

# Europeana

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# **Summary**

- Europeana.eu prototype
- Europeana v1
- Europeana and the current and new projects
- A technical overview, interoperability, standards and applied technologies



## **Europeana context**

 EC i2010 agenda with Digital libraries as one of the 3 "flagship initiatives" setting up the European Digital Library as a common multilingual access point to Europe's distributed digital cultural heritage including all types of cultural heritage institutions



### **EUROPEANA CONTEXT**

- 2008: >= 2 million digital objects; multilingual;
   searchable and usable; work towards including archives
- 2010: >= 6 million digital objects; including also museums and private initiatives



## Europeana v1: metadata ingest & reuse

- Contribution to the prototype on the basis of willing institutions. Contracts for metadata sharing and reuse in Europeana v1
- The first release in July 2010 will integrate APIs for interactions with other applications
  - Functional specifications fixed in September 2009
- Second release in April 2011
  - Functional specifications fixed in June 2010
- Open source sandbox and R&D infrastructure in place for partners' projects in March 2010
- ESE is the only metadata set used until July 2010. Implementation of more sophisticated object model will be prototyped until July 2010 to prepare its integration in the second release. This prototyping will be done on a subset of Europeana collections.



# **Forthcoming Projects**

#### Europeana v1.0

 Is the successor network to EuropeanaNet. Turns current prototype into an operational service. It creates automated work flows and processes for the ingestion of content and management of a full scale business operation. End user marketing ensures take up and sustainability, together with longer term financing solutions. Begins February 09 ends July 11

### EuropeanaConnect

- Is a set of technical work packages delivering components essential for the operational Europeana.eu as a truly interoperable, multilingual and user oriented service. portal. Aims to begin May 09 Includes:
  - Semantic resource discovery
  - A unique repository of language resources
  - OAI Management Infrastructure
  - Metadata registry for interoperability
  - Service registry for integration of external services
  - Resolution discovery service for unique resource identification
  - Multimedia annotation, GIS and eBooks on demand
  - Accessibility for Mobile Devices
  - Increased audio content



# Europeana.eu: single access point to European digital cultural heritage

- Prototype proof of concepts
  - Discover and browse the digital cultural heritage of the 27 European countries
  - Increase the visibility of the digitisation efforts across four domains:
     Archives, Audio visual archives, Libraries, Museums
  - Agreement on standards facilitating interoperability
  - Services to general users on the Web
- Europeana v1: Open functional architecture and standards facilitating
  - A contribution/distribution business model: europeana.eu as a facilitator for cultural institutions
  - Moderated user generated content
  - Semantic Web





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Europeana is testing newly configured hardware. The site is therefore open for you to use but the user experience may not be optimal in this test phase e.g.: the number of users will be limited in peak times.

wolfgang mozart

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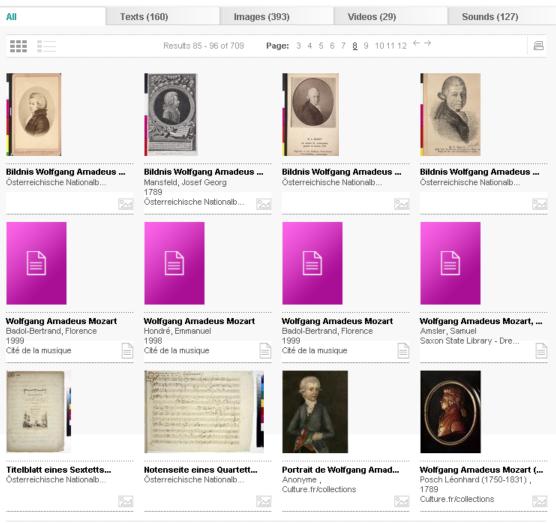
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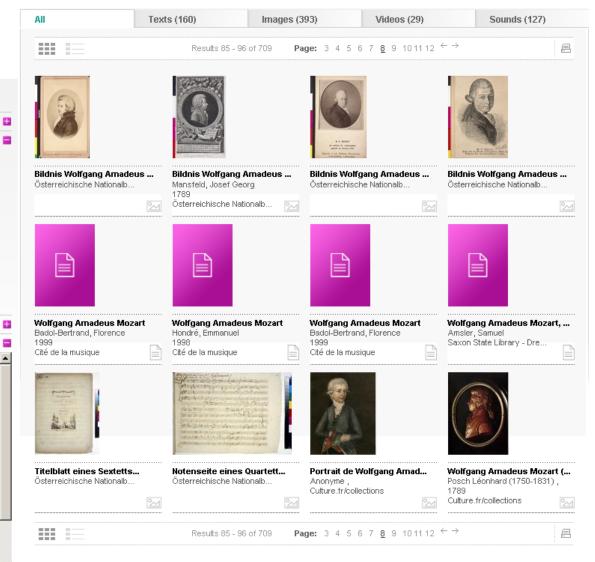
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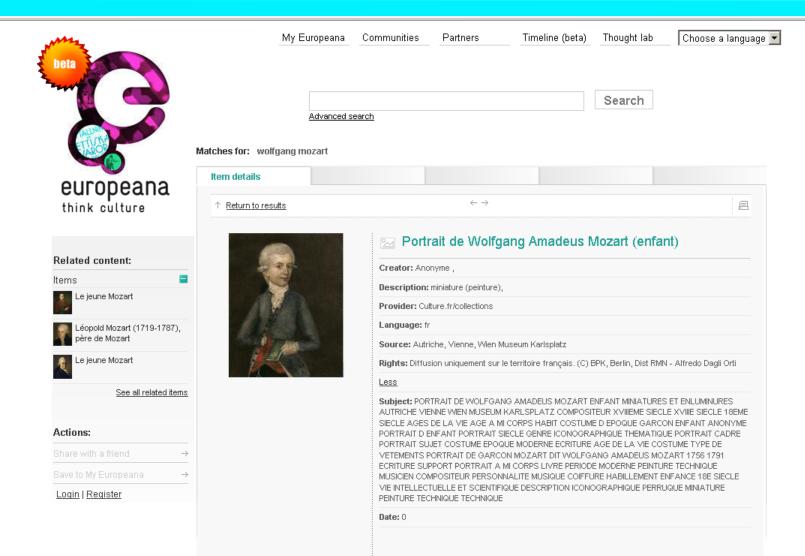
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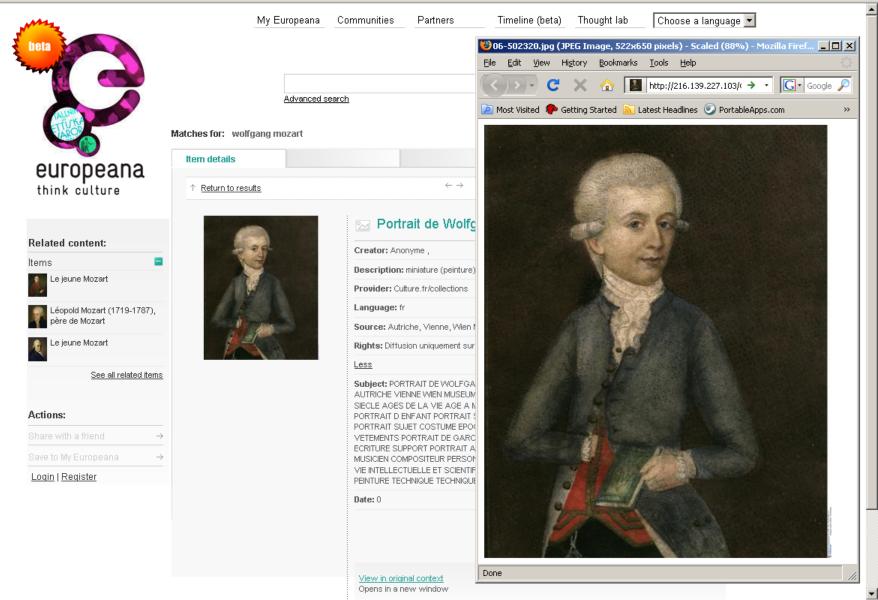




