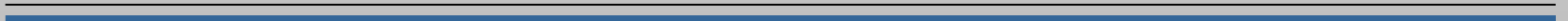




EHRI & Open History: Sustainable digital publishing of archival catalogues of twentieth- century history archives

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European Holocaust Research Infrastructure (EHRI): Facts & Figures

- EHRI's first phase:
 - October 2010 – March 2015
 - 7th Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development of the European Union
 - Consortium of nineteen organisations – research institutions, libraries, archives, museums and memorial sites – from thirteen countries
- EHRI's second phase:
 - May 2015 – April 2019
 - Horizon 2020
 - Consortium of twenty-two organisations – research institutions, libraries, archives, museums and memorial sites – from seventeen countries

Integration of key archival collections

- Necessary because of the fragmentation and dispersal of archival sources
 - Geographical scope of the Holocaust
 - Attempts to destroy the evidence
 - Migration of Holocaust survivors
 - Multiplicity of documentation projects after the war

Overall objectives

The European Holocaust Research Infrastructure (EHRI) project seeks to transform archival research on the Holocaust. The vision of EHRI is to integrate the data, services and expertise of existing Holocaust infrastructures on an unprecedented scale. It will allow researchers from across the globe transnational and virtual access to the integrated infrastructure, and provide them with innovative digital tools and methods to (collaboratively) explore and analyse Holocaust sources.

22 Consortium partners – 17 countries

- Koninklijke Nederlandse Akademie van Wetenschappen - NIOD Institute for War, Holocaust and Genocide Studies & Data Archiving and Networked Services (DANS) – the Netherlands
- Centre for Historical Research and Documentation on War and Contemporary Society (CEGESOMA) - Belgium
- Židovské Muzeum v Praze (Jewish Museum in Prague) – Czech Republic
- Stiftung zur Wissenschaftlichen Erforschung der Zeitgeschichte – Institut für Zeitgeschichte (Institute for Contemporary History, IfZ) - Germany
- King’s College London – United Kingdom
- Yad Vashem The Holocaust Martyrs and Heroes Remembrance Authority - Israel
- United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM) – United States of America
- Bundesarchiv (Federal Archives) - Germany
- The Wiener Library Institute of Contemporary History – United Kingdom
- International Tracing Service (ITS) – Germany
- Żydowski Instytut Historyczny IM. Emanuela Ringelbluma (Jewish Historical Institute) - Poland
- Mémorial de la Shoah - France
- Wiener Wiesenthal Institut für Holocaust-Studien – VWI - Austria
- Ontotext AD - Bulgaria
- Institutul National pentru Studiarea Holocaustului din Romania “Elie Wiesel” (‘Elie Wiesel’ National Institute for the Study of Holocaust in Romania) - Romania
- Magyarországi Zsidó Hitközségek Szövetsége (Hungarian Jewish Archives) - Hungary
- Institut National de