



## Data interoperability in cultural heritage: the Europeana approach

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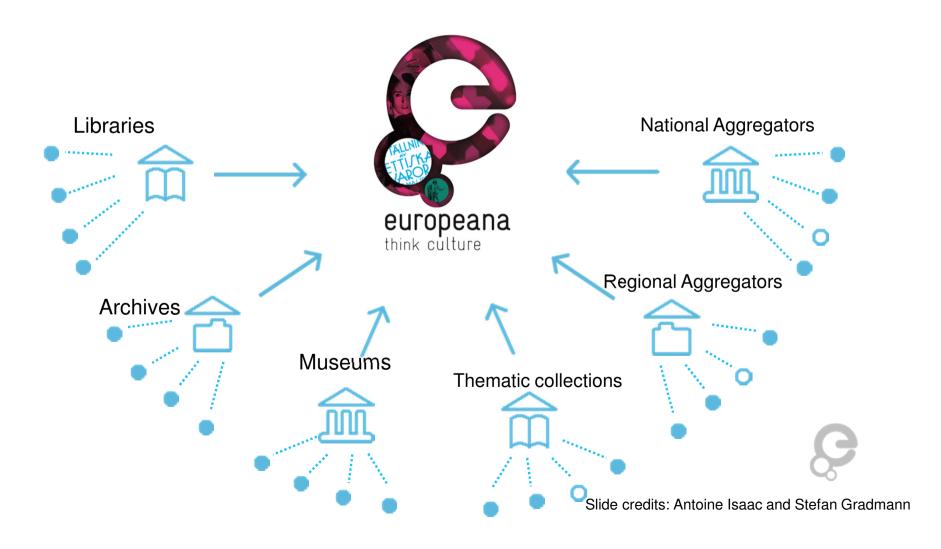
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### **Presentation outline**

- Introduction to Europeana
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  - The network
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- Metadata interoperability in Europeana
  - Europeana Data Model (EDM)
- Ongoing projects with the research community Digital Humanities
  - Europeana Cloud
  - CENDARI
  - DM2E

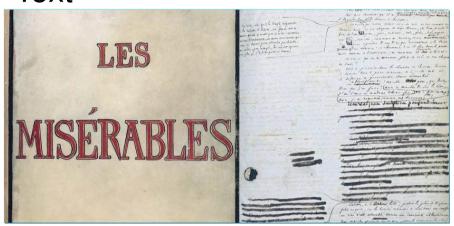
## Europeana.eu, Europe's cultural heritage portal