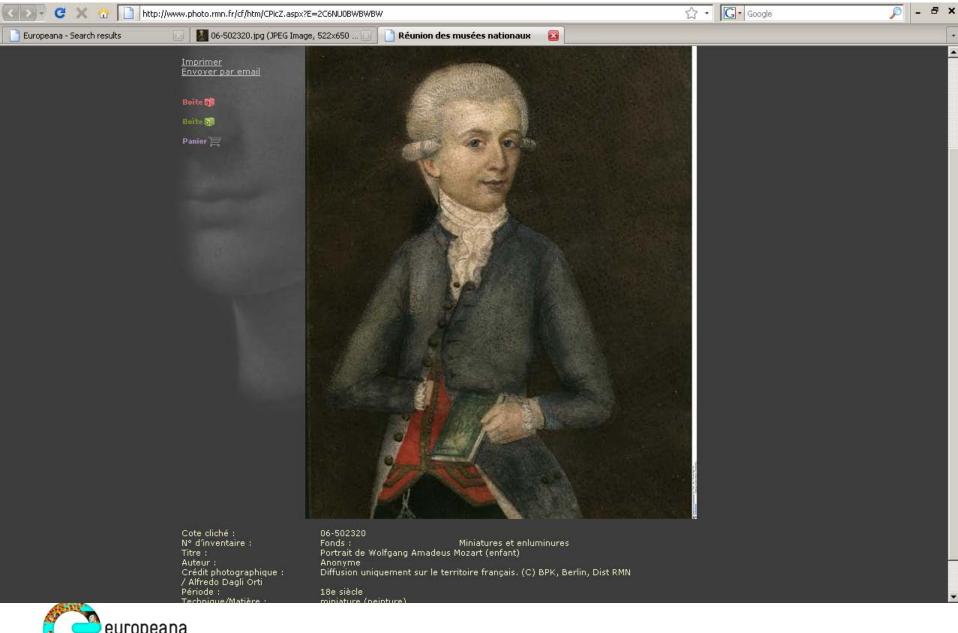


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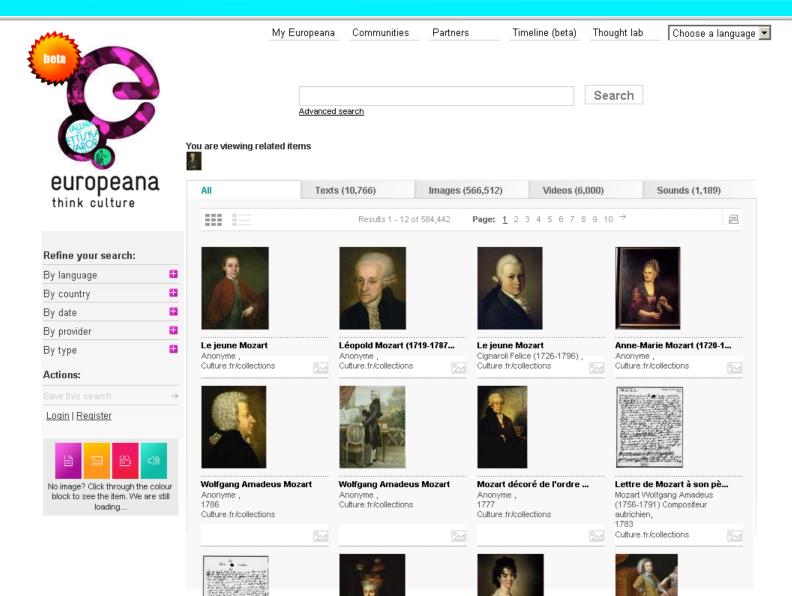




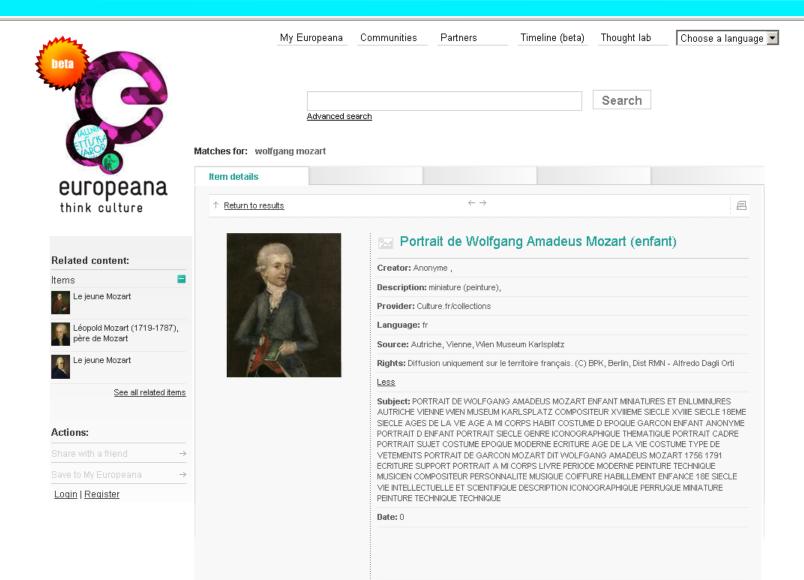












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#### Thought lab

Europeana.eu is a collaboration between universities, research institutes and content providers. The site is a prototype, and in the coming year we will be developing it in response to users' feedback and making it operational.

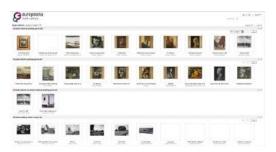
We will demonstrate new technologies and ideas here in Thought lab. Because these are experiments, some of the technologies don't necessarily comply with accessibility standards yet.



#### Semantic Search Lab

A research prototype of a semantic search engine for <u>Europeana</u>. As this is work in progress, multilingual support is still limited. The prototype's interface is currently only available in English, French and Dutch. The search engine contains data of the <u>Rijksmuseum Amsterdam</u>, the <u>Musée du Louvre</u> in Paris, and the <u>Rijksbureau voor Kunsthistorische Documentatie (Netherlands Institute for Art History).</u> in The Hague. These data are for demonstration purposes only; some data might be outdated and there is no claim of completeness..

