

The story of the APE

The APEnet project and
the Archives Portal Europe

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The APEnet consortium

Started out with:

- Archivos Estatales Spain
- National Archives Finland
- Direction des archives France
- Bundesarchiv Germany
- National Archives Malta
- Nationaal Archief Netherlands
- National Archives Poland
- National Archives Portugal
- Riksarkivet Sweden
- State Archives Latvia
- General State Archives Greece
- Archives of the Republic of Slovenia
- European Digital library (Europeana)

All partners (except Europeana)
are National archives or their
representatives at the ministries

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What we set out to do

To build A gateway to Archives and documents in the European Union - the Archives Portal Europe (APE):

- with a user interface
- and
- a content provider interface

A simple and clean objective and a much needed result

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How we organised the work

6 workpackages

WP1: the logical model (standards and structure) Germany

WP2: the physical model (technical development) Spain

WP3: interoperability (with Europeana) The Netherlands

WP4: the content framework (data ingestion tools) France

WP5: dissemination and awareness, Sweden

WP6: project management, Spain

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How we organised the work

Project Coordinator was Archivos Estatales, Spain

Scientific Coordinator (Angelika Menne-Haritz, Bundesarchiv, Berlin)

Technical Coordinator (Wim vanDongen Nationaal Archief Den Haag)

Decisions were made in the General Assembly (GA)

A Project Management Team (PMT) ran the day to day decisions

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Structure of the portal

The user interface is built in three layers:

1. The archival landscape
2. The holdings guide
3. The finding aides

The content provider interface (Dashboard)

1. Conversion and validation of local data
2. Upload and integration at the central host
3. Indexing and integrated display on the portal

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The three layers

- the EAD archival landscape as top layer representing a list of the participating archival institutions grouped f.i. in countries
 - > horizontally related to the EAG documents describing the archival institutions (contact details, opening hours, etc.)
 - > vertically related to the EAD holdings guides as a list of all fonds and collections of one archival institution

- the EAD holdings guide a middle layer
 - > horizontally related to the EAC-CPF documents describing the creators of the archival material (to be implemented)
 - > vertically related to the EAD finding aids

- the EAD finding aids as bottom layer
 - > horizontally related to the digitised materials

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The metadata to be used

- EAD, Encoded Archival Description, (built on ISADG)
- EAC-CPF Encoded Archival Context for Corporate bodies, Persons and Families, (built on ISAAR-CPF)
- EAG Encoded Archival Guide, (built on ISDIAH)
- METS
- OAI-PMH
- (EAF) Encoded Archival Functions, (built on ISDF)

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Metadata implemented during the APEnet project:

- ✓ EAD, as “APEnet EAD”
- ✓ EAG
- ✓ OAI-PMH

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APEnet goes APEx



A follow-up project proposed under ICT Policy Support Programme (ICT-PSP), 5th call for proposals, objective 2.1 (Aggregating content in Europeana)

- started on 1st March 2012
- duration: three years
- 28 project partners plus one associated partner
 - > 23 of 27 European Union Member States
 - > 5 non-EU countries (Croatia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland)
 - > 1 multinational organisation (ICARUS)

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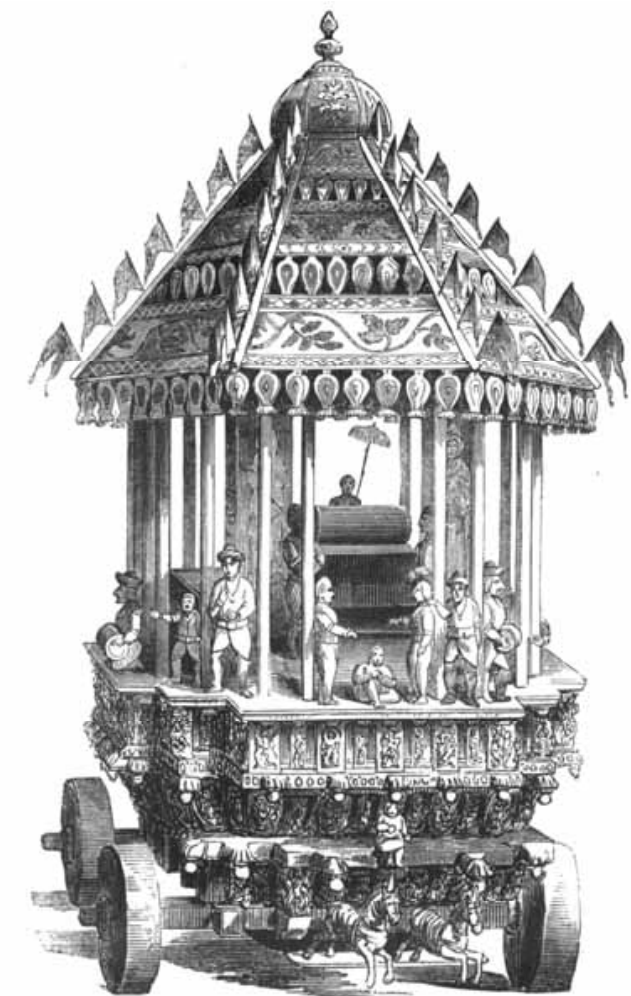
Broadening and deepening

- standards (EAC CPF, Mets)
- open up for regional-, local-, NGO archives et.c.
- Country Managers
- initiate the Archives Portal Europe Foundation
- usability
- and more...

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