29M objects from 2,200 European galleries, museums, archives and libraries



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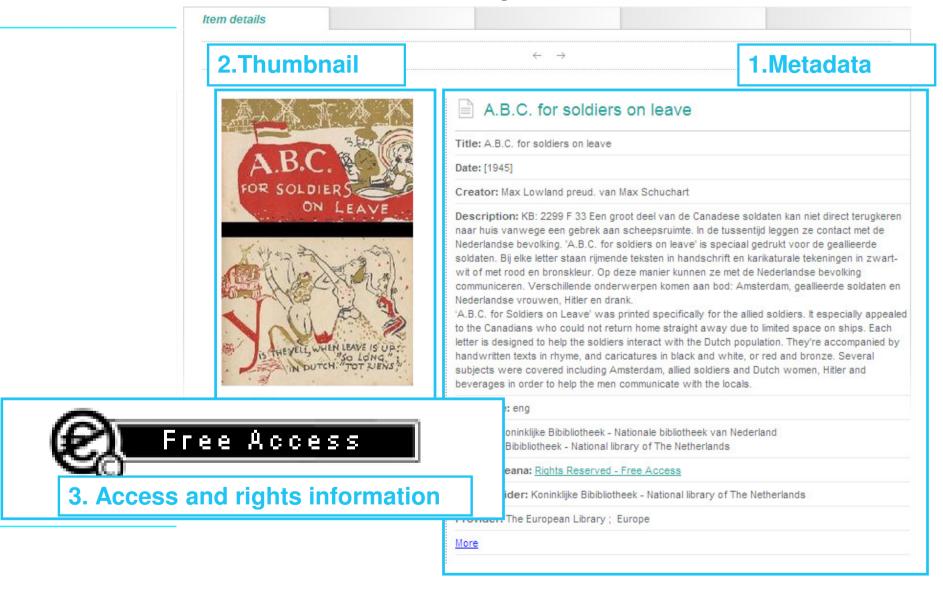
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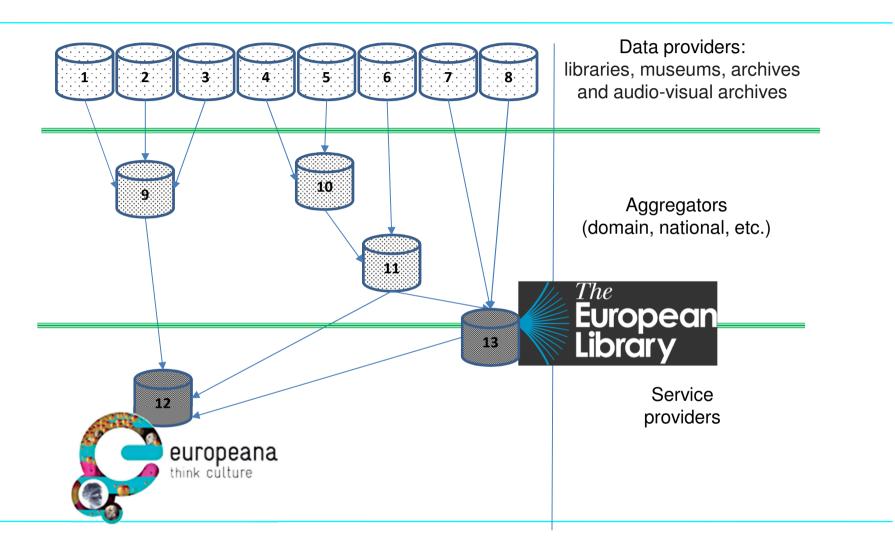
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### What data is submitted to Europeana?



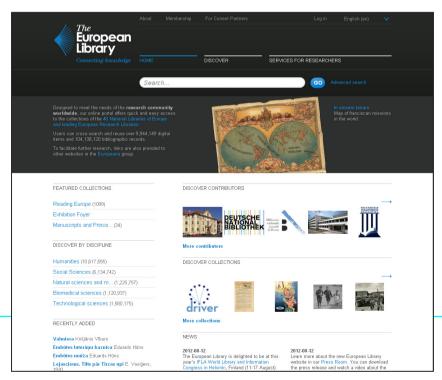
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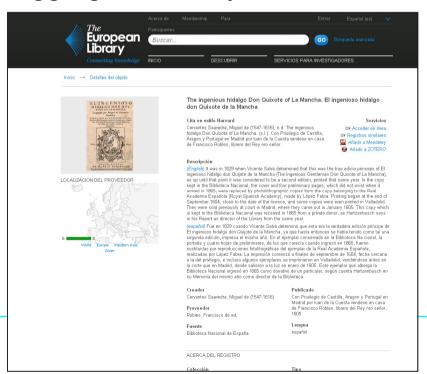


## The European Library



- The European Library provides access to research materials from of Europe's national and research libraries
  - Its most visible service is a portal
  - Provides data services based on aggregated library resources





http://www.theeuropeanlibrary.org

## The European Library



- The European Library's main activities
  - Provision of access to research materials from national and research libraries
    - Providing a portal, an API, and linked open data
  - Library domain aggregator for Europeana
  - Provision of services based on exploiting the centralization of pan-European bibliographic data and digital content
    - Promoting the re-use of these digital resources in many contexts

## Resources Aggregated by The European Library



- Bibliographic data:
  - National bibliographies
    - Comprehensive databases of all publications in a country
  - Research collections from national and research libraries
    - Research materials such as letters from prominent thinkers, historical pamphlets, photographs, manuscripts, etc.
    - May refer to digital and non-digital materials
  - Traditional library catalogues
  - Open access research publications
  - A total of 200 million resources

## **Metadata in the Europeana Context**

- Provides a portal for users to access that data
  - Metadata, previews and links to source
- Makes the metadata freely available for anyone to re-use
  - Under Creative Commons Zero (CC0) -public domain dedication
- Makes metadata available via an API
- Makes metadata available as Linked Open Data
  - http://data.europeana.eu/