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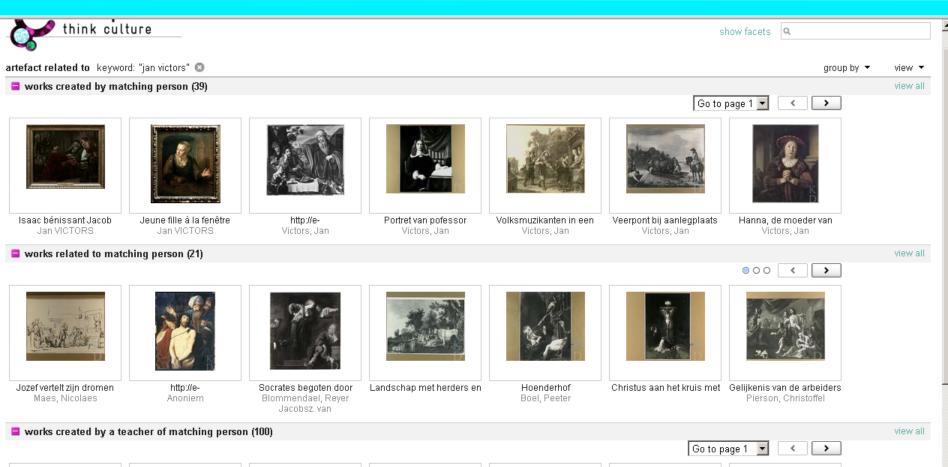
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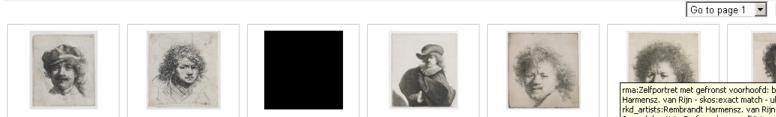


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Jeune fille à la fenêtre Jan VICTORS

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Socrate Blom

Jeune fille à la fenêtre

http://e-culture.multimedian.nl/ns/louvre/works/13834



Motif illusionniste typiquement rembranesque - et promis à un bel avenir - d'une figure (souvent féminine) vue à travers une ouverture feinte (fenêtre-niche ou porte) : Rembrandt (voir son tableau de Dulwich, de 1645) en fait bien sûr usage mais aussi Bol, Dou, Maes, S. Koninck, Hoogstraten, etc. Victors reste l'un des premiers en date à l'avoir utilisé et ce, avec une finesse et une délicatesse picturales remarquables.

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Туре	peinture; tableau; Département des Peintures		

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Réponse nº 1



Domaine peinture

Type d'objet tableau

Auteur / Exécutant VICTORS Jan

Précision auteur Amsterdam, 1620 ; Indes Néerlandaises, 1676

**JOCONDE** 

Ecole Hollande

Titre JEUNE FILLE A LA FENETRE

Période 2e quart 17e siècle

Millésime 1640

Matériaux / Techniques peinture à l'huile ; toile

Dimensions 93 H; 78 L

Inscription daté ; signé

Précision inscription JAN FICTOOR.FE 1640

Sujet représenté portrait d'inconnu (jeune fille, à mi-corps, de trois-quarts, accoudé, robe, bijou,

coiffure) ; fenêtre

Lieu de conservation Paris ; musée du Louvre département des Peintures

Musée de France au sens de la loi n°2002-5 du 4 janvier 2002

Statut juridique propriété de l'Etat ; achat en vente publique ; musée du Louvre département des

Peintures

Date acquisition 1801

Anciennes appartenances Paillet (vente Paillet, 1801/08/27, cat. n° 50); Coclers (vente Coclers,

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Recherche simple

Recherche avancée

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Par départements

Acquisitions récentes



@ Musée du Louvre/A. Dequier - M. Bard

Richelieu 2 e étage Hollande, XVIIe siècle Salle 32



#### Jan VICTORS

Amsterdam, 1620 - Indes néerlandaises, 1676 ou après cette date

#### Jeune fille à la fenêtre 1640

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Acquis dans une vente publique (tableaux apportés de Flandre et de Hollande par Paillet et Coclers), Paris, 1801 Département des Peintures INV. 1286

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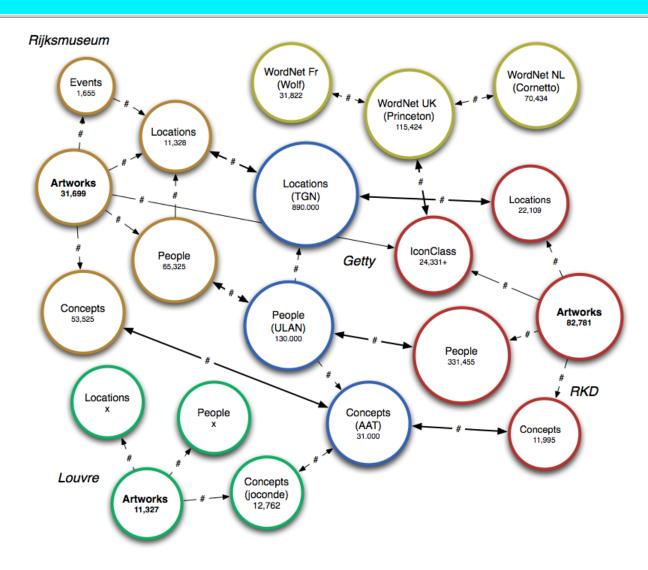
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# **Technical requirements**

- Digitised object available on a website at the object level through a permanent direct link
  - To the object and/or the object in context
  - To a thumbnail or a sample
- Metadata at the digitised object level following the metadata elements set defined by Europeana for the general interface
  - Qualified Dublin Core (at the moment only simple DublinCore Indexed and displayed)

http://dev.europeana.eu/public\_documents/Specification\_for\_metadata\_elements\_in\_the\_Europeana\_prototype.pdf

