

# LIBER and Europeana *Travel*

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# LIBER

## □ LIBER

- Is the principal European Association of European Research Libraries
- Around 400 members from across the whole of Europe
- Lobbies with EU for LIBER members
- Holds Annual Conference and Workshops on areas of strategic interest



## Objectives of *Europeana Travel*



- To digitise library content on the theme of travel and tourism for use in Europeana
- To establish an aggregator through which LIBER libraries which require such a service can provide content to Europeana; and to seek a sustainable basis for the aggregator's continuing functioning
- To deepen collaboration between CENL and LIBER in support of Europeana
- To mobilise the efforts of the research libraries in support of Europeana
- To provide examples of best practice in digitisation methods and processes, constituting a learning opportunity for all libraries wishing to supply digitised material to Europeana



# Europeana *Travel*

## Facts and Figures

- ❑ *Europeana Travel*
  - ❑ €2.8 million project, with 50% funding from the EU
  - ❑ Launched in Tallinn on 11 May 2009
  - ❑ Over 1,000,000 pages/items to be digitised on themes of Travel & Tourism
  - ❑ 19 partners:
    - National Library of Estonia
    - National Library of Finland
    - National Library of Latvia
    - National Library of Poland
    - Austrian National Library
    - Slovak National Library
    - National and University Library of Slovenia
    - National Library of the Netherlands



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## Facts and Figures

- EDL Foundation
- Eremo srl
- UCL (University College London)
- National Library of Wales
- Lund University Library
- University Library of Regensburg
- Moravian Library, Brno, Czech Republic
- State and University Library of Tyrol
- National and University Library, Debrecen, Hungary
- Trinity College Dublin
- State and University Library of Lower Saxony





Content	Output Units
Images	33,300
Pages	193,650
Maps	5,857
Books	15,879
Documents	18,300
Glass Plates	3,733
Film Negatives	25,000
Photographic Objects	11,600
Journal Pages	155,000
Shellacs	30
Postcards	180,000
Manuscripts	4
Graphic sheets	600



# Content Highlights

- ❑ UCL's School of Slavonic and East European Studies (UCL SSEES)
  - ❑ Content to be digitised comprises approximately 160,000 pages from nearly 300 printed books, dating from 1557 to 1860, and providing comprehensive coverage of travel writing relating to Central, Eastern and Southern Europe and Russia throughout that period
  - ❑ Archives, manuscripts and 230 historic maps. One highly important sheet is the Hungary Portfolio, a map by Nicander Phillippinus Fundanus, dated 1595, which is held in the British Library only as a facsimile



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- ❑ Slovak National Library
  - ❑ 3,400 loose sheets comprising historical and contemporary maps of Slovakia, the Czech Republic and the Austro-Hungarian Empire
  - ❑ 15,000 geographic postcards with images of various places, mainly in the Austro-Hungarian Empire – towns, landscapes, mountains and buildings from the 19th and 20th centuries
  - ❑ 1,000 pages of text in Slovak, comprising travel logs from the 16th to 20th centuries
  - ❑ 3,000 graphical sheets and engravings of historical drawings of landscapes and city views
  - ❑ 500 travel books in German, Latin and Slovak



