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# HAZU and eCloud

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# Digital Collection of HAZU DIZBI

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We are a great, happy and hardworking team



# HAZU in the project Europeana Cloud (eCloud)

- Unlocking Europe's Research via the Cloud  
key objective: using the cloud technology for Europeana in order to collect metadata and digital content for the community of researchers
- Since 1 February 2013
- Duration: 36 months
- 33 participants
- Coordinated by the Europeana Foundation
- CIP: Best practice network



## The story begins with a letter of invitation...

by dr. Paul Ayris, president of LIBER:

“LIBER invites members to take part in a project proposal for the EU's PSP ICT Programme by submitting content to be aggregated by Europeana in a project proposal entitled Europeana Research.”

“Data to be submitted could include full text of books, research datasets, OA journals, blogs and other academic content for which the Library has stewardship. Content from archives, museums, galleries and academic departments of interest to research libraries is strongly welcomed.”

“The consortium must include content providers and can also include national or domain specific aggregators.”



## **...and continues with application by DIZBI HAZU**

10 research and art divisions joined the eCloud:

1. the Library (as initiator)
2. The Fine Arts Archives
- 3-5. Divisions of the Institute of the History of Croatian Literature, Theatre and Music
6. The Glyptotheque
7. The Ethnology Division
8. The Strossmayer Gallery of Old Masters
9. The Croatian Museum of Architecture
10. The Adriatic Institute
  
11. IT consultant: dipl. ing. Kristijan Crnković



# HAZU as a content provider

18 textual collections (monographs, serials, cast sheets, Mss, typescripts, microfilms):

history, literature, philosophy, law, language, art, music, theatre, ethnology, social sciences, science, technology

estimated number of items: 13.911 (1650 vols+ ca 9.000 articles) + Old and Rare Books (8)

The oldest item: 16th century

11 artworks collections (plaster casts, medals and plaques, copies of frescos and Croatian sculptures, photos, paintings, architectural drawings)

estimated number of items: 871

The oldest item: 15th century



# HAZU in eCloud

The main goal for HAZU:  
bringing new metadata (and content)  
from the repository of HAZU

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into the Europeana



# DIZBI – questions about sustainability

→ What at the end of eCloud?

How to digitise new content?

(funding in 2014: 14.000 kn for digitizing obtained from the City of Zagreb and 20.000 kn for repository maintenance - from the Academy)

→ How to increase the number of digitized items?

e.g. old and rare books (1550-1850) from 5 oldest libraries in Croatia digitized in last 10 years:  
477 (320 on the internet) and ca 160 old periodicals  
(19th-20th century)

→ How to make the administration i.e. the investors aware of the importance of digital libraries and digital content?





# Our experiences since we joined the eCloud

- We have much work to do
- eCloud gives us:
  - an opportunity to include Croatian cultural heritage and science into the Europeana
  - an inspiration, a motivation to do more and more
  - the opportunity to collaborate with colleagues in Europe
  - confirmation, assurance that we are educated, familiar with digitizing, repositories, standards etc.
  - and not less important: budget (in actual financial crisis)
  - etc.





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**Thank you**

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