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Chefs' Table session

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Title: How to connect thousands of cultural institutions into one network for reuse?

Introduction

This session will bring together experts from different stakeholder groups - system vendors, aggregators, GLAM representatives - to discuss the challenges that are involved in contributing data to Europeana.

Is it possible to connect and reuse data from different collection management systems? How to overcome the obstacles creative industries are facing when reusing the content? What is the role of CMS's vendors in connecting cultural institutions into a network for reuse?

These are some of the questions that we will try to answer in this interesting session that will bring together experts from different stakeholder groups: system vendors, aggregators and GLAM representatives.

Discussion

Saso will start with a short presentation about the Europeana Inside project
http://www.europeana-inside.eu/home/index.html

This project deals with contibuting data to Europeana more easy.

Creating the missing link between Cultural institutions and Europeana.

Alas disconnected for a few minutes, technical problems :)

Europeana sends back metadata on content to content provider, when available

This is a future thing.

What are the issues that institutions are facing when providing?

The European Library also validates the aggregated content, not?

Yes, they do.
They serve as an aggregator for Europeana, so they validate & map.

This is an approach to include softwarevendors, so they are ready to contribute to Europeana.
The outreach to smaller & medium-size institutions and make it more easy for them to contribute to Europeana is one of the goals.

Is it possible to map to rdf? like time/place etc?

Mix of institutions/vendors/aggregators/

Biggest issues to contribute to Europeana

Mapping issues are being brought to the table. Sweden has a good experience with the mapping tools. In the mapping process a lot of metadata is lost.
Most people at the table have experiences with working with aggregators.
For DANS working with TEL was a good experience. --> yes, our metadata was available at an OAI-PMH provider, and was harvested easily by TEL; they did all the mapping to EDM (--> in which procress we did loose some more granular metadata...)

CMS & DAMS are often not open, exportfunctions & re-use are made difficult.
So many institutions face a vendor lock-in. So how to avoid this?
Reuse compliant systems should be the outcome of Europeana Inside.
The commercial vendors should deliver open systemes which good export-functionality.

Can Europeana "force" software companies into this.

Re-use

Copyright is a constraint for re-use. Privacy & Ethical issues.
But apart from that re-use should be as much as possible?
Under the condition that re-use can be reused as well.

Do institutes want enriched data back?
Eg. User-generated content. Can you have a middle-layer?
How are the enrichments attachted to the "original" (meta)data

Some institutions do not want enriched data back into their systems. But they do want to link to it.

Are the enrichments a national thing or European?

To discuss: how persistent are the Persistent Identifiers generated?

Good question: "is it possible to map to authority files?"