Preferably exposed for harvesting on an OAI PMH server

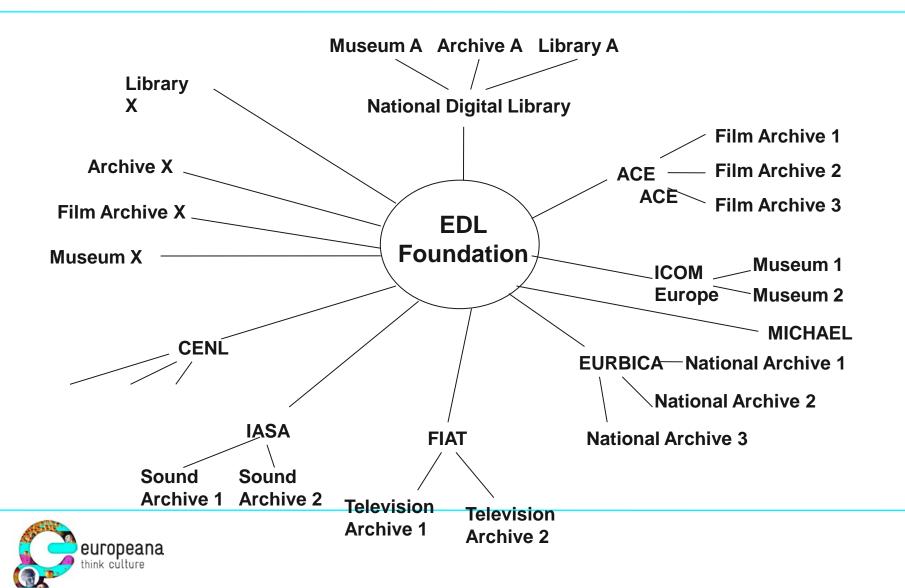


## **Metadata ingestion**

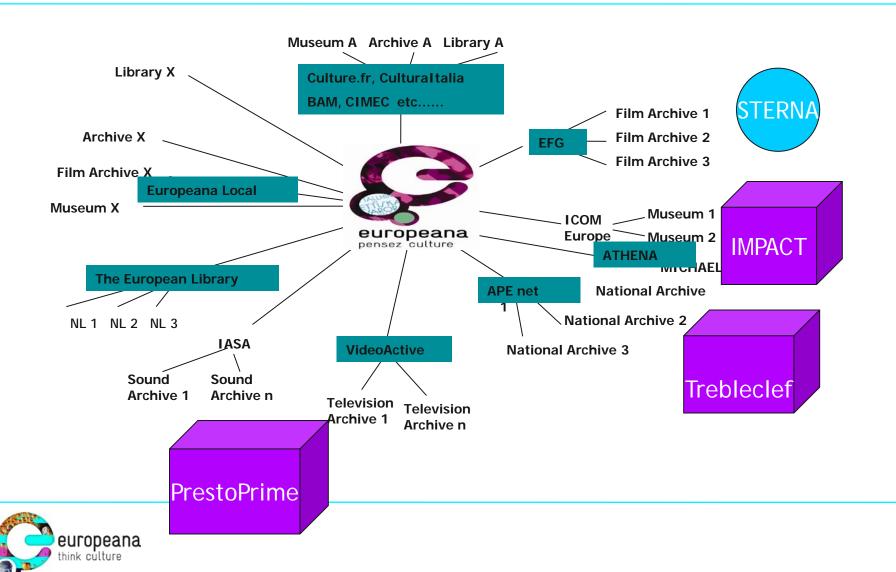
- Metadata in XML from trusted institutions.
  - Harvested OAI PMH, FTP, DVD.
- Transformation into ESE Dublin Core made by the Office that we would like to be done by the providers (already aggregated)
- Set of tools developed that will be made available to partners in the Europeana test environment
  - Analysis tool of the structure received
  - Normalisation generating the additional management data
  - Indexing
- The Thought Lab semantic search engine also demonstrates that full original records are important to prepare the future



# **EDL Foundation & Europeana want Aggregation**



### Projects helping the aggregation to date



# **Current projects**

- Europeana Local www.EuropeanaLocal.eu
  - Is an aggregator (no portal). Helps local and regional museums, archives, audio visual collections and libraries to bring their content to Europeana.eu.
- EFG www.EuropeanFilmGateway.eu
  - Is a portal. Creates European Film Gateway (a portal) and makes more film accessible to Europeana.
- Athena www.AthenaEurope.org
  - Is an aggregator (no portal). Helps museums bring their content to Europeana.eu.
- APEnet
  - Is a portal. Creates European Archives Portal and makes more archives accessible to Europeana.
- PrestoPrime
  - Is a network of excellence for the preservation of audio visual archives and will deliver content to Europeana.
- STERNA
  - Semantic, web based thematic European reference network application building a distributed digital library focussing on natural science, natural history, and biodiversity material.



# **Forthcoming Projects**

#### BHL Europe

 Improves the interoperability of Europe s biodiversity heritage libraries by introducing common standards and creates a portal to facilitate the search for taxa specific biodiversity information. It will give access to relevant content through Europeana. Begins in 2009

#### EU Screen

 Will work towards standardisation in the audio visual sector and provide solutions to achieve interoperability in the sector. It will develop long term solutions to rights issues. Is a portal and gives access to the material also through Europeana. Begins September 2009

#### Europeana Travel

• Overall objective to digitise content on the theme of travel and tourism for Europeana from Europe s national and research libraries. Begins in 2009.

#### MIMO Musical Instrument Museums Online

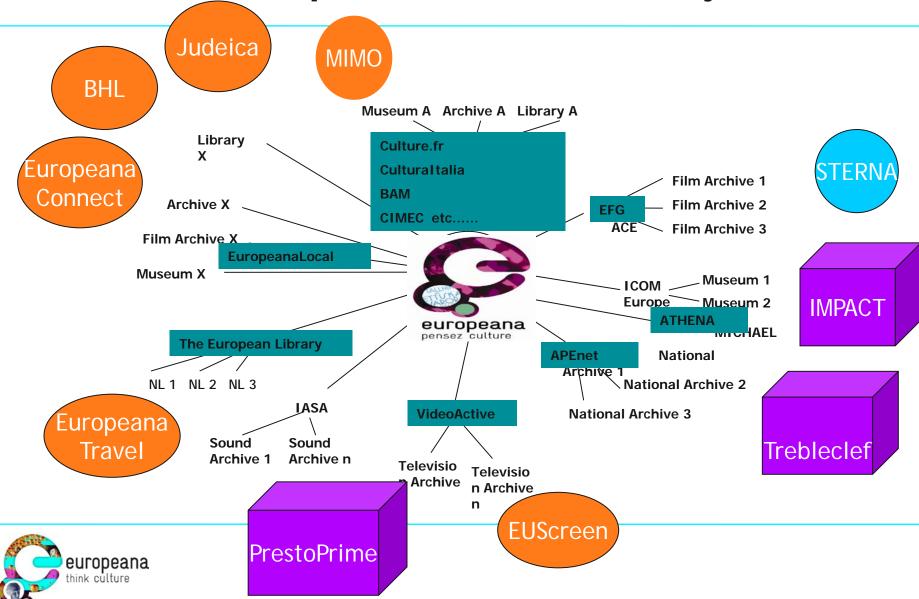
 Digitises content and creates a common access portal for musical instruments. MIMO also gives access to its content through Europeana. Begins 2009.

#### JUDEICA Jewish Urban Digital European Integrated Cultural Archive

 Identifies content in European Institutions demonstrating the jewish contribution to the cities of Europe. Content will be digitised & accessible through Europeana. Begins 2009.



## The Europeana Universe of Projects 2009





# interoperability is a key issue

- V.Reding (29 September 2005)
  - I am not suggesting that the Commission creates a single library. I envisage a network of many digital libraries – in many different institutions, across Europe





# **METADATA**

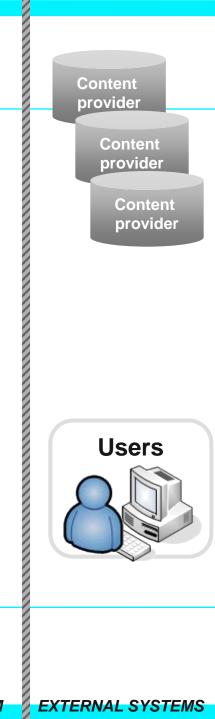
OAI-PMH (Header, Metadata, About)

- Dublin Core unqualified (occurrence, type, encoding and vocabulary specified)
- Other formats are optional and a limited number only should be used with the metadataPrefix => used for full text searching
- Use of semantic interoperability techniques for semantic mappings and the cross-searching of descriptive metadata **instead of** a higher level interoperability application profile.



