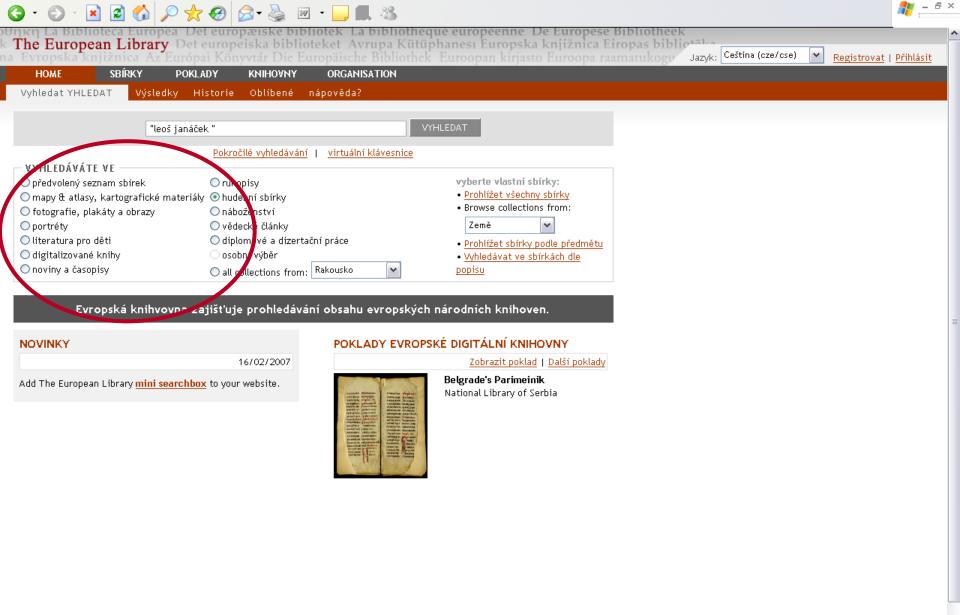


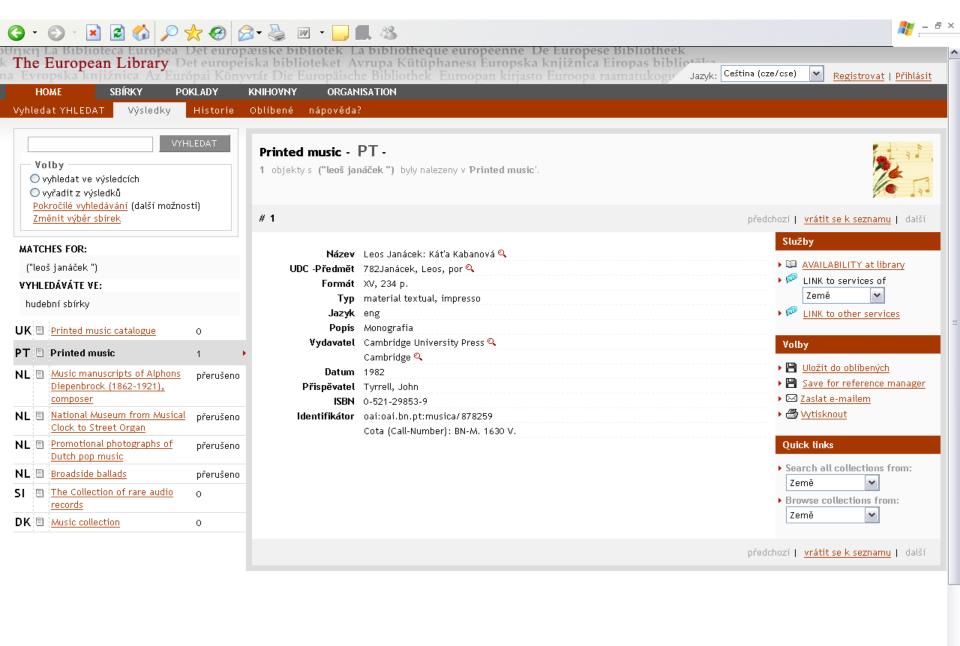




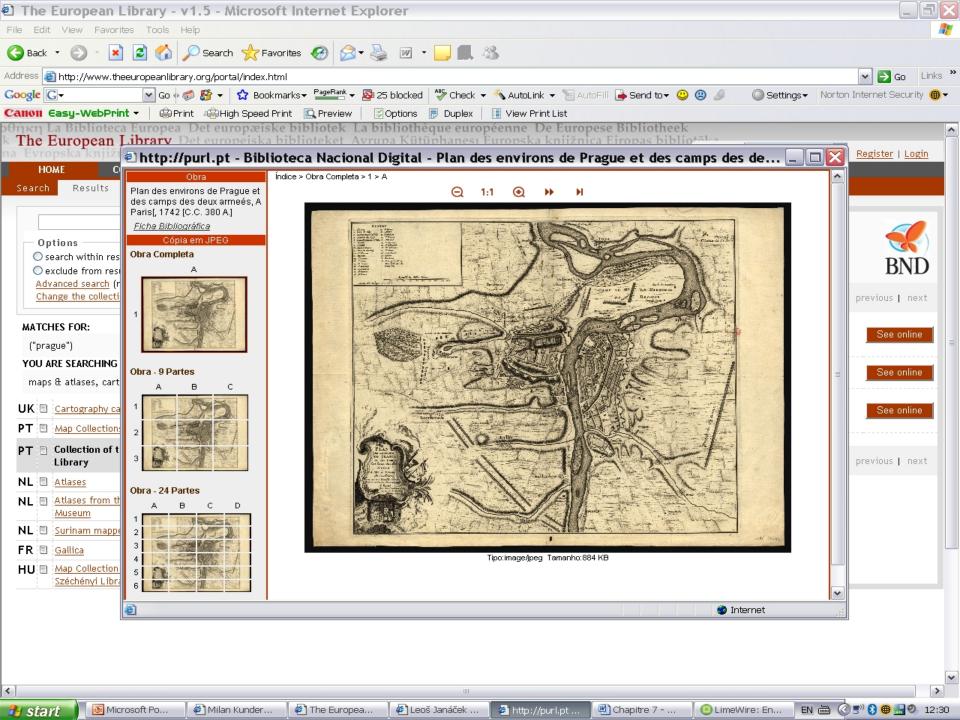


