

Fiesole Collection Development Retreats

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**Preconference Session**

**Signposts and Omens- Can we learn from the Past?**

**The view from Europe**

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# Overview

The European context: projects, services and institutions

- ECHO
- The European Library
- The Minerva Project
- The 6th Framework Programme

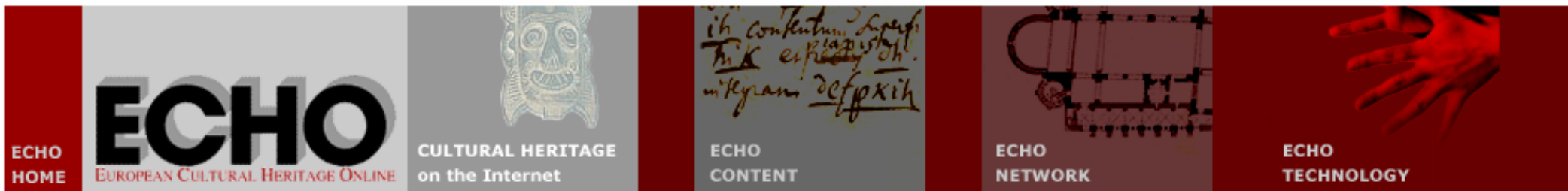
Trends in digital libraries and scholarly communication

- The role of LIBER and SPARC Europe
- From Berlin to Geneva: national projects and international cooperation

Committment for global e-content; internationalization and the role of the LIS community

# The European context

- Cultural heritage
- Multilanguage context
- National identity and European Identity
- Different cultures, different economies, different libraries tradition
- E-Content: dominance of English language with reference to the scholarly material
- Strong need for making available electronically local language material
- The role of Eu and its 5 and 6 Framework Programs



**News in ECHO**

**Project structure**

- ECHO Partner
- Collaborations
- Workpackages
- Case Studies

**Basic Documents**

- Charter
- Statement
- Berlin Declaration

**Dissemination**

- Press reports
- Talks
- Publications
- Events
- Participate in ECHO

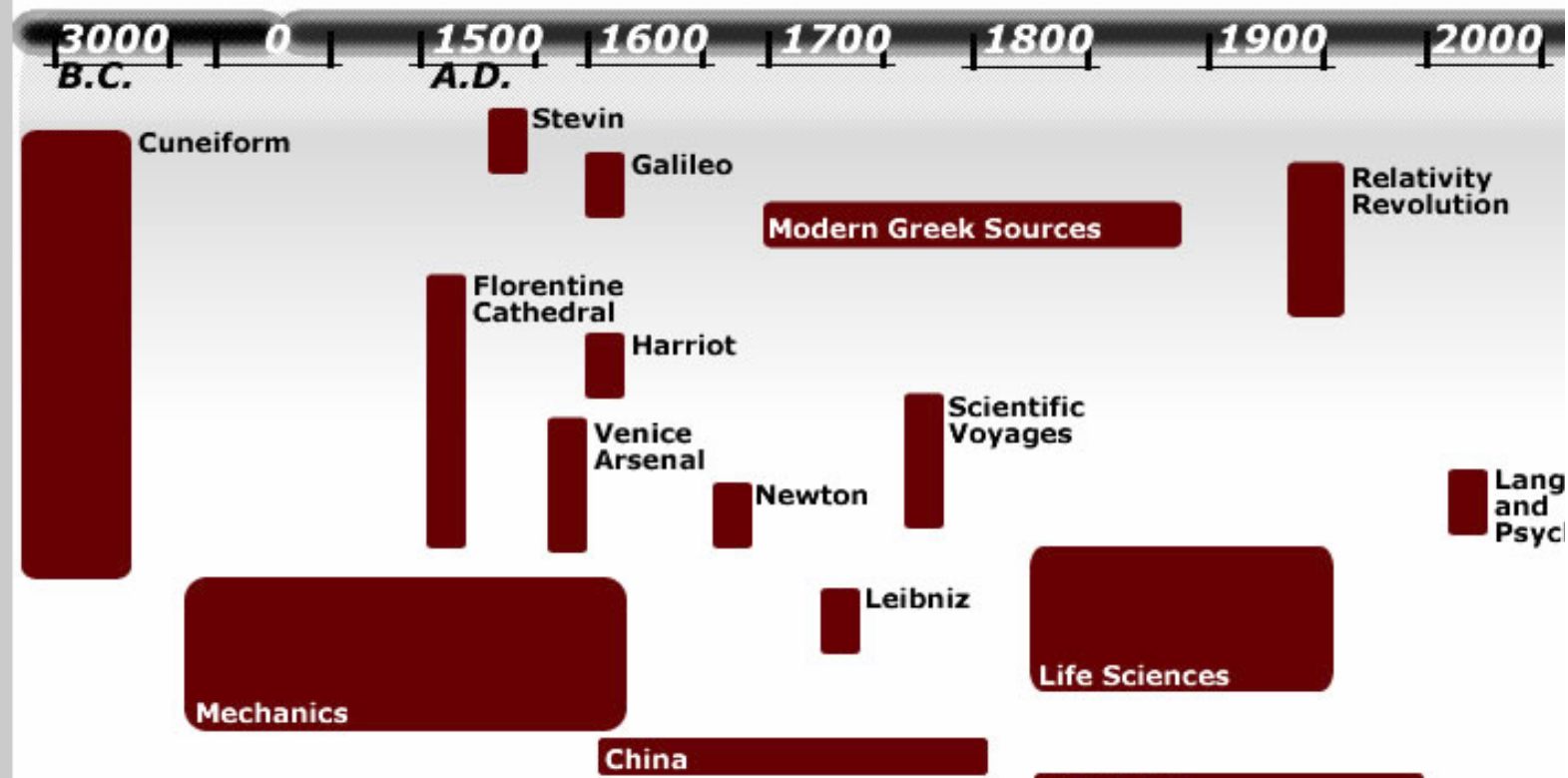
**Intranet**

- General Information Letter
- Partner Deliveries
- ECHO Documents
- Questionnaire

**Seed Collections**

ECHO has made publicly available a number of seed collections.

To choose a collection, please click on the graphical overview or go to "[ECHO Content](#)".



# ECHO- European Cultural Heritage Online

- A 18 month cooperative project (5<sup>th</sup> Framework)
  - Funded by the EU Commission to integrate content and technology in pan-European infrastructure adequate to the Internet age
  - Motivation: cultural heritage plays a marginal role in the Internet, therefore establish an open-source scholarly exploitation of cultural heritage on the Internet and bridge the gap between social sciences and humanities
  - Goals:
    - » Free access to high-quality documents pertaining to cultural heritage;
    - » interoperability between different corpora;
    - » co-evolution of corpora, standards, and tools;
    - » access to the primary data through an ECHO-portal via scholarly metadata
  - Initial phase: 16 partner institutions from 9 European countries (*Germany, Greece, Italy, Hungary, The Netherlands, France, Sweden, Switzerland, UK*)

# ECHO- European Cultural Heritage Online

- 6 Work Packages
  - State of the art
  - Establishment the AGORA Network
  - Infrastructure and Technology Development
  - Content provision
  - Management structure for the AGORA
  - Dissemination and Exploitation
- 5 case studies in paradigmatic content areas:
  - The provision and generation of scholarly metadata
  - A study of the seminal Roman architecture of the 17th and 18th centuries
  - A study of European mechanics and the network of science in the age of the Scientific Revolution
  - A comparative study of European sign languages
  - Non-European components of European cultural heritage

# The European Library

tel - Microsoft Internet Explorer

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Indietro Cerca Preferiti Multimedia

Indirizzo <http://www.europeanlibrary.org> Vai Collegamenti

## TEL

THE EUROPEAN LIBRARY  
THE GATE TO EUROPE'S KNOWLEDGE

### TEL Handbook

- The Project
  - TEL Vision
  - Factsheet
  - Work Packages
  - Partners
- News
  - Newsletter
- Workshops/Conferences
- Results
- Related Actions
- Site Search
- TEL Partners Only
- Imprint + Statistics

### The European Library (TEL) - The Gate to Europe's knowledge

The European Library (TEL) is a co-operative project of eight European national libraries along with ICCU, the Italian central cataloguing institution, established under the aegis of the Conference of European National Librarians (CENL).

At its recent meeting in Vilnius on 29th September 2003, the CENL representing 42 national libraries in Europe adopted a resolution supporting plans for the creation of a new pan-European library service. To be called "The European Library", this service will provide resource discovery facilities aimed at researchers and informed citizens. It will offer integrated access to the collections of the national libraries of Europe alongside information about the libraries themselves.

The creation of this service represents the successful culmination of 36 months of work by the partners in the TEL project, an accompanying measure funded under the European Union's IST programme. The development of the service will be based upon the outcomes of the project and will be launched towards the end of 2004. The development and support of "The European Library" will be carried out by a specially created and staffed "European Library Office" which will be hosted by the Koninklijke Bibliotheek in the Netherlands and funded by contributions from the national libraries.

The main achievements of the TEL project have been:

- the creation of a consensus between national libraries on the mission and content of The European Library and agreement on a **business model** for the development and support of The European Library Service
- the establishment of agreed **metadata** profiles (based on common standards) for objects and collections within an environment which will enable their controlled evolution to accommodate new types of material and new collections as The European Library grows
- the design of a flexible **system architecture** based on the SRU protocol

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# The European Library (TEL)

- A cooperative framework to access major national and deposit collections (mainly digital but not only) in European National Libraries on a distributed basis
- Cooperative project of 8 European National Libraries (Finland, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Slovenia, Switzerland, UK) + ICCU under the aegis of the Conference of European National Libraries. Funded within the European Union's IST-Information society technologies programme. Other national libraries will join in as full partners
- Objective: provide resource discovery facilities at researchers and informed citizens  
A common portal to access the collections of the national libraries
- The service will be launched towards the end of 2004 based on the outcomes of the 36 month project
- The European Library Office will be hosted by the Koninklijke Bibliotheek in the Netherlands and will be funded by the National Libraries

<http://www.europeanlibrary.org>



# The European Library (TEL)

- Main goals of the project:
  - the creation of a consensus between national libraries on the mission and content of the European Library and agreement on business model for the development and support of the European Library Service
  - the establishment of agreed metadata profiles based on common standards
  - the design of a flexible system architecture based on SRU protocol

# The European Library (TEL)

- 6 Work Packages
  - Publishers relations (lead partner: Koninklijke Bibliotheek )
  - Business plan and models (lead partner: British Library)
  - Metadata Development (lead partner: Koninklijke Bibliotheek )
  - Interoperability testbeds (lead partner: Die Deutsche Bibliothek- DDB)
  - Dissemination of use (lead partner: DDB)
  - Management (lead partner: British Library)

# Minerva Project - Ministerial Network for Valorising Activities in digitisation

The screenshot shows a Mozilla browser window displaying the MINERVA website. The browser's address bar shows the URL <http://www.minervaeurope.org/>. The website's header features the MINERVA logo with the tagline "Digitising Content Together" and the text "Ministerial NETwork for Valorising Activities in digitisation". To the right, it identifies the project as an IST Project n° 2001-35461, supported by Information Society Technologies. A navigation menu includes links for home, search, map, and contact us.

The main content area is divided into three columns. The left column contains a sidebar with links to "About MINERVA and MINERVA Plus", "Structure" (with sub-links for Partners, NRG, and Working Groups), "NPP", "Good practices", "Competence centres", "Digitisation guidelines", "European and national rules on Web Applications", "Enlargement", "Events", and "References". The middle column, titled "Evidence", contains a section on a campaign for "good practices" and "competence centres", a section for "MINERVA Plus" detailing the project's expansion in 2004, and a section for the "Charter of Parma". The right column features a "Members Area (restricted)" with a "Newsletter" link and a "MINERVA-list" link.

The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows the Windows Start button and several open applications, including an email client (Inbox F...), a terminal (irvine-3), a file explorer (fiesoler...), a composition window (Compos...), and a microphone application (tel - Micr...). The system clock indicates the time is 14.09.

# Minerva Project- Ministerial Network for Valorising Activities in digitisation

- Digitising Content Together
  - Discussing, correlating, harmonising activities related to digitisation of cultural and scientific content
  - European common platform, common guidelines, recommendations about
    - » Digitisation
    - » Metadata
    - » Long term accessibility and preservation
  - Best practices

<http://www.minervaeurope.org>

# Minerva Project- Ministerial Network for Valorising Activities in digitisation

- Charter of Parma
  - Intelligent use of the Internet
  - Accessibility
  - Quality
  - Intellectual property and privacy
  - Interoperability and standards
  - Inventories and multilingualism
  - Benchmarking
  - Relations with European and international institutions
  - Enlargement and co-operation
  - Future perspectives

# Trends in digital libraries and scholarly communication

Opportunities to meet and discuss new trends in scholarly communication and digital libraries implementation:

- learned societies and publishers
- the open access business model
- institutional repositories diffusion in some European countries
- the role of LIBER and SPARC Europe
- from Berlin Conference to Geneva OAI3 Workshop: national projects (FAIR, u.k. and DARE, the netherlands) and international cooperation
- Academic investments in new services for electronic publishing

# New roles for the Library and Information Science Community

E-publishing support  
Evaluation tools  
Online reference services  
Information Literacy  
teaching  
E-learning projects:  
learning objects  
organization, etc.

European Econtent  
Programme





Thank you for your  
attention !