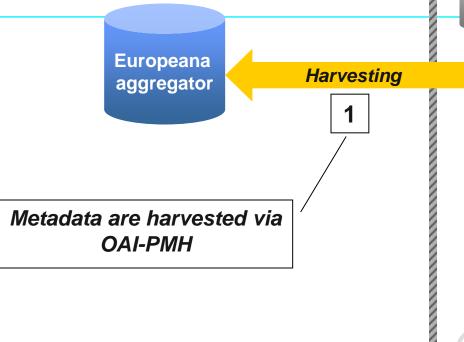
### **STANDARDS**

- OAI-PMH for harvesting
- SRU, SOAP, JSR and OpenSearch for external search and access
- XML for syntax
- SKOS, OWL/RDF(S) for semantics
- SPARQL for advanced search (but still discussing alternatives such as SQL, SeQL and Lucene)
- CIDOC/CRM and DCMI Abstract Model Metadata modelling (FRBRoo to be discussed)
- SAML, LDAP and OpenID for security and authentication
- Lots of others: WSDL, WAI, UNICODE UTF-8, XSLT, NACO, UNAPI, "See-also", HTTP/HTTPS ...















Content provider Content provider **Harvesting** Content provider

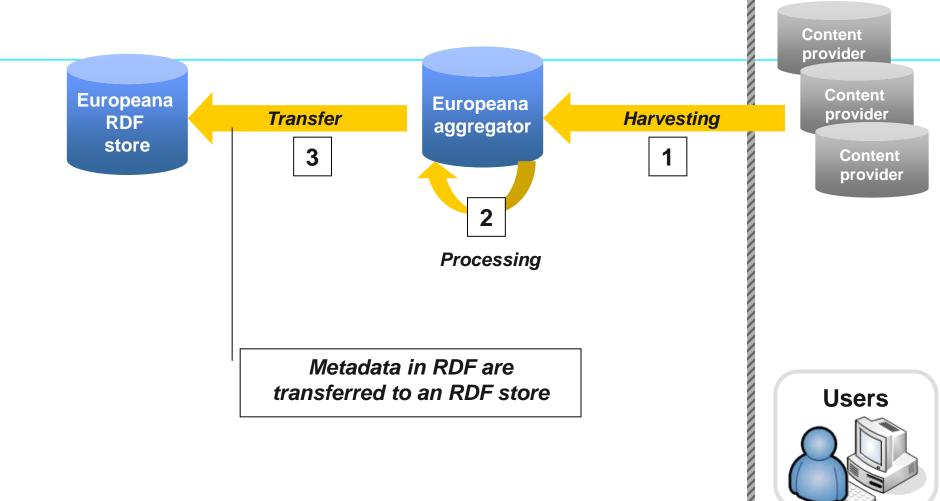
Europeana aggregator

**Processing** 

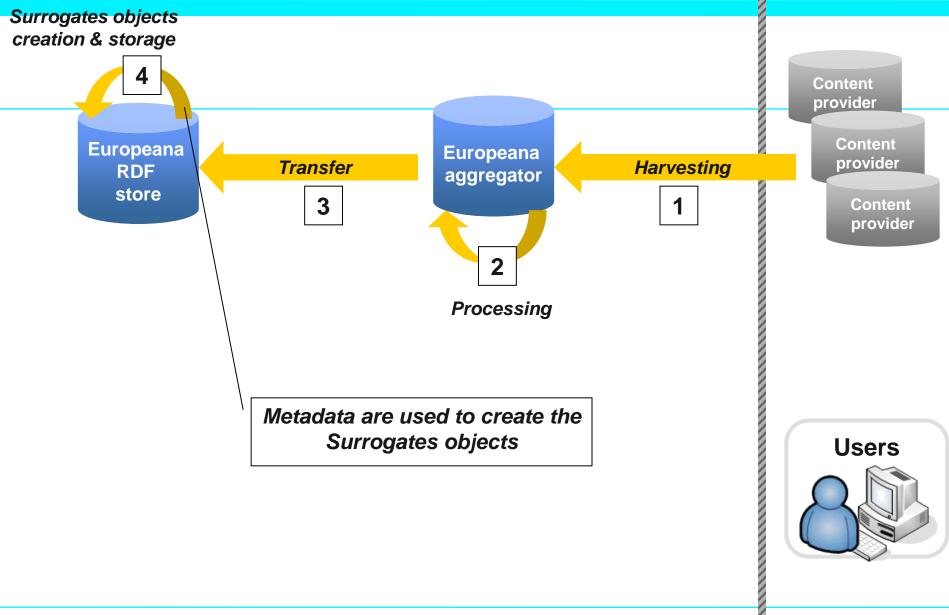
- <u>Checking</u>: quality, errors
- <u>Mapping</u>: Syntactic and Semantic interoperability (CIDOC-CRM core?)
- <u>Pre-processing</u>: uniform time & location, themes, relations
- Formatting: RDF/XML