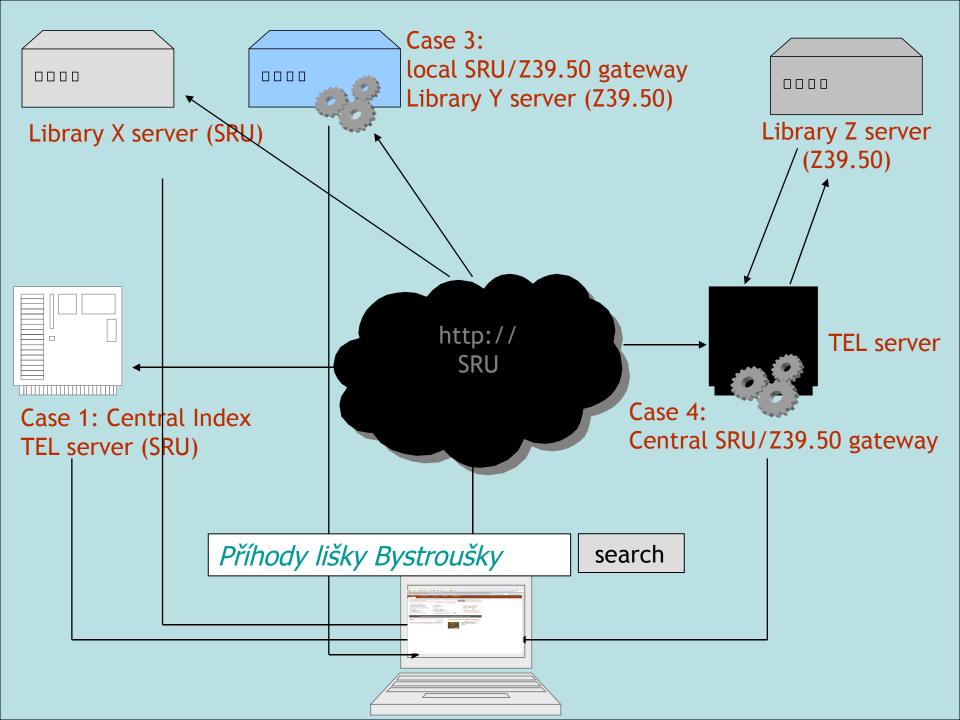


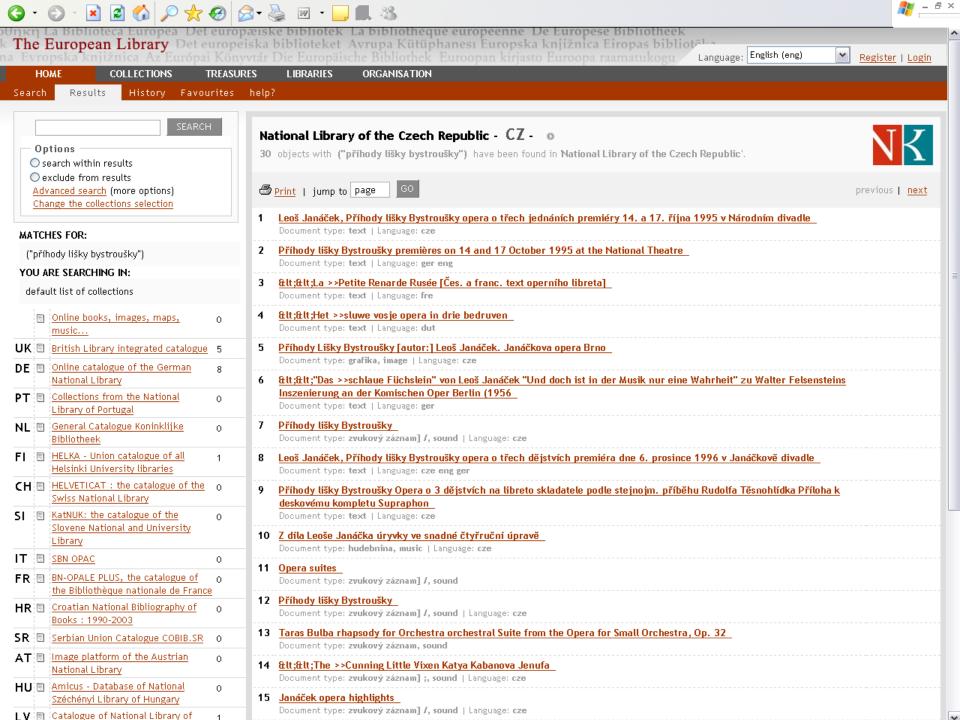


