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## 1. Introduction

In June 2010 partners from six European universities started the project thinkMOTION with the main objective of providing content from the field of motion systems via the Europeana online portal. Therefore, the currently available and all the DMG-Lib content collected in the proposed project must become accessible to Europeana - that means to Europeana users as well as to Europeana tools (e.g. the harvester).

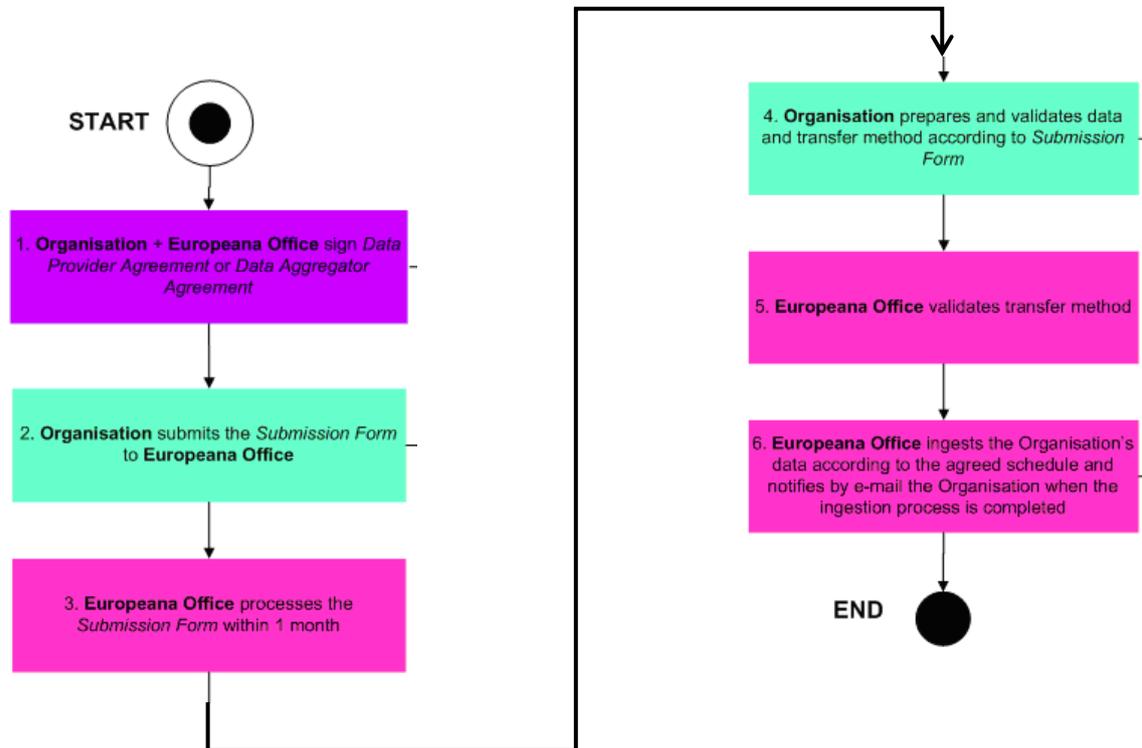
Europeana must be able to create an internal representation of DMG-Lib's object space. For the data transfer the existing OAI-PMH interface is extended with ESE (Europeana Semantic Elements) support, which is part of task 2.1 and described in this document.

Task 2.1 is part of WP2 – Adaptation of interfaces to Europeana – included in the “Description of Work” for thinkMOTION project. WP2 is the basis for the final step in WP5 (Task 5.5), where the content is integrated into the online portal of DMG-Lib and made accessible for Europeana.

## 2. Workflow and results

The existing OAI-PMH (Open Archives Initiative Protocol for Metadata Harvesting) interface was extended to deliver metadata and thumbnails in an ESE (Europeana Semantic Elements) conform way. This was connected with the necessary formal “Steps to contribute directly to Europeana” (Figure 1).

Figure 1. Steps to contribute directly to Europeana



Activities were as follows:

- *Sign the Data Exchange Agreement (DEA)* which is available since September 2011. We signed the agreement on November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011 and sent it to Europeana office where these DEAs were collected for later signing by Europeana (Figure 2).
- *Get an ID* by Europeana for thinkMOTION (20208) and exchange contact details, especially for the access to the Content Checker.
- *Checking generated ESE-records in the Content Checker.*  
Finally, the metadata integrity checks were successful in May and begin of June 2012 (Figure 3). The content was shown in the Europeana test portal where e.g. the transferred items are grouped by type and the links back to DMG-Lib worked.
- *Send the submission form* to the ingestion team.  
After passing the tests with the Content Checker the form was sent on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012.
- *Give support in adjusting the metadata transfer* from DMG-Lib to Europeana.  
After some clarification mails concerning the information in the submission form, especially concerning the possibilities to harvest based on sets, the ingestion team started to access the OAI-PMH interface of [www.dmg-lib.org](http://www.dmg-lib.org). In June 2012 we were in tight contact with the ingestion team, esp. Dimitra Atsidis, for finding the best metadata transfer method and an Europeana-conform design of the metadata records. To improve the probability for that, different access ways were supplied to the ingestion team: standard OAI-PMH implementation, cached OAI-PMH access for a very fast response, direct link to an XML-file with the metadata for fastest access. Finally, the first DMG-Lib content was successfully ingested into Europeana at the beginning of July 2012 (see Figure 4).
- *Enabling automatic harvesting of DMG-Lib items.*  
The first ingestions had to be done by hand. Unfortunately, the Europeana tools stopped the automatic ingestion process due to suspicious errors, which gave no hints about the real reason for ingestion problems. During a Europeana Project Group Meeting in Den Haag, a one-to-one talk and debugging session with a developer from the Europeana team unveiled, that the problems were caused by the XML-data structure. After re-structuring the XML-data, the Europeana tools successfully harvested DMG-Lib items (see ANNEX I – Well-structured XML-data for automatic harvesting of items by Europeana).

**Figure 2. Screenshot of list of signees of the Europeana Data Exchange Agreement**

The screenshot shows the Europeana Professional website. The header includes the Europeana logo and the tagline "Professional knowledge-sharing platform". Below the header is a navigation menu with links: Home, About us, News & Events, Projects, Europeana Foundation, Europeana Network, Provide data, and Re-use data. The main content area is titled "DEA signees" and lists the following organizations:

- Europeana Connect Austria- EOD, Austria
- AIT Angewandte Informationstechnik Forschungsgesellschaft mbH (Europeana Local Austria), Austria
- Filmarchiv Austria (FAA), Austria
- ICARUS, Austria
- Royal Institute for Cultural Heritage, Koninklijk Instituut voor het Kunstpatrimonium, Belgium
- Royal Museums for Art and History, Belgium
- Europeana Local Bulgaria, Bulgaria
- Ontolent, Bulgaria
- Ministry of Culture of Republic of Croatia, Croatia
- The Cyprus Institute, Cyprus
- The Ministry of Education and Culture, Cyprus
- National museum, Czech Republic
- Národní filmový archiv, Czech Republic
- Det Danske Filminstitut, Denmark
- Det Kongelige Bibliotek, Denmark
- Europeana Local Denmark - Roskilde Libraries, Denmark
- Estonian National Museum - Europeana Local Estonia, Estonia
- Estonian Ministry of Culture, Estonia
- BHL - Europe
- CENL - The European Library
- Euscreen, Europe
- MIMO - Musical Instruments Museum Online (University of Edinburgh), Europe
- [ThinkMOTION \(association for promoting the digital mechanisms and gear library\), Europe](#)
- Kansallinen audiovisuaalinen arkisto - National Audiovisual Archive, Finland
- Kansalliskirjasto, Finnish National Library, Finland
- Bibliothèque Nationale de France

On the right side of the page, there is a search bar, a "Login or register" link, and social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube. Below these is a "Contact Us" section with the phone number +31 70 3140964 and the email address dea@europeana.eu.

Figure 3. Screenshot of successful metadata integrity check in the Europeana test portal