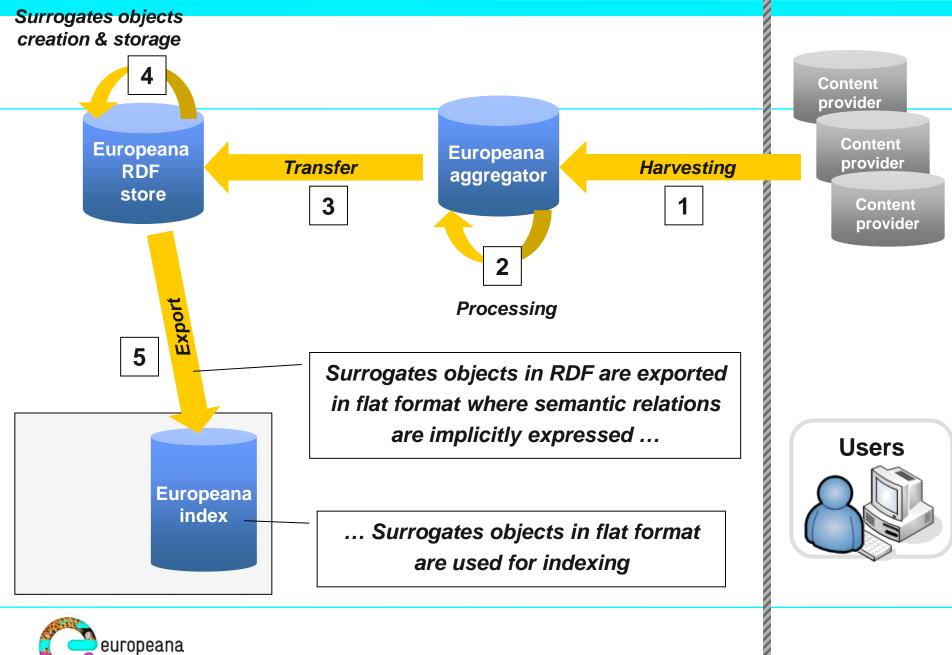




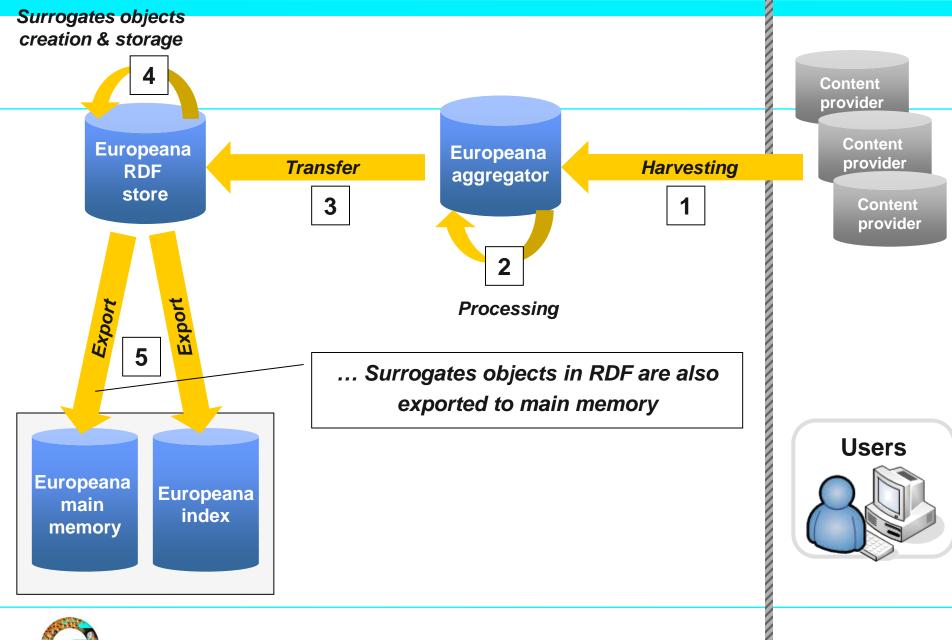




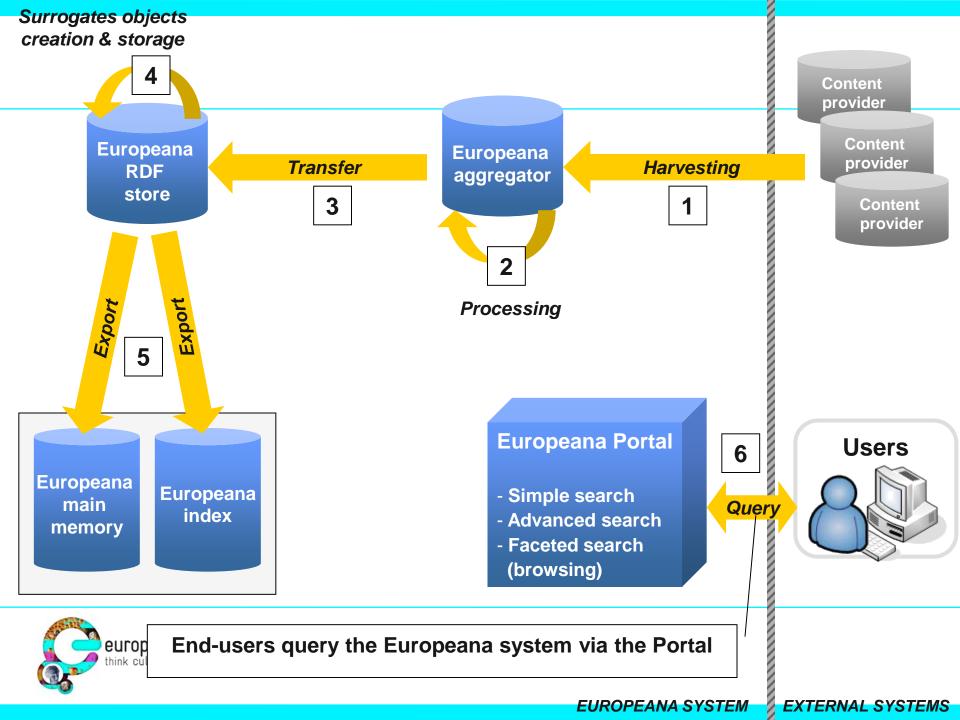


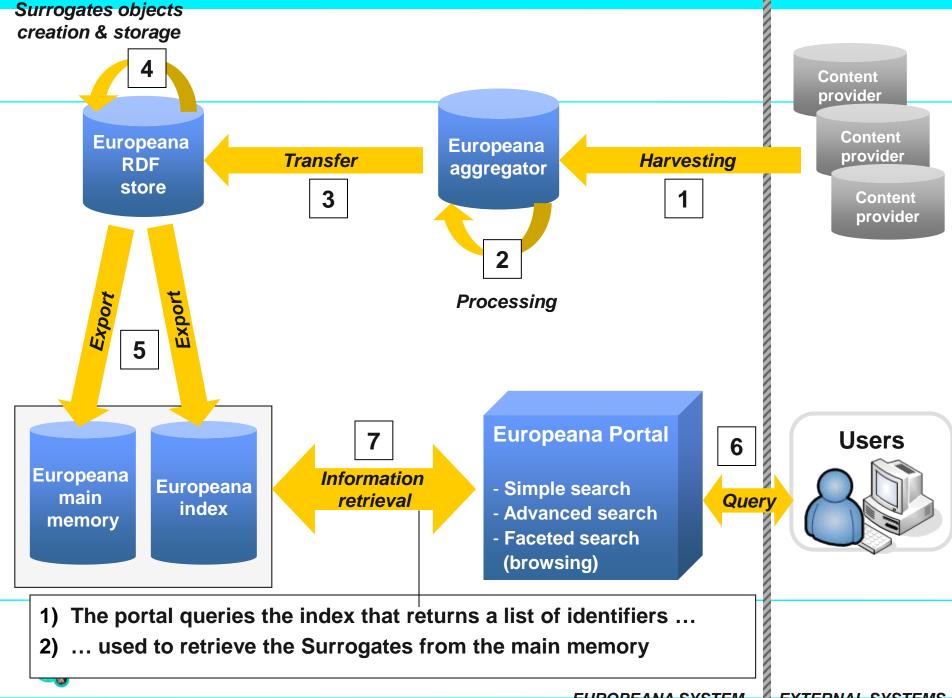


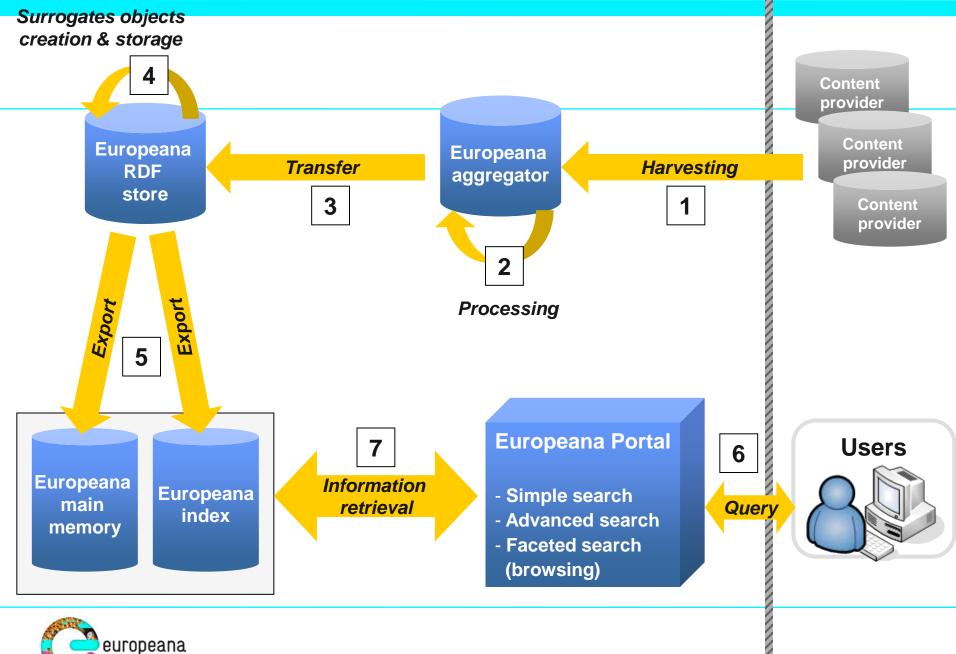














#### **Europeana's Technology**

- The Europeana prototype is a proof-of-concept environment to:
  - Validate candidate technologies for the v1.0 release with regards to searching, aligning semantics in a multidimensional content space, cross-lingual and cross-cultural information retrieval
  - Get hands on experience with ingesting and mapping a plethora of: metadata formats, languages, controlled vocabularies, etc.
  - Start building a pan-european network of content aggregators and cultural heritage partners
  - Validate strategies to guarantee future scalibility, maintainability, agility and extensibility of the Europeana business model.

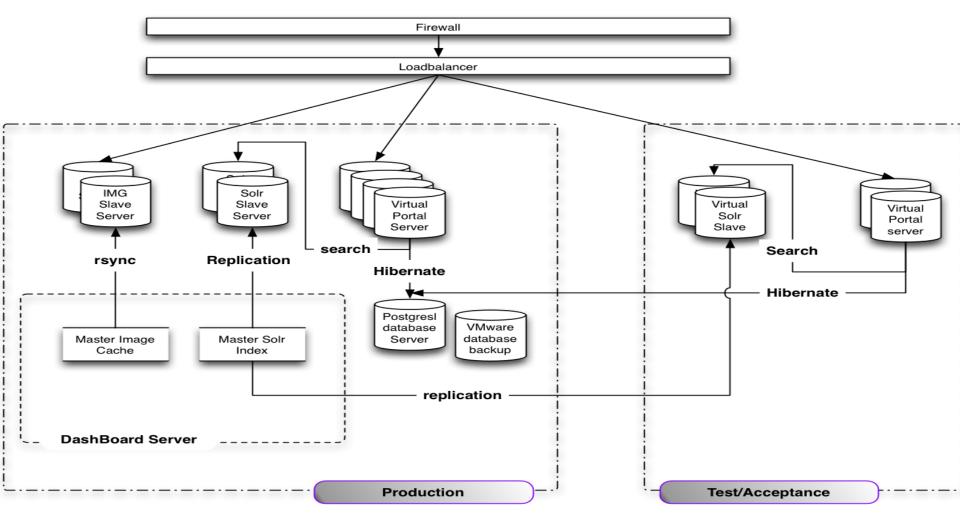


#### **Prototype evolution**

- Maquette (January 2008)
- Blue design prototype v0.0 'Styx' (June 2008)
  - 500.000 records searchable