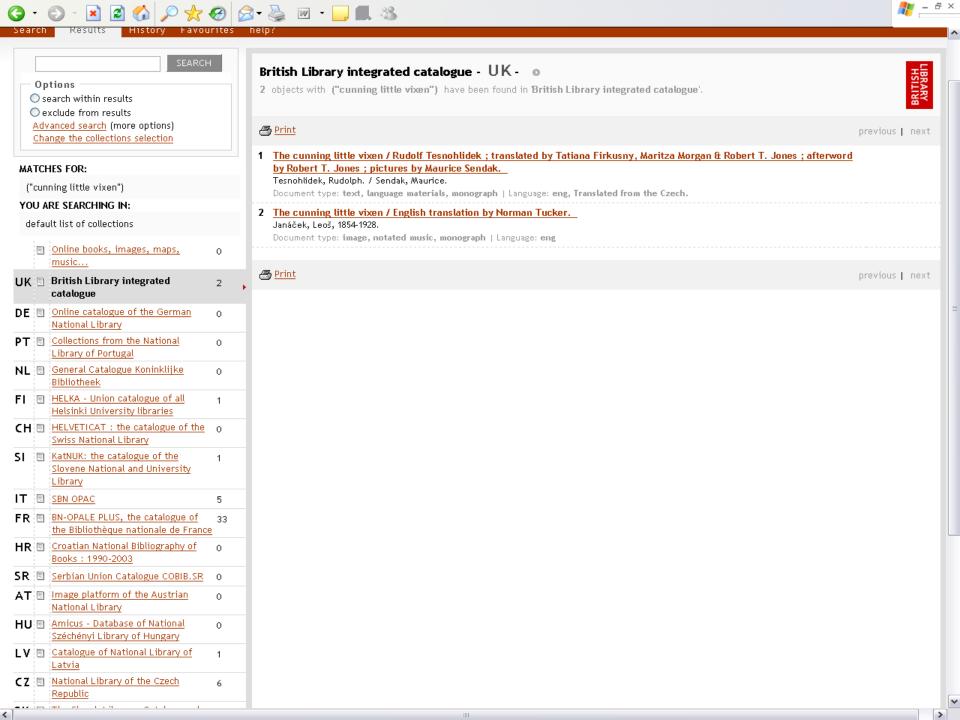


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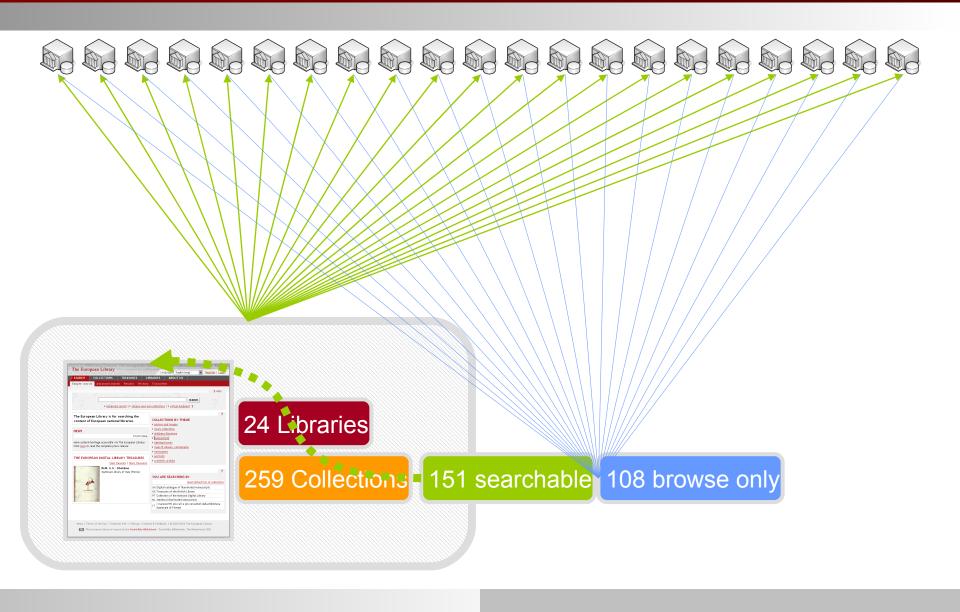


