

Aggregation Models and Practices in Europe

The Belgian Example

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What is cultural aggregation?

- Gathering digital content from cultural organisations
- Bring this together on the web by using standardised file and metadata formats
- Channel this digital data into regional, national, European portals such as Europeana



Variety of aggregation models

- Aggregation for Europeana
- Aggregation of all types of cultural resources on national (or regional) level
- Aggregation on national or regional level limited to a certain GLAM domain or theme



The Belgian situation

Federal government: scientific institutes



- The communities
 - People & Culture
 - Movable & intangible heritage, libraries



- Territory
 - Monuments, archaeology, landscapes
- The provinces







Federal initiatives

- Discussions are limited to aggregation of federal digital cultural content
- PPP discussions and some ideas for research projects didn't reach maturity
- Some separate initiatives, mainly with a focus on aggregating content for Europeana



Flemish initiatives

- Feasibility study (December 2010) explores
 - Common interest in setting-up a cross-domain aggregator in Flanders
 - Needed resources and personnel
 - Technical solutions
 - Prerequisites
 - Sustainability



Flanders anno 2013

- No cross-domain aggregator so far
- Some ongoing and planned initiatives
 - ErfgoedPlus
 - VIAA
 - LIBIS

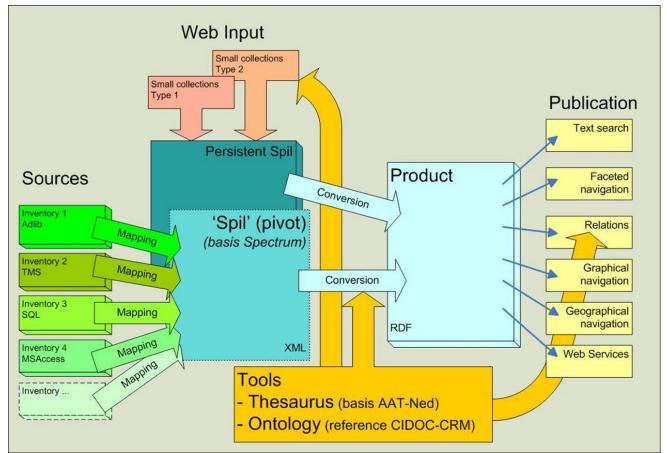


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- Initiative from the province of Limburg
- Design in 2002, started in 2005
- Collecting existing digital information from all kinds of digital cultural heritage repositories
- Harmonize data structures and semantics
- Semantic web technology

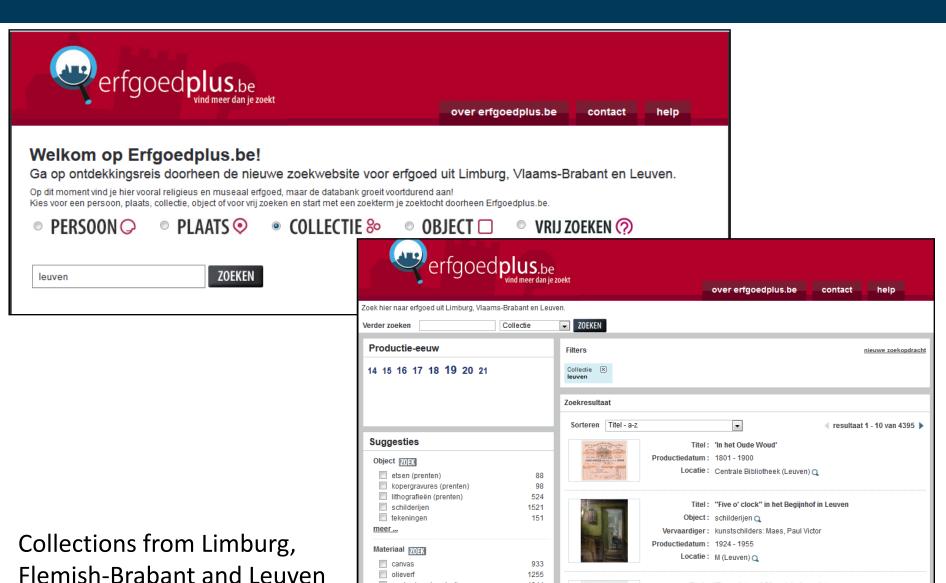


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Titel: "Tonvariator n° 3" met drukregulator



VIAA

- A result of research projects like BOM-Vlaanderen (Media & Culture),
 Archipel(Culture), Flanders in vision (Media)
- Focusses on long-term preservation and accessibility of audio-visual material
- Project recently kick-off, first years will focus on audio-visual materials
- Culture might follow ... When?