  - Release under password protection to network partners
- Salter-Baxter design prototype v0.1 (November 2008)
  - 4.5 million records searchable
  - Official release in Brussel by EU Commission president Barosso
- New production environment release v0.2 (Christmas 2008)
  - Scaled to handle 8000 concurrent users
- MyEuropeana release v0.3 (March 2009)
  - Re-enabled MyEuropeana login user-space environment

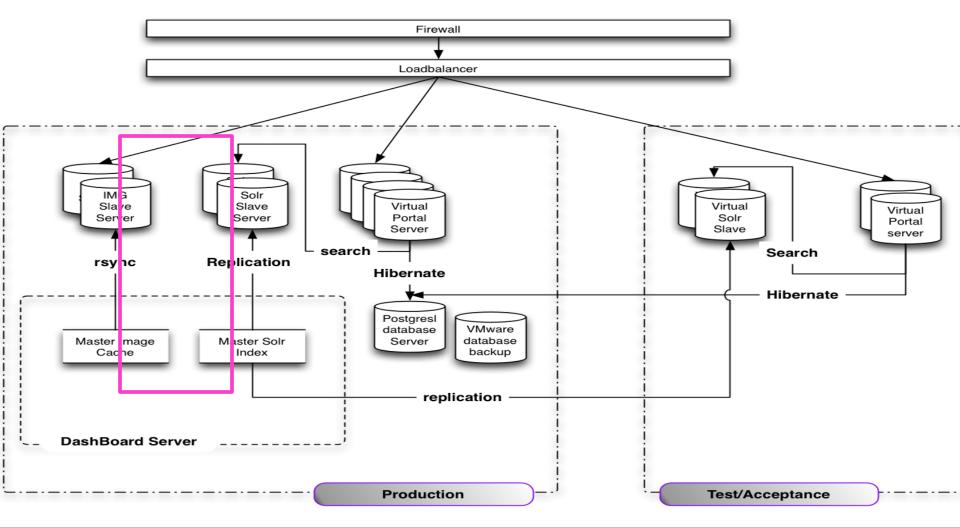


# **Deployment diagram breakdown**





# **Image Server (1)**



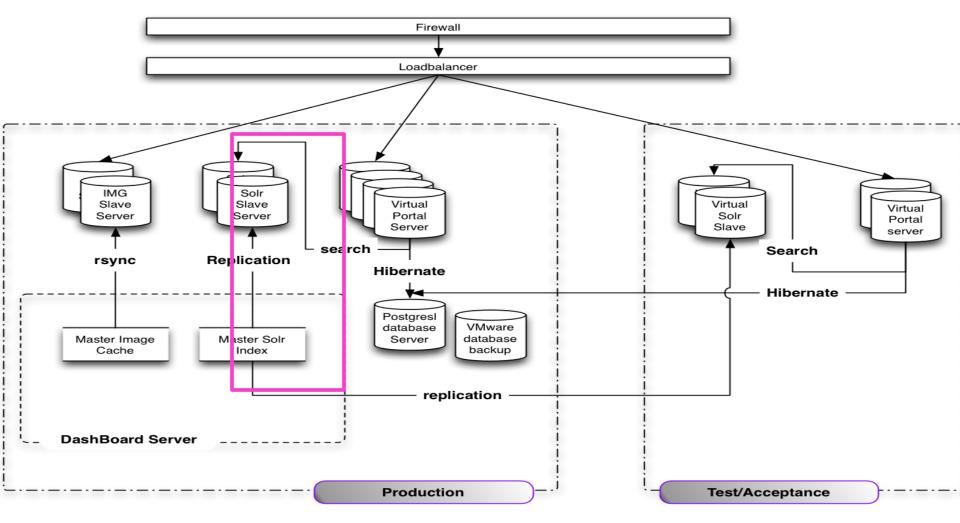


# **Image Server (2)**

- ESE-element 'europeana:object' uri's are preprocessed using ImageMagick and stored in 4096 folders (=163) as SHA1 hashed strings for very fast retrieval
- Simple cache servlet for retrieval of the object as httprequests from the users' browser
- Replication:
  - Thumbnails are cached on the Dashboard server that function as the 'Image Cache' Master
  - Master 'Image Cache' is synced with production slaves every hour via rsync
- Statistics: served over 75 million images in first 3 months of 2009