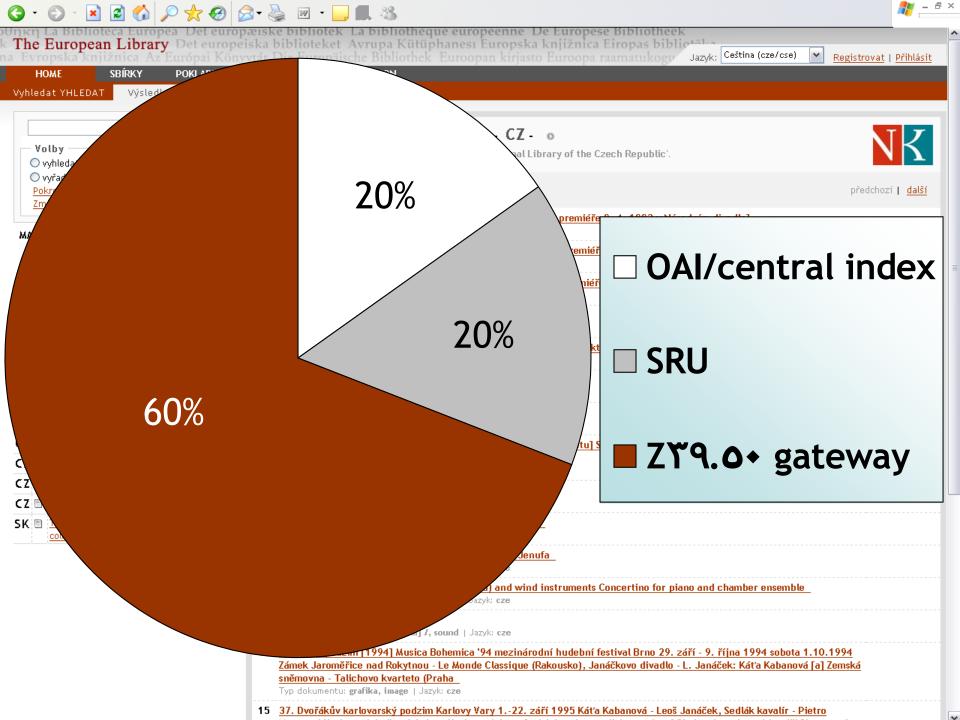




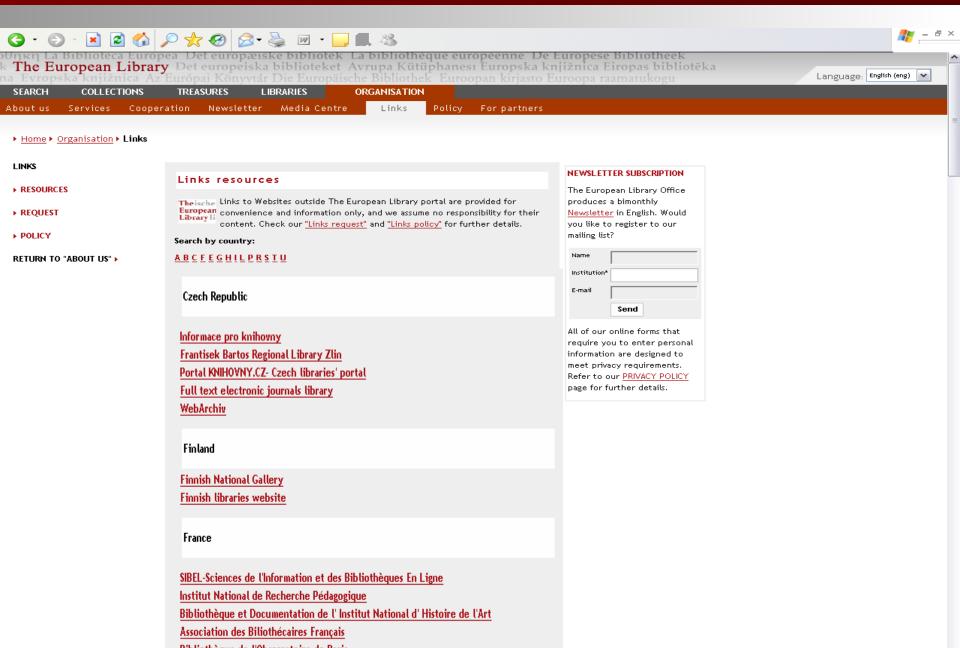


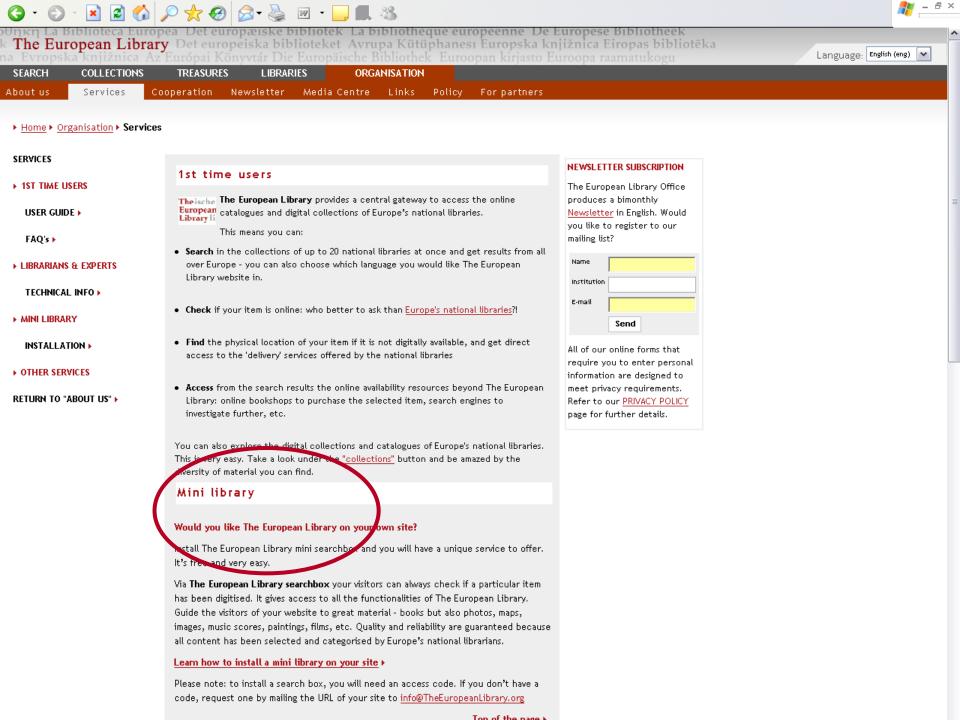