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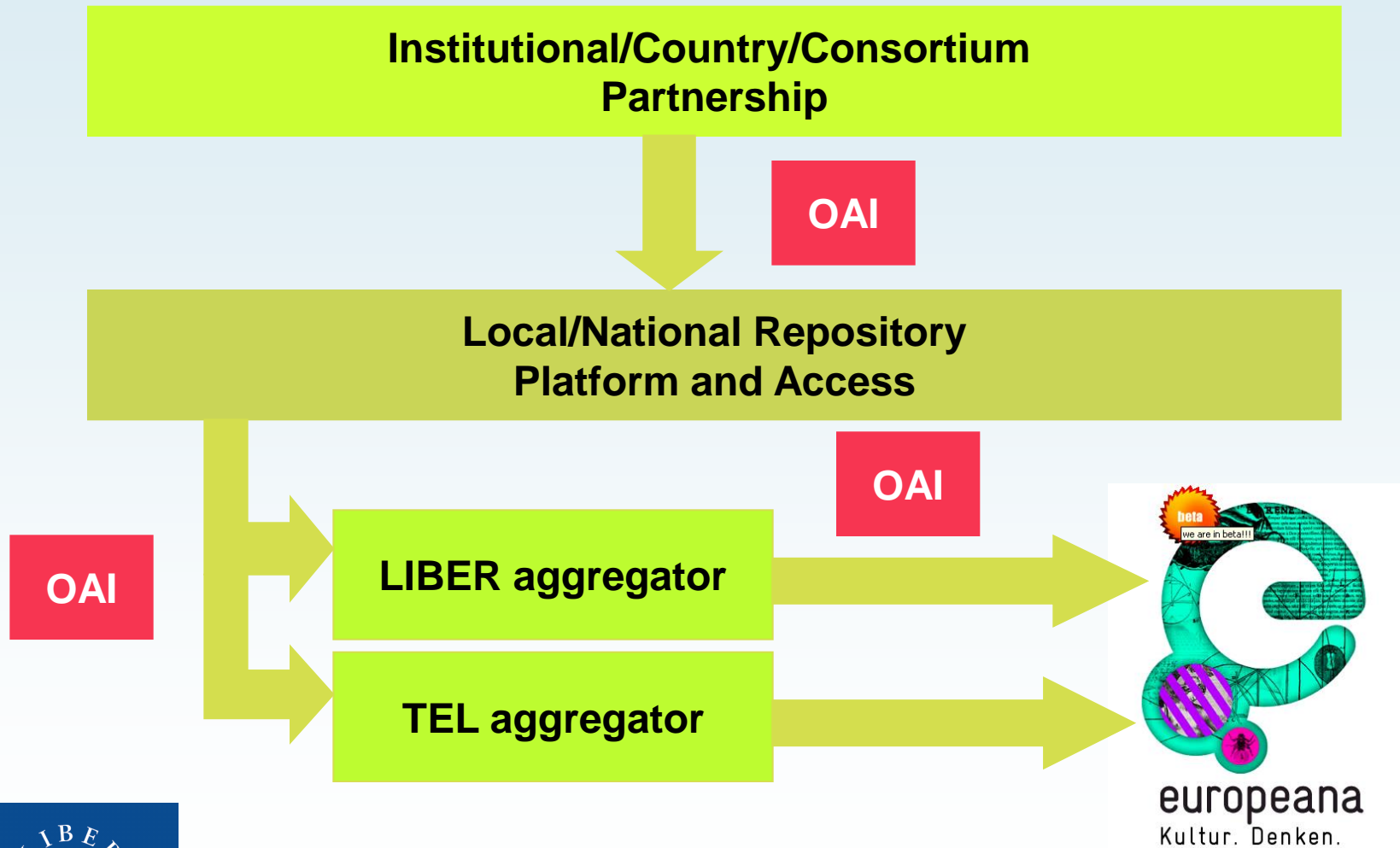
- ❑ The Koninklijke Bibliotheek (KB) in the Netherlands
  - ❑ 30,000 pages of texts and drawings from manuscripts in French, Dutch and Latin. These comprise the *Alba Amicorum* (Books of Friendship) featuring the travel diaries of scholars, lavishly illustrated with pencil drawings and gouaches. They cover the time span from the late 16th to the early 19th centuries
- ❑ The University Library of Regensburg
  - ❑ Materials, mainly in German, on botanical excursions and expeditions in the 19th century comprising travel guides and diaries from the Middle Ages until the 20th century
    - ❑ 400 books, 200 maps and 600 graphic sheets



# European *Travel* Workpackages

- WP 1 Planning digitisation
- WP 2 Carrying out digitisation
- WP 3 Making LIBER partners' digitised material available to Europeana
  - WPs 1-3 deal with digitising and making available partners' content on Travel and Tourism
  - WP 3 also tackles the major wider strategic issue of how research libraries' material could be aggregated to comply with Europeana's planned model of dealing only, or mainly, with aggregators and not with individual institutions
- WP 4 Dissemination
- WP 5 Co-ordination and management
  - WPs 4 and 5 provide dissemination and management solutions





**Architecture for a LIBER aggregator service for Europeana *Travel***

# Europeana *Travel*: it's significance for LIBER

- ❑ Europeana *Travel* fulfils a number of LIBER's strategic goals
  - ❑ Introduces Digitisation to the LIBER strategy
  - ❑ Addresses two key questions for LIBER
    - ❑ Aggregation of European content
    - ❑ Community building for LIBER members
  - ❑ Builds important relationship with Europeana



## Europeana*Travel's* users

User	Needs	Involvement	Country
General User	General reading Native interface	Google-minded Uses You Tube	All partners
School Children	Homework Native interface	Uses Web 2.0	All partners
Academic User	Research matter Trusted sources	Specific material Advanced search	All partners
Expert researcher	Pay for Value Added services?	Specific material Advanced search	All partners
Librarian / Archivist	Best practice Add information	Target for dissemination	Whole of Europe



# Europeana *Travel*

## Conclusions

- ❑ The Europeana *Travel* project
  - ❑ LIBER's first EU-funded project
  - ❑ Creates a partnership between LIBER, CENL (Conference of European National Libraries) and Europeana
  - ❑ Makes Research Libraries more visible in Europe
  - ❑ Fulfils demands of the EU Commission's policy announced in 2005
    - ❑ *i2010 – A European Information Society for growth and employment and eContentplus* work programme for 2008
    - ❑ [http://ec.europa.eu/information\\_society/europe/i2010/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/europe/i2010/index_en.htm)
    - ❑ [http://ec.europa.eu/information\\_society/activities/econtentplus/calls/proposals/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/activities/econtentplus/calls/proposals/index_en.htm)

