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ENRICH PROJECT

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ENRICH is a new targeted project funded under the eContentPlus programme. Its objective is to provide seamless access to distributed digital representations of old documentary heritage from various European cultural institutions in order to create a shared virtual research environment especially for study of manuscripts, but also incunabula, rare old printed books, and other historical documents. It builds on the Manuscriptorium Digital Library (<http://www.manuscriptorium.eu>) that has already managed to aggregate data from 46 collections from the Czech Republic and abroad.

The project groups together almost 85% manuscripts currently digitized in the national libraries in Europe, while its partners are also university libraries and other institutions such as foundations or special projects and initiatives.

The metadata records for the central database are collected preferably via the OAI protocol; they must contain links to images stored in remote image databanks. Necessary transformation routines are created and tuned for each partner. Specialized on-line tools are developed to enable Manuscriptorium schema compatible metadata structuring and output validation for those partners that have digital data with no presentation tools and will like to make them available.

The Manuscriptorium Digital Library is the largest digital manuscript library in Europe, it is accessible via The European Library TEL, and it constitutes a considerable digital manuscript segment for *Europeana*, the future European digital library.

The **ENRICH** consortium consists of 18 partners and the project is also supported by a number of other institutions among which there are many important content owners.

Should you be interested, refer to the ENRICH web page at the URL <http://enrich.manuscriptorium.com> where you will find all the necessary information and documents many useful documents and links.

Our experience shows that dispersed information about manuscripts in Europe and in the world needs to be collected and their virtual representations offered in a homogeneous way to users. The scholars had to travel and they still have to in order to reach the unique resources that are stored hidden in so many institutions in spite of their having close relationship as to their original provenance or contained ideas. The **ENRICH**-enhanced Manuscriptorium is a great chance for all of us to recreate formal collections and to offer powerful tools for study and research.

The project partners are of two kinds: technological and content partners, while some of them have both roles. The project is coordinated by the National Library of the Czech Republic. The technological coordination is ensured by AiP Beroun Ltd. and the administrative matters are supported by Cross Czech Prague.

The workpackage leaders are:

- **National Library of the Czech Republic**, Prague
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- **Oxford University Computing Services**, Oxford, United Kingdom
- **Centro per la comunicazione e l'integrazione dei media**, Florence, Italy
- **SYSTRAN S.A.**, Paris, France
- **Institute of mathematics and informatics**, Vilnius, Lithuania
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