

# European Digital Library CENL, EDL & EDLnet

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# Conference of European National Librarians (CENL)

- Independent Federation of Directors of European National Libraries
- 47 Libraries from 45 Member States of the European Council
- Founded in 1987
- Foundation under Dutch law since 1999



- INGO (International Non Governmental Organizations of the Council of Europe) since 2006
- Creation of The European Library with EC help beginning in 2001
- From 2004: The European Library has been supported, used and developed by a growing number of members of CENL

#### TEL Timeline Past to Present

- The European Library started as an EU funded project, led by The British Library - now fully operational service
- Owned by CENL, funded solely by the National Libraries, The European Library has been live since 17 March 2005
- Digital Collections from 32 National Libraries Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy-Florence, Italy-Rome, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Russia-Moscow, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, UK
- 2008 Adds the remaining Eastern European countries through Swiss Development Agency money and Bulgaria and Romania via TELplus
- Russia St Petersburg and Turkey have also said they wish to join = 46 of 47 national libraries in CENL by end of 2008.

# The Role of CENL

# CENL

The European Library
Management Board

The European Library

**Executive Group** 

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The European Library
OFFICE

Contacts Working Group

Editorial Working Group

Language Working Group

Technical
Working Group



#### 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."

#### With these goals

- ✓ 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



#### Purpose:

 to provide cross-domain access to Europe's cultural heritage.

#### So the Foundation will:

- facilitate formal agreement across museums, archives, audio-visual 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.



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Intl. Fed. of Television Archives

International Council of Museums Europe

Consortium of European Research Libraries

Association Cinémathèques Europeennes

European Museums Forum

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**EMF** Conference of European National Librarians Ligue des Bibliothèques Européennes de Recherche Multilingual Inventory of Cultural Heritage in **MICHAEL** Europe National Library of The Netherlands KB

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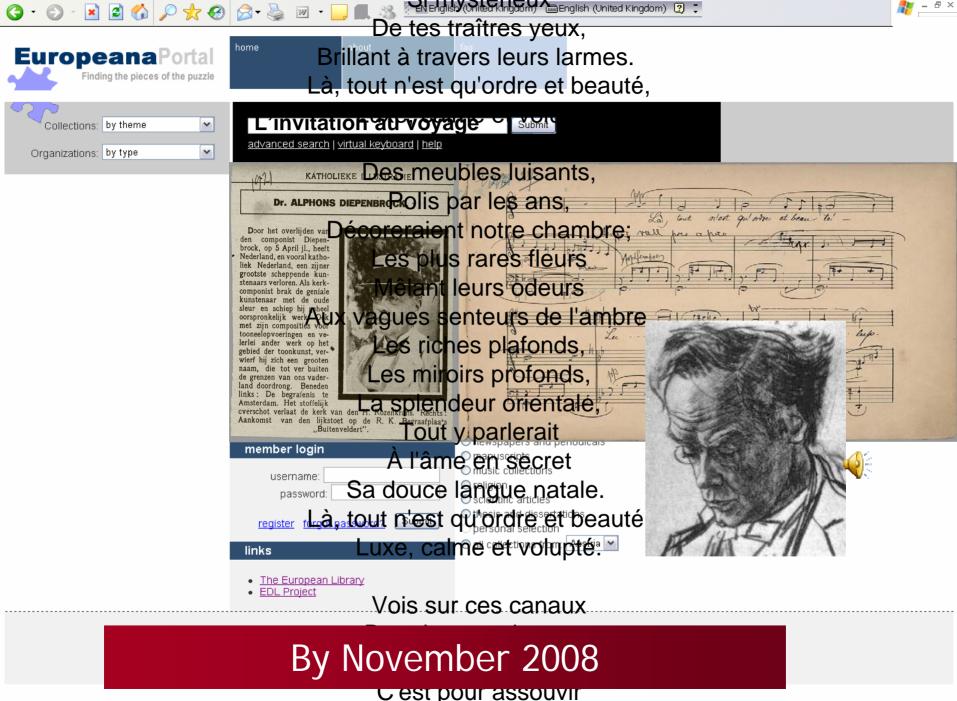
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#### **Timeline to date**

- June 29 Small meeting of major European Associations to discuss concept and first draft of statutes for Foundation
- Summer 07 Agreement on Articles for Foundation
- Sept.12 Founder Meeting and nominations for Executive Committee
- Oct.07 Legal Foundation in place
- Next Board Meeting November 07, Brussels



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#### EDLnet - An inter domain network

- To establish trust between the institutions
  - Thematic Network Partner Group
  - EDL Foundation
  - Propose a practical implementation of the European Digital Library. A user defined prototype
  - To make recommendations for future research to continue to ensure access to the digital heritage of Europe. \*\*

#### Demand not supply

For the users it is not important whether the sources of knowledge and experience are kept by archives, libraries or museums, but to get access to the sources they want, and to be able to use these sources across types of sources and sectors of institutions.

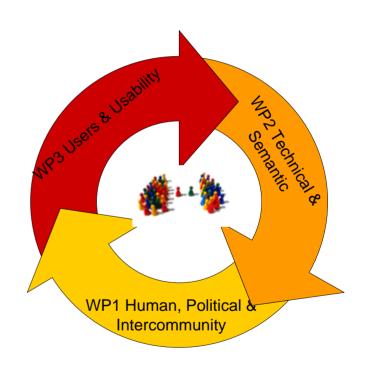


#### **Users First**

WP3 – Users for Usability
User requirements for Maquette
User testing – focus groups, surveys
Prototype 1-3– user testing, mouse
click registration, logfile analysis

WP2- Technical & Semantic Interoperability
Access, metadata schemas, language, search and display solutions

WP1 Human, Political & Intercommunity
Governance
Organisational Structure
Roadmap
Business Model



#### Content and a user site







**Archives** 

**Audio-Visual Archives** 

Libraries

Museums



Unicode, Metadata, Harvesting



Proviso's: Copyright Multilingual Access

# Stakeholder Integration



Thematic Network Partner Group delivers Content from small and large across 27 countries

EDL Foundation partner in several current eContentPlus proposals:

Apenet Archives

Arrow Rights Management Libraries & Publishers

Athena Museums

- EDLlocal Local & Regional Museums, Libraries, Archives

– EFG Film

#### With requests for the next round from:

- Art & Architecture
- Video
- Natural History



#### The roadmap to a European Digital Library

- EDLnet start July 2007
- EDL Foundation set up Sept.07
- EDLnet Thematic Partner site Sept 07
- EDLnet Thematic Partner Kick Off Sept.07
- www.European Digital Library.eu Sept. 07
- Project plan outline Sept. 07
- Work Group meetings
  - WP3 User requirements end Oct 07
  - WP1 Content Themes end of Nov 07
  - WP4 Tender for Website Design end of Oct 07
  - WP1 & 3 Maquette Requirements beg. Dec 07
  - WP1 Name chosen Dec 07
- EDL Maquette Jan. 08
- User testing of Maquette Feb-Mar 08
- Prototypes 1 & 2 for User Tests Apr. to Aug. 08
- Final Prototype November 2008

# Thank You

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