



EUROPEANA

connecting cultural heritage

Integrating Europe's
digitised memory

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The 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
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Europeana

- Gives users direct access to the digitised content of Europe's cultural collections
- Public prototype launching in November 2008
 - Over 2 million digitised objects
 - Content that represents all 4 domains
 - Pan-European coverage
 - Multilingual interface
- Access to >6 million objects by 2010

European digital library network

- 2-year thematic partnership: EDLnet
- 90 partners representing:
 - all EU Member States
 - related Commission-funded projects
 - the 4 cultural heritage domains:
 - audio-visual collections
 - archives
 - museums
 - libraries

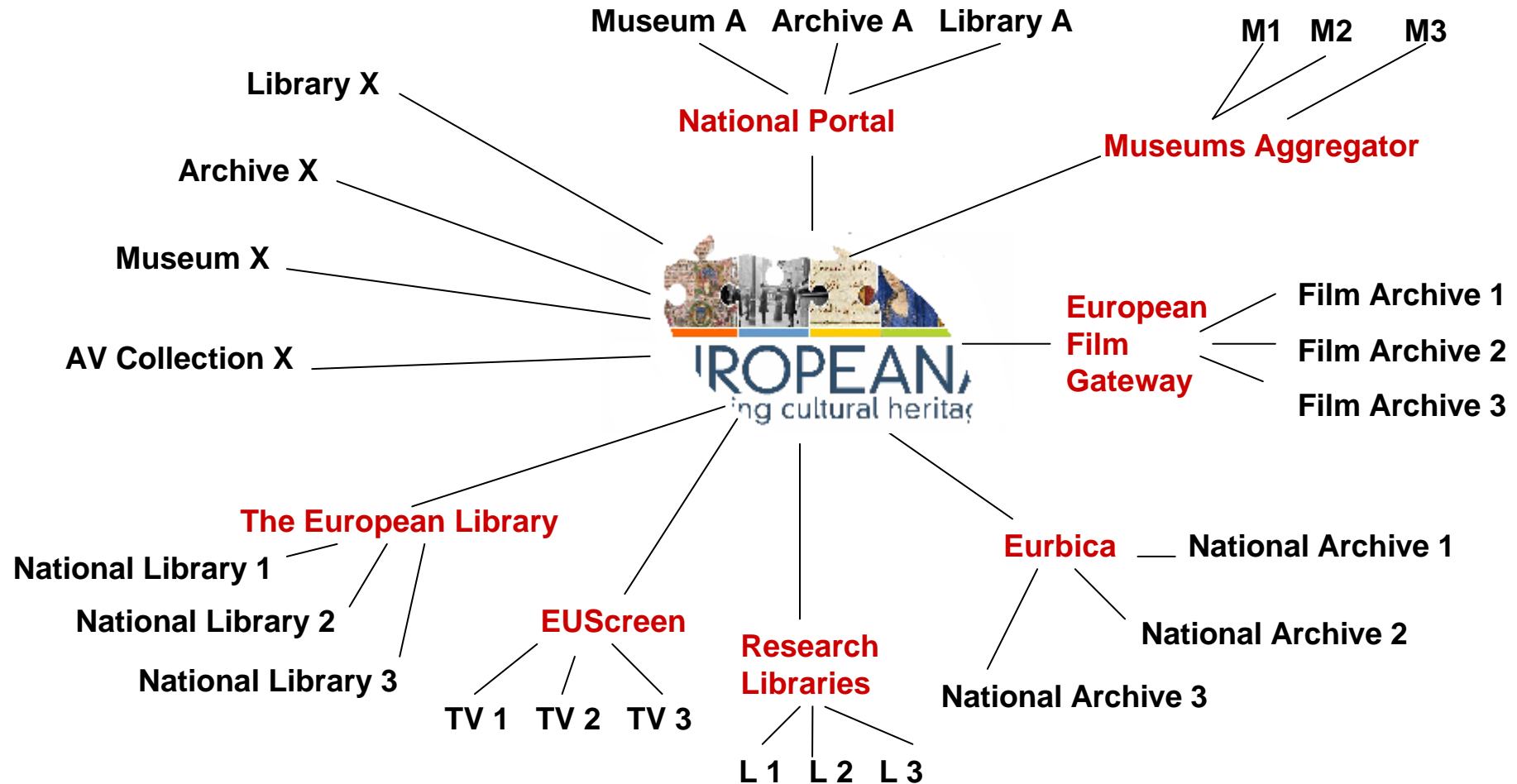
The EDL Foundation

- Membership is open to associations and institutions
- Current members include:
 - **ACE**: Association Cinémathèques Européennes
 - **CENL**: Conference of European National Librarians
 - **CERL**: Consortium of European Research Libraries
 - **EMF**: European Museum Forum
 - **EURBICA**: European Regional Branch of the International Council on Archives
 - **FIAT**: International Federation of Television Archives
 - **IASA**: International Association of Sound Archives
 - **ICOM Europe**: International Council of Museums, Europe
 - **LIBER**: Ligue des Bibliothèques Européennes de Recherche
 - **MICHAEL**: Multilingual Inventory of Cultural Heritage in Europe

The statutes of the Foundation

- To provide access to Europe's cultural and scientific heritage through a cross-domain portal
- To co-operate in the delivery and sustainability of the joint portal
- To stimulate initiatives to bring together existing digital content
- To support digitisation of Europe's cultural and scientific heritage

Contents from aggregators





Member States can directly support the development of Europeana. This support ranges from urging museums, archives and libraries to become participants... to setting up national portals whose content can be harvested by Europeana. Government departments... can also directly sponsor the activities of the EDL Foundation as ‘Associated Participants’

The Commission is committed to continuing its support for projects that will improve the availability of content from all the different institutions and the quality of services in Europeana

Henk Jan

Forthcoming projects

- Starting in September 2008
 - European Film Gateway
- Current eContent*plus* 2008 submissions
 - Europeana Movies
 - EU Screen
 - Presto Prime
- Projects that will improve the interoperability of digitised collections held by museums, AV collections, archives and libraries
- Make them accessible through Europeana
- Digitise complementary content

Europeana conference

‘Users expect the interoperable’

- 23 & 24 June, The Hague
- Keynote speaker: Daniel Teruggi, Institut National d’Audiovisuel
- Speakers from archives and museums focusing on practical examples of interoperability
- Preview of Europeana Prototype1

Welcome to Europe's digital library, museum and archive

Europeana will launch in **November 2008**, bringing you digitised books, films, paintings, newspapers, sounds and archives from **Europe's greatest collections**

[explore demo version](#)

The Boots video a quick intro to Europeana

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To provide content

Organisations that want to provide content to Europeana can go to our [content providers' page](#)

News and events

- [Preview of Europeana.eu prototype1](#) at the conference [Users expect the interoperable](#)
23/24 June 2008, Koninklijke Bibliotheek, The Hague
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- [Associateship for Ministries](#)

Europeana eNews

The Europeana prototype will launch in **November 2008**, linking you to 2 million digital treasures.

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