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# Fostering Open Access usage by creation of the library aggregator for Europeana: project Europeana libraries

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# http://www.europeana-libraries.eu



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Europeana Libraries project. At the top left is the Europeana Libraries logo, which features a stylized 'e' with various historical images inside it. To the right of the logo is the text "europeana libraries". Below this is a navigation menu with the following items: Home, Project Partners, Workplan, Outcomes, Communications Tools (which is highlighted with a dotted border), Newsletter, Contact Us, and Partner Login. Below the navigation menu is a search bar with a "Search" button. The main content area contains a paragraph about the project: "Europeana Libraries is a 2-year project that will put 5 million digitised objects from 19 leading European research libraries online, including books, scientific papers, films and images." This is followed by a list of resources: "Spanish civil war photographs, Ottoman manuscripts and thousands of theses, journals and academic articles are among the digital resources that Europeana Libraries will make freely accessible on The European Library and Europeana websites." Below this is a section titled "The work of Europeana Libraries will:" followed by a bulleted list: "Create a valuable resource for scholars, with full-text search capabilities for written works", "Build a robust network of national, university and research libraries", and "Establish an efficient aggregation model that can be used by research libraries across Europe". At the bottom of the main content area, it says "These 4 organisations form the bedrock of the Europeana Libraries project." Below this text are four logos: the Europeana Foundation logo, the CENL (Foundation Conference of European National Libraries) logo, the logo of the Consortium of European Research Libraries (a tree), and the logo of the Association of European Research Libraries (a blue circle with the word "LIBER" repeated).

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The work of Europeana Libraries will:

- Create a valuable resource for scholars, with full-text search capabilities for written works
- Build a robust network of national, university and research libraries
- Establish an efficient aggregation model that can be used by research libraries across Europe

These 4 organisations form the bedrock of the Europeana Libraries project.

**A Closer Look: Collection of Historical Notices**  
May 12, 2011 12:45 PM

An extraordinary collection of historical notices from the 16th century is being contributed to the Europeana Libraries project from the [Zentralbibliothek Zürich](#).

Between 1560-1587, the Swiss pastor Johann Jakob Wick (1522-1588) assembled a wide variety of historical notices and organized them into 24 volumes. This collection is called Wickiana. The documents are an important source for the period of the Reformation in Switzerland and contain reports about political and religious events such as catastrophes, accidents, crime as well as poems or letters from different authors and creators.

The image shows two examples of more than 1,000 prints, drawings and broadsheets of the collection: The left page tells about the sinking of a big merchant ship near Venice in October, 1583. The right page reports on the wife of Hans Elder, who gave birth to a child with distorted feet and a circular ulcer on its back, the "Monstrosity of the Upper Rhine Valley" (title). After Wick's death, the documents were held by the Grossmünster monastery library. In 1836 they moved to the Zentralbibliothek Zürich.



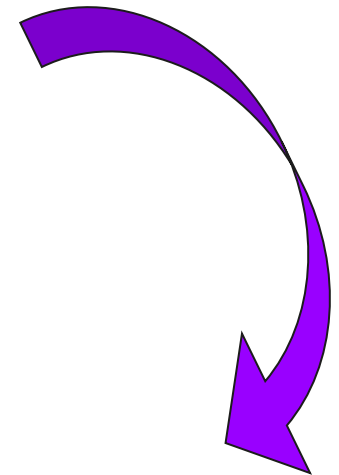
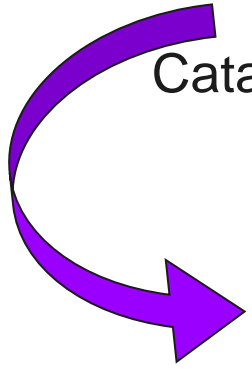
- Supported by key European library associations:
  - **CENL** (Conference of European National Librarians)
  - **CERL** (Consortium of European Research Libraries)
  - **LIBER** (Ligue des Bibliothèques Européennes de Recherche)

- **2-year project** (Jan 2011 – Jan 2013) funded by the European Commission's IST-PSP programme
- Creating **the library aggregator** for Europeana
- Adding **5 million** digital objects from research libraries to Europeana
- **19 research and University libraries** are participating
- A project coordinated by **Koninklijke Bibliotheek** (The national library of The Netherlands )



# The European Library:

Catalogues and digital content from 48 European national libraries

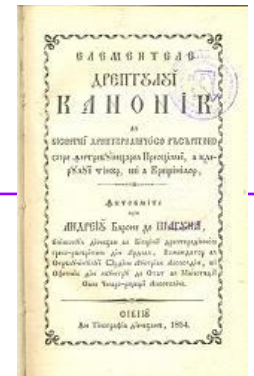


**Europeana:** links to 15 million digital objects texts, sounds, images and video



# How much and what sort of content?

- 3,319,045 pages
- 598,130 books and theses
- 368,000 articles
- 848,078 images
- 1,200 film and video clips
- 34,000 mixed content objects



# Libraries providing content

Bayerische Staatsbibliothek, DE

Universitea Lucien Blaga din Sibiu, RO

Országgyűlés Hivatala , HU

Universitätsbibliothek Bern, CH

Tartu Ulikool, EE

University of Belgrade, RS

Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, BE

Trinity College Dublin, IE

Universität Wien, AT

Llyfrgell Genedlaethol Cymru, UK

Wellcome Library, UK

Universiteit Gent, BE

Lunds Universitet, SE

University College London, UK

Uppsala Universitet, SE

University of Oxford, UK



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Zentralbibliothek Zürich, CH

Biblioteca Academiei Române, RO

Universidad Complutense de Madrid, ES





# 6 work packages

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- WP 1 Project management, coordination and monitoring
- WP 2 Modelling the library landscape.
- WP 3 Aggregating research library content for Europeana
- WP 4 Extending The European Library aggregation Infrastructure
- WP 5 Enhancing searchability of existing library content
- WP 6 Dissemination, communication and promotion



# University library “Svetozar Markovic” from Serbia

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- The only partner from a non-EU country and the SE region of Europe
- Involved in all important aspects of the project



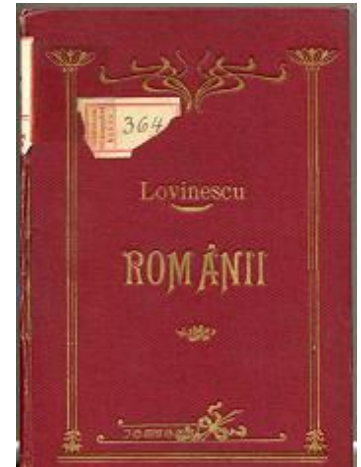
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- Adding two important collections (160.000 pages of old and rare books from the Ottoman collection and collection on Alexander the Great)
- Creating a new metadata model – EDM (Europeana Data Model)



*[Handwritten text in a cursive script, likely from a medieval manuscript. The text is partially obscured and difficult to decipher.]*



**JOGTUDOMÁNY**  
**ÁRMSZELÉSI ÉS DÖNTVÉN**

*[A block of text, likely a historical document or a page from a book, with a decorative border. It contains several columns of text.]*



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- More visibility and accessibility to collections of scientific and cultural institutions in Serbia
- Opportunity to gain valuable experiences and share them with other librarians from the region
- Creating the aggregator for research libraries of Western Balkan countries

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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