## **Europeana Data Model: a Collaborative Effort**

Cross-community development

- Involving library, archive and museum experts
- Ca. 60 participants

http://pro.europeana.eu/edm-documentation

## Europeana Data Model: general principles

- A cross domain approach
  - Supporting the common semantics of cultural domains
  - Addressing the requirements of the Europeana portal
- Adheres to the modeling principles of the Web of Data
- Available as an OWL ontology and XML schema
- Allows finer-grained models of the different domains to be at least partly interoperable at the semantic level
- Allows metadata to retain their original expressivity and richness

## EDM: an example





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View item at Cité de la musique ☑



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#### Clavecin

**Description:** 2 claviers : C / E à C"", 45 notes \* 3 rangs de Cordes : 2 x 8" + 1 x 4" \* Table en épicéa (?) \* T \* Collection Geneviève

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Cristofori

Coverage: http://sws.geonames.org/3176959/

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Identifier: #CM:0161930

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Provider: MIMO - Musical Instrument Museums Online

Providing country: MUL

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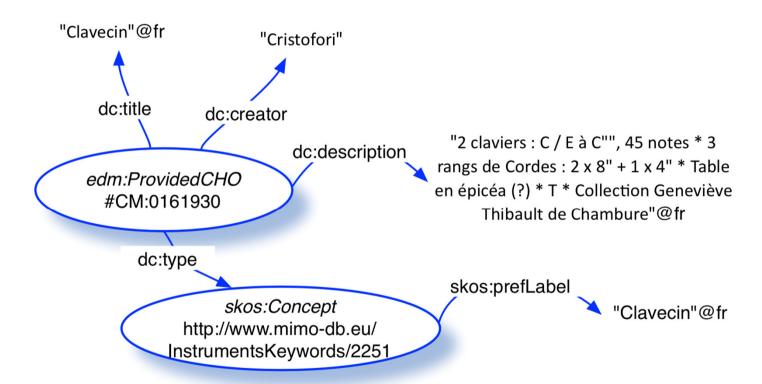
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## Provided Cultural Heritage Object (CHO) and descriptive metadata





## Web Resources – digital representations



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### **Contextual Resources – Places**

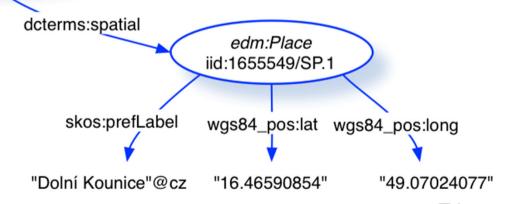
#### Dolní Kounice

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

**Dolní Kounice** (Czech pronunciation: ['dolniː 'kounɪtsɛ]; German: Kanitz) is a small town in the South Moravian Region of the Czech Republic. It has around 2,400 inhabitants.



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## **EDM** is based on existing ontologies

- OAI-ORE (Open Archives Initiative Object Reuse & Exchange): organizing an object's metadata and digital representation(s)
- Dublin Core : descriptive metadata
- SKOS (Simple Knowledge Organization System): conceptual vocabulary representation
- CIDOC-CRM: event and relationships between objects