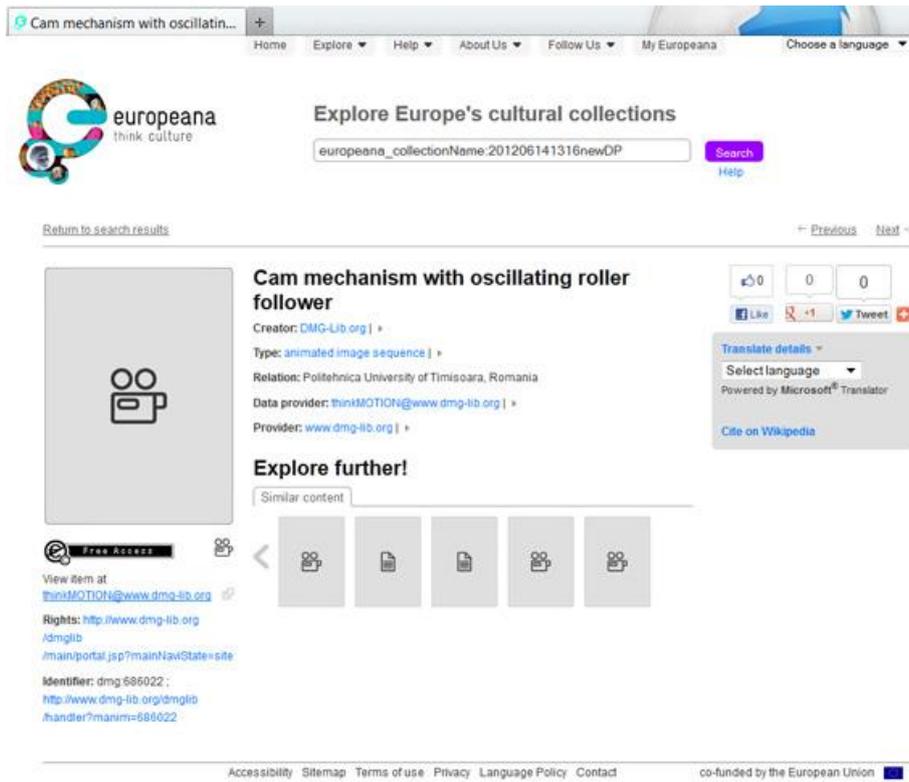
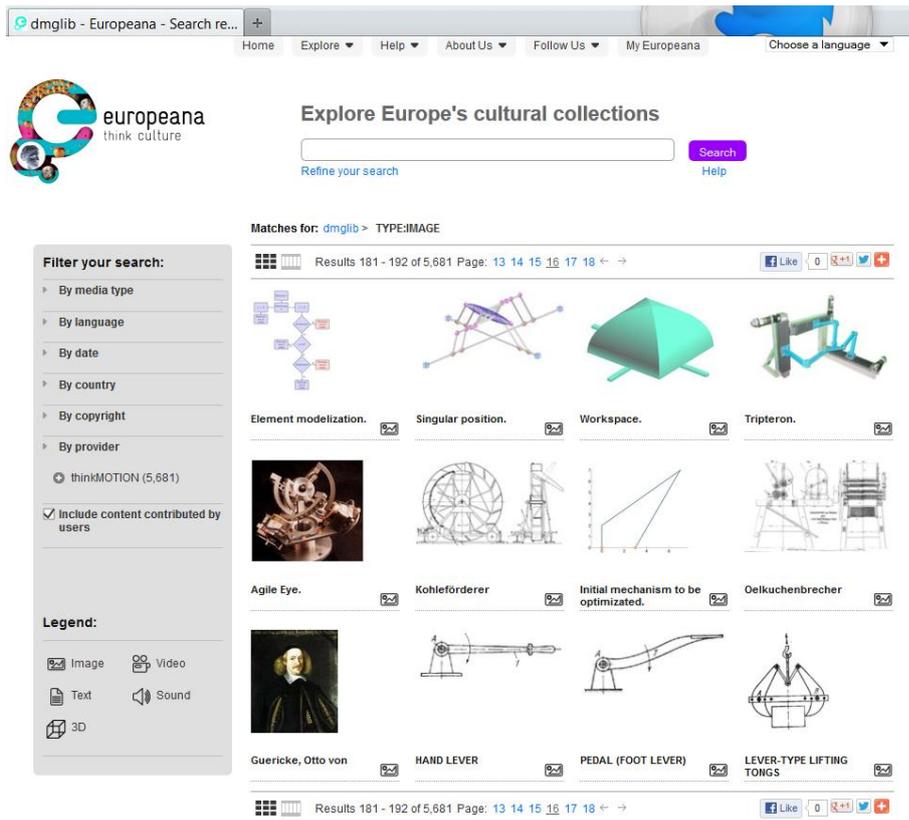


Figure 4. Screenshot of successful ingestion of DMG-Lib content into Europeana



### 3. Technical details concerning ESE support in the DMG-Lib OAI-PMH interface

#### *ESE 3.4 conformance*

The Europeana Semantic Elements Specification defines a set of rules concerning the existence of certain metadata fields in the records sent as response to Europeana harvesting requests. The existing OAI-interface classes were extended to allow checking if a certain item is ESE conform or not. Thus an item record may be sent via OAI\_DC-format but because of incompatibility with ESE specification it is not sent in ESE-format until the missed data was entered.

#### *Data Quality checking*

The experiences from the work in the last two years have shown that for some metadata fields formal quality checks can be performed to give the team members a fast feedback about the current quality state of a certain item. Therefore two icons are integrated which show the current state of an item in the project internal production database (ProDB). For instance  shows that the item will be shown in the DMG-Lib portal but is not sent to Europeana – may be because of missed ESE conformance or because of doubts about the quality (e.g. when the description text is too short). An icon pair  shows that quality is OK for presentation of the item in the DMG-Lib portal as well as in the OAI-PMH-ESE interface – i.e. it will be shown in Europeana after the next harvesting.