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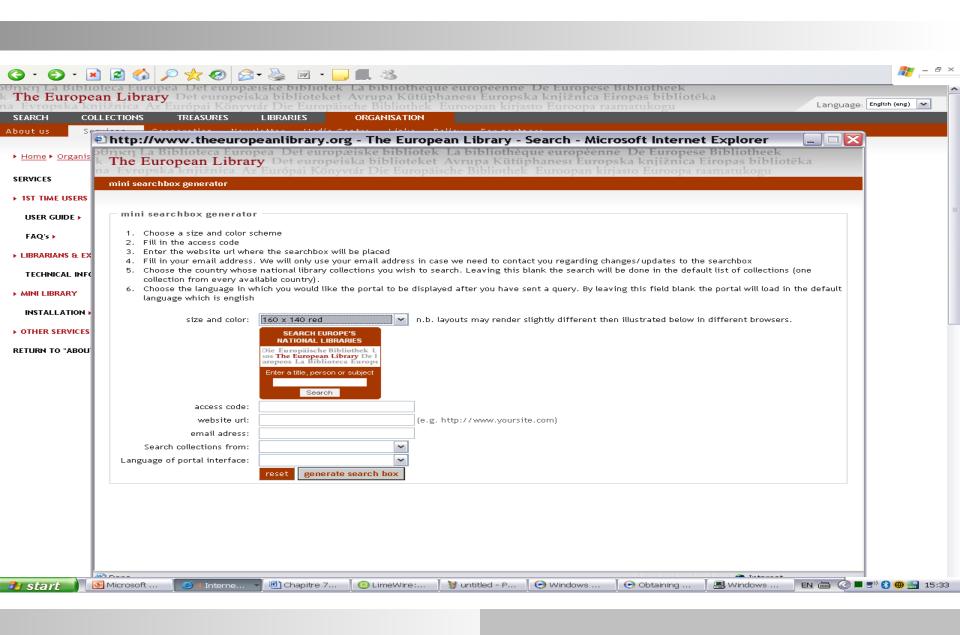