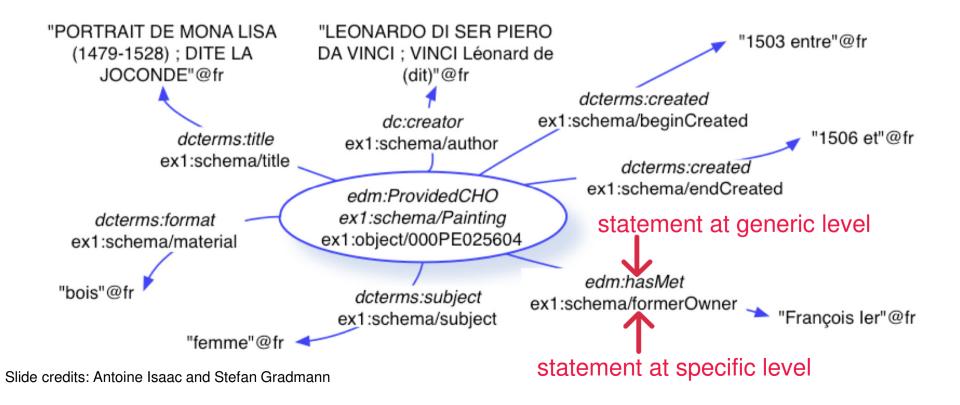




## Allowing different semantic grains

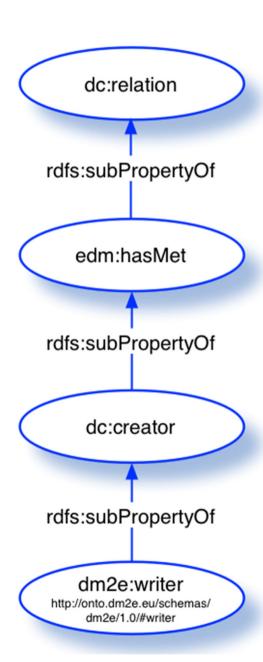
### The theory:

- Providers provide data close to original models
- Using mappings to more interoperable level



## Different semantic grains

- EDM uses specialization of classes and properties.
- It will enable the definition of extensions, "applications profiles" answering to the need of specific communities.



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## A Collaborative Effort (2)

EDM makes Europeana ready to ingest metadata that is closer to specific community concerns

But still mapped to common elements

Europeana & partners can develop EDM "profiles" upon which everyone could build specific functionality

Based on best practices from sector or domain level



## Projects Towards Enabling the Use of Cultural Heritage Objects for Digital Humanities

- Europena Cloud
  - http://pro.europeana.eu/web/europeana-cloud
- CENDARI
  Collaborative European Digital Archive Infrastructure
  - http://www.cendari.eu/
- DM2E
  Digitised Manuscripts to Europeana
  - http://dm2e.eu/

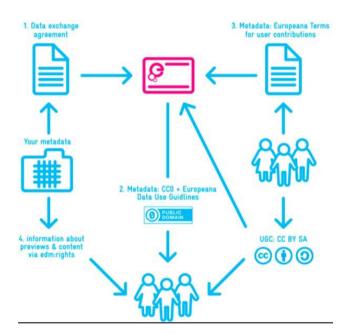


- This project builds up on the Europeana infrastructure to make cultural heritage materials available for research
- It will setup a research infrastructure providing discovery services and tools:
  - A cloud infrastructure for data and contents
  - The licensing framework for reuse of content
  - A new research platform: Europeana Research



## The licensing framework for reuse of content

- The current Europeana Licensing Framework covers only metadata and a simple license for content
  - It is being extended to be able to deal with content in a finer way
- The Europeana Content Re-Use Framework will be supported by technical specifications
  - Allowing machine readable transfer of rights data.





A new research platform: Europeana Research

- A research platform will be created by extending the currently existing portal of The European Library
- The project will analyse how academic users work with data and how they perceive the value of the content in Europeana
- To be carried out jointly with:
  - DARIAH Network of arts and humanities researchers
  - CESSDA Council of European Social Science Data Archives



A new research platform: Europeana Research

- The project will also address tools for scholars to interact with the content from Europeana Research.
- The areas to be approached are:
  - Accessing and Analysing Data permitting scholars to download, manipulate and analyse data sets.
  - Annotation
     allowing researchers to annotate documents and to share annotations
  - Transcription
     allowing users to transcribe and interpret documents
  - Discovery and Access
     ensuring that research material is discoverable, possibly with
     integration in other research infrastructures in the field of Digital
     Humanities.

## **Collaborative European Digital Archive Infrastructure**



- Will provide access to existing archives and resources in Europe for the study of medieval and modern European history
- Challenges for CENDARI
  - Hidden Collections (Archives and Libraries)
  - Methodologies (Historians)
  - Enquiry Environment (e-Scientists)
  - Connectivity (Project Management)
  - Understanding of Humanities Research Infrastructure (Environment)

# Digitised Manuscripts to Europeana (DM2E)



- WP1: Provide substantial amounts of digital content to Europeana with a focus on digitised manuscripts
- WP3: Explore usage scenarios of EDM metadata together with object data in a specialised RDF graph based platform for humanities research making available specialised visualisation and reasoning environments.
  - Goal: lower the barriers for digital content curation by providing an semantic based environment targeted to digital humanities scholars
- DM2E investigates effective ways to represent in EDM the material being worked on by researchers as well as the provenance of the scholarly annotations they produce.

## Thank you for your attention!

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