# **SOLR Search Server (1)**



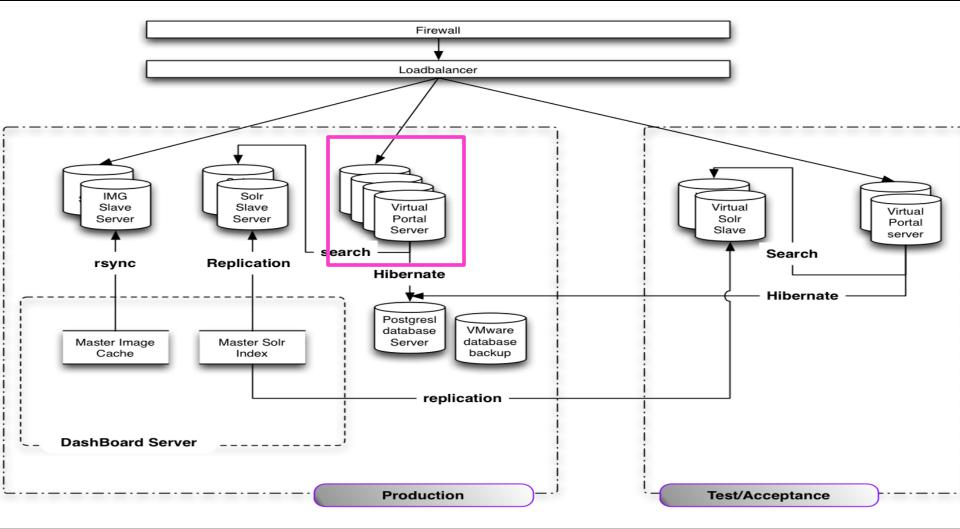


#### **SOLR Search Server (2)**

- Apache SOLR v1.3 <a href="http://lucene.apache.org/solr/">http://lucene.apache.org/solr/</a>
  - REST-based interface for querying and updating the index
  - Build in facetting, related item search, spellchecking 'did you mean', replication, result-caching, multiple output formats
  - Fast and scalable indexing. Know to scale into billions of records
  - Multithreaded indexing. Current single threaded indexing speed ca. 1 million records per hour.
  - v1.4 additions: carrot2 clustering algorithms, autosuggestion, faster numerical range queries (TrieRange Queries) for temporal and spatial querying



# Portal front-end application (1)



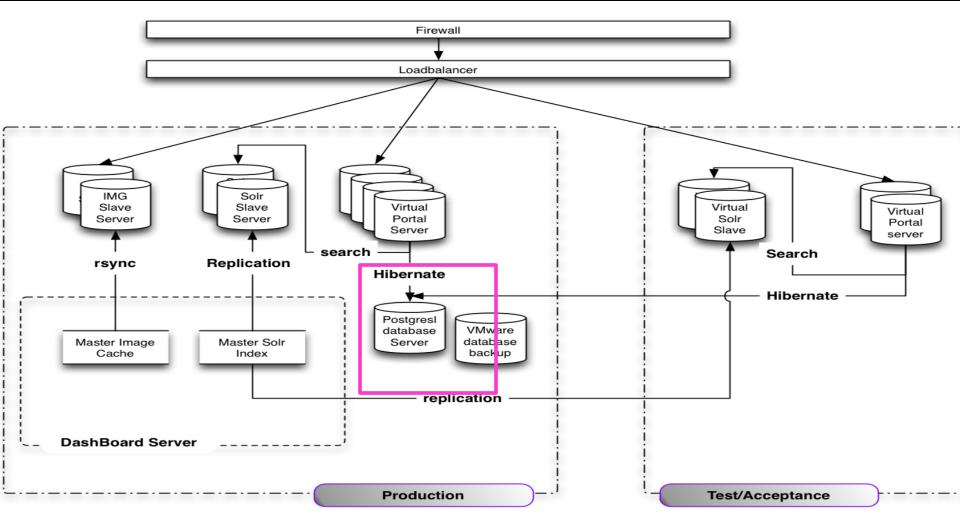


#### Portal front-end application (2)

- Is the main Europeana Graphical User Interface:
  - Dynamically renders the pages
  - Reformulate queries of SOLR
  - Handles user authentification and localisation
- Statistics: served over 13 million pages and processed over
   70 million http-request in the first 3 months of 2009



# **Database Server (1)**





#### **Database Server (2)**

# Postgresql 8.3 database server

#### Contains:

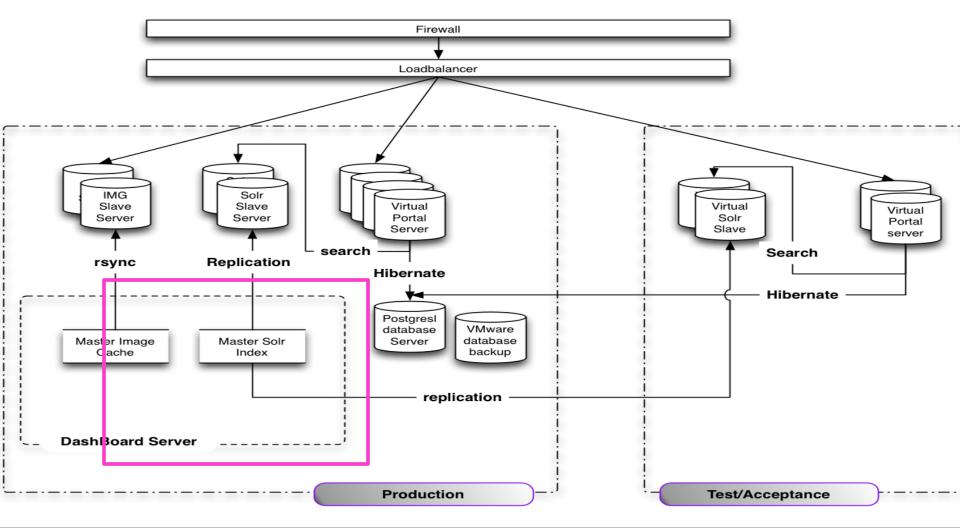
• Europeana records, Europeana Objects, Users, Saved searches/tags/items, interface translations, static pages, content for partner page (i.e. partners and contributors), etc.

# Main usage:

- Datastore for ingested material.
- Uses europeana object table for caching process
- Uses european records table for indexing process
- Dynamically load interface translations and translated static pages (v0.3.1)
- User validation and management



# **Dashboard Administration Interface (1)**





#### **Dashboard Administration Interface (2)**

- Relative new comer to the Europeana prototype space
  - Runs on the Dashboard Server
  - Multi-user and multi-role adminstrative interface to:
    - Edit user roles
    - Collection management: importing, indexing, caching
    - Edit interface and staticpage translations
    - Manage partner and contributers list
    - Provide content related statistics
  - Future extensions:
    - Ingestion wizard?
      - Upload, analyse, map, normalise, test content in sandbox, etc.



#### **Questions?**

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