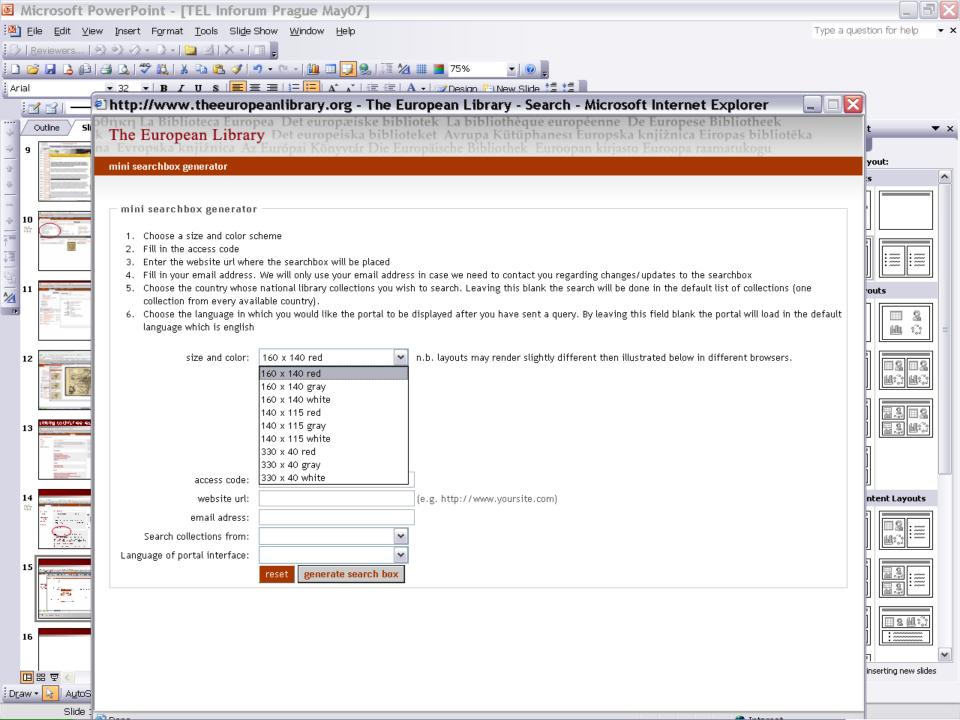


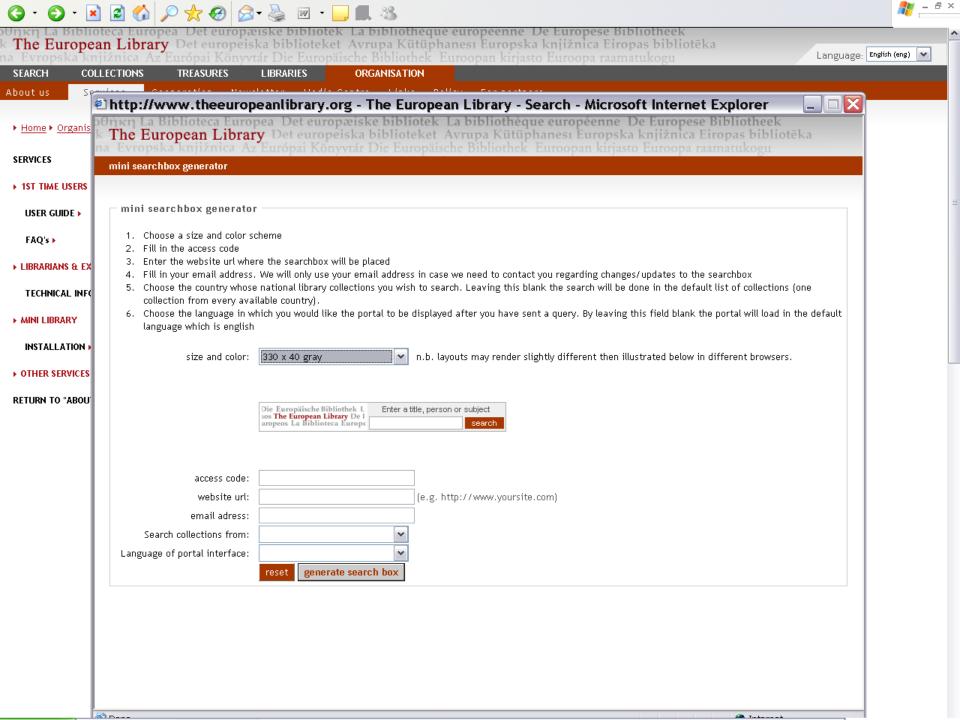
Linking to this free resource











And tomorrow

EU Vision

Access

Across Museums, Archives, Libraries initially – then other data or audio or

visual repositories in the cultural

heritage arena

Digitisation

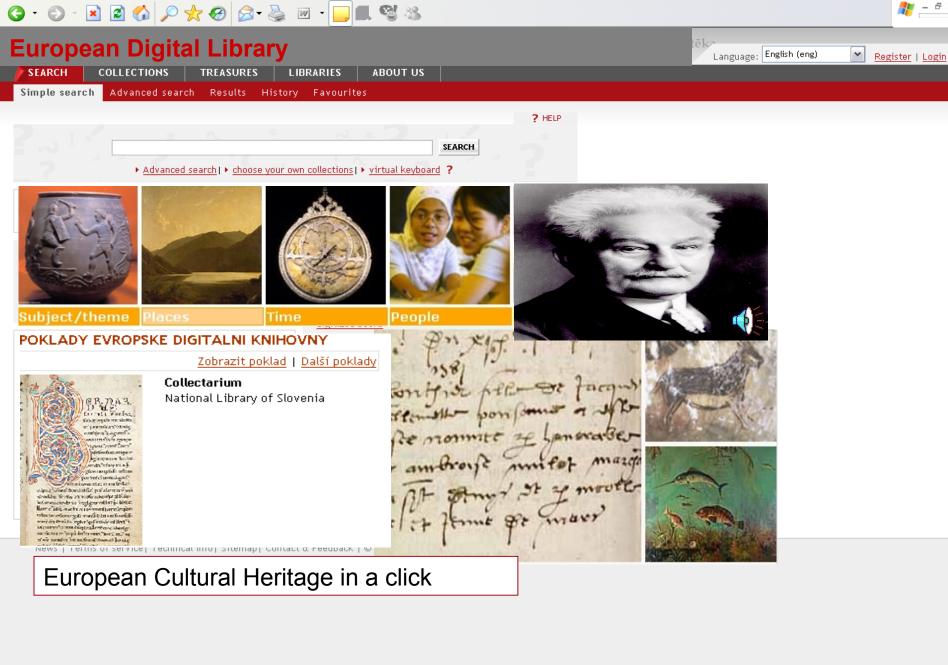
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Preservation

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EU Vision for a European digital library

"A common multilingual access point would make it possible to search Europe's distributed - that is to say, held in different places by different organisations - digital cultural heritage online. Such an access point would increase its visibility and underline common features. The access point should build on existing initiatives such as The European Library (TEL), in which Europe's libraries already cooperate. It should where possible closely associate private holders of rights in cultural material and all interested stakeholders. A strong commitment by the Member states and cultural institutions to arrive at such an access point should be encouraged. European Union Communiqué August 2006







In this timescale

- End 2006 full collaboration among EU national libraries.
- ⇒ From 2007 collaboration to be expanded to archives and museums.
- 2,000,000 books, films, photographs, manuscripts, and other cultural works accessible by 2008
- → At least 6,000,000 works by 2010

Next steps

- **⇒** EDL Foundation
- Thematic Network EDLnet
 - Pioneers, Projects and Prototypes

The EDL Foundation

Purpose:

to provide access to Europe's cultural heritage.

The Foundation will:

- ⇒ facilitate formal agreement across museums, archives, audiovisual archives and libraries on how to cooperate in the delivery and sustainability of a joint portal.
- provide a legal framework for use by the EU for funding purposes and as a springboard for future governance.

The EDL Foundation

Timings

- ⇒ June 29 Small meeting of major European Associations to discuss concept and first draft of statutes for Foundation
- Summer 07 − agreement on statutes and cross domain executive committee
- September 19 Founder Meeting & Proposal for Name
- ⇒ December 07 Legal Foundation in place

EDLnet

- **⇒** Starts June 07
- ⇒ EDL Office, under the KB, in parallel with The European Library
- Thematic Network across 4 domains Museums, Libraries, Archives and Audio-visual Archives
- Creates a coalition of the willing
- Creates Organisational Structure for a European Digital Library
- Tackles domain level interoperability issues
- Delivers prototypes against stakeholder and user requirements

By November 2008!

EDLnet Work Packages

- Human, Political & Intercommunity Interoperability
 - Governance, Organisational Structure, a Roadmap and eventually the Business Model
- Technical & Semantic Interoperability
 - Prototypes of possible architectures, creating solutions for various interoperability issues of access, metadata schemas, language, search and display
- Users for usability
 - Providing recommendations, testing maquette and prototypes with users

EDLnet Online

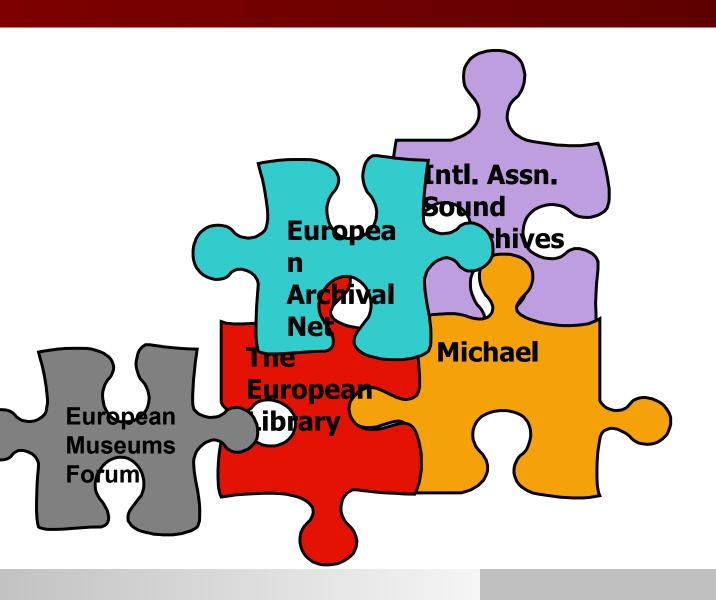
⇒ European Digital Library – 'show & tell' September 2007

www.EuropeanDigitalLibrary.eu

Based on v 1.5 The European Library Different look and feel No Catalogues Access at item level Fully Digitised Material Only Themed Collections

- EDLnet Thematic Network site
- Maquette functionality & features desired by 4 domains and users January 2008
- Prototypes 1+3 April to October 2008

Filling up the jigsaw



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