From the software implementation point of view a set of quality checker classes was implemented which is able to calculate if/where items can be shown and what must be done in case that an item cannot be shown. Via the icons the efficiency of the work in WP6 was improved. But the quality checker classes are also used in WP2 for quality checks to decide if an item can be added to the OAI interface or not.

#### *Fast adaptability of functionality*

For several calculation methods like quality checking as well as the mapping of DMG-Lib metadata to DC or ESE it is useful to have a possibility to adapt the behavior without restart of the application server (at dm-g-lib.org Apache Tomcat is used as application server), because that can be done only during nightly maintenance sessions. Therefore a new concept was introduced that allows dynamic loading of classes which contain quality checking or metadata mapping code. This allows fast reactions on problems in the mapping. During the work with the Europeana Content Checker the use of dynamically loadable classes shortened the development cycles.

#### *Caching of Responses*

Before the harvesting tests from the ingestion team the calculation of the responses was not cached. Due to the considerable increase of items the calculation time for a complete record list was in May ten and more minutes. Because of the disability to harvest from ingestion team it was assumed that a timeout could be the reason. Therefore a response cache was introduced which can be filled (e.g. at night) and which is then ready to send responses to the Europeana harvester. Using the cache the transfer of the 29MB of data was done in 20 to 40 seconds.

#### *Debug code*

Because of the unclear reason of the disability to harvest at different places debug code was integrated into the source code of the OAI-interface. This helped to check/understand the harvesting process performed by Europeana as far as it concerns the DMG-Lib server.

Because the Content Checker did not accept an XML-file which had all the OAI-PMH specific wrapper nodes a stripped version of the XML-files was used for the tests with the content checker. For a more comfortable generation of XML-files to be tested in the content checker some special OAI-PMH response generation switches were introduced. Such stripped XML-files (containing only the ESE-records) could also be sent to the Europeana harvester or to the ingestion team for ingestion by hand.

**Figure 5. Control interface in the ProDB for activating debug code, stripping or caching**

merge ESE: expand ESE -> merge ESE    inner ESE: send all OAI-PMH-ESE -> inner ESE only

- Dbg OAI\_PdbInterface
- UseCacheR for sending responses in OAI\_interfaceServlet
- UseCacheW by filling it in OAI\_interfaceServlet
- DbgCacheR during read/send in OAI\_interfaceServlet
- DbgCacheW during fill/store in OAI\_interfaceServlet
- DbgCacheX print new cache content into temp dir in OAI\_interfaceServlet

**Reinit Dynamic Class Instances**

DataProviderGeneratorLoader	DynamicQualityCheckerLoader	GenericStringGeneratorLoader	RightsDocInterpreterLoader
OaiValCalcLoader	DirOrFileChkLoader	ThumbNailGeneratorLoader	

### *XML-validation*

We recommend jEdit (an open source editor, see [www.jedit.org](http://www.jedit.org)) with the XML-plugin for checking the validity of your XML-code.

## **4. Results**

Currently (Nov 2012), 14.283 DMG-Lib items are visible in the Europeana portal.

An updated dataset of approximately 29.000 DMG-Lib was successfully ingested in November 2012 and will be part of the next publication, due the first week of December 2012.

The monthly harvesting of the continuously growing DMG-Lib database now can be performed automatically by Europeana.

## ANNEX I – Well-structured XML-data for automatic harvesting of items by Europeana

```
<OAI-PMH xmlns="http://www.openarchives.org/OAI/2.0/"
xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
xsi:schemaLocation="http://www.openarchives.org/OAI/2.0/
http://www.openarchives.org/OAI/2.0/OAI-PMH.xsd">
  <responseDate>2012-11-18T22:37:02Z</responseDate>
  <request verb="ListRecords" metadataPrefix="ese">http://www.dmg-
lib.org/dmglib/OAI-2.0-Server</request>
  <ListRecords>
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      <header>
        <identifier>oai:dmglib.org:2022</identifier>
        <datestamp>2006-01-12</datestamp>
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        <setSpec>doc-type:iactm</setSpec>
      </header>
      <oai:metadata>
        <europeana:record xmlns:europeana="http://www.europeana.eu/schemas/ese/"
xmlns:dc="http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/"
xmlns:dcterms="http://purl.org/dc/terms/"
xsi:schemaLocation="http://www.europeana.eu/schemas/ese/
http://www.europeana.eu/schemas/ese/ESE-V3.4.xsd">
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f/</europeana:rights>
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lib.org</europeana:dataProvider>
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lib.org/dmglib/main/manimViewer_content.jsp?id=2022&amp;skipSearchBar=1
          </europeana:isShownBy>
        </europeana:record>
      </oai:metadata>
    </oai:record>
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      <header>
        <identifier>oai:dmglib.org:1022</identifier>
        ...
      </header>
    </oai:record>
  </ListRecords>
</OAI-PMH>
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