LIBIS

- Library automation service of the KU Leuven
- Support scientific and public organisations in managing their library (MARC), archival (EAD) and museum (LIDO) collections
- Already provides unified resource discovery and delivery to LIBIS partners (LIMO)



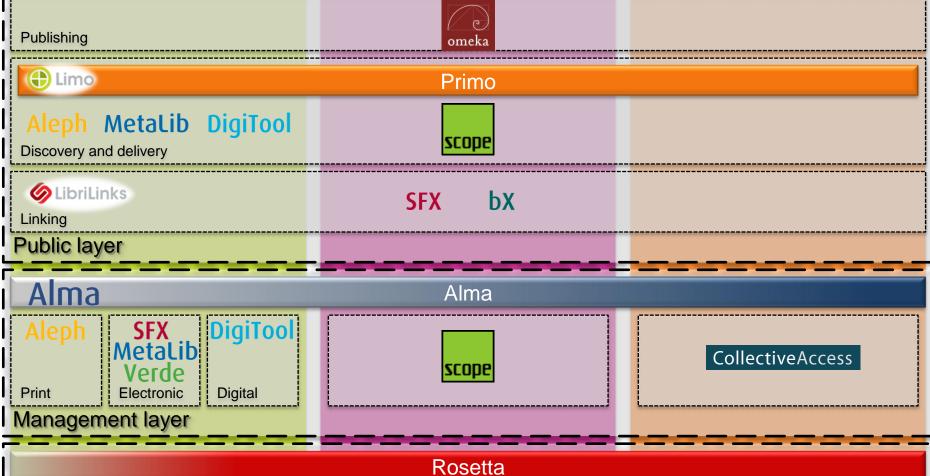
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Library





Museum



DigiTool

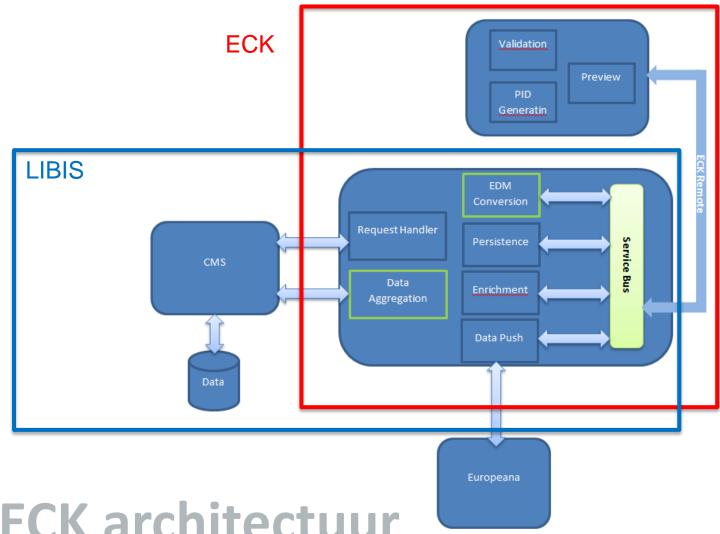
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LIBIS in Europeana Inside

- Offer aggregation tools for contribution of content to Europeana for its partners
- Europeana Connection Kit (ECK)
- Collaboration between content partners, technical partners and aggregators
- Simplify the contribution of content to Europeana





LIBIS ECK architectuur

Figure 3 LIBIS Content Delivery System's Proposed Architecture



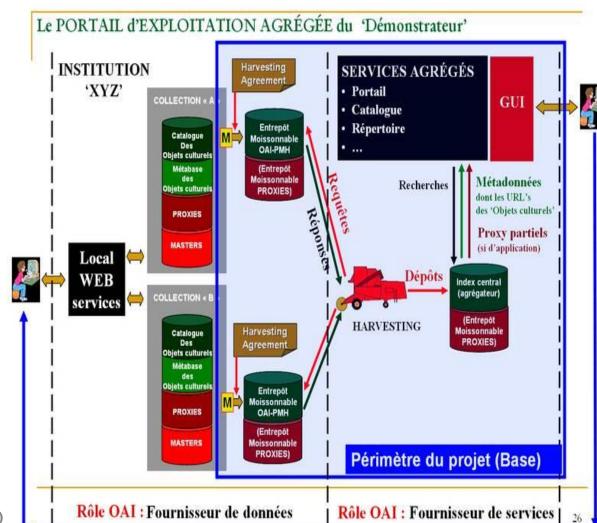
Federation of Wallonia-Brussels

- Plan PEP
- Main objectives
 - Enable research and presentation of the digital collections of the French community
 - Ensure visibility and a common cross-promotion of cultural heritage of the Federation
 - Provide access to these assets
 - Be the aggregator for Europeana



Prototype

- Film archive
- Mariemont
- University libraries



Source Fédération Wallonie-Bruxells (http://www.numeriques.cfwb.be/index.php?id=7696)



Let's have a look at a national cross-domain aggregator...



Deutsche Digitale Bibliothek (DDB)

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Work in progress...

Beta-Version online since November 2012



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- Currently 5.600.000 objects online
- In some cases images are missing
- In some cases (archives) there will be no images, i.e. structural records

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All cultural heritage domains

Archive, Library, Research, Museum, Media, Monument care...

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Archiv	(2.926.118)
Bibliothek	(2.086.808)
Forschung	(408.039)
Museum	(170.508)
Mediathek	(53.955)

Denkmalpflege	(13.160)
Sonstige	(6.660)



Data model

- Metadata-model build on the basis of CIDOC-CRM
- For practical reasons (more effectiveness) this will be changed to DDB-EDM
- DDB-EDM will be closely related to EDM



Source & target

- National aggregator for Europeana
- So far no record is delivered to Europeana via the DDB = still in preparation
- Most content comes from few institutions only



Finance and sustainability

- Financed by the Federal States and the central Government
- Still in project phase
- + 1 million invested so far
- Evaluation at the end of the year to decide if financing will go on



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Questions?

Thank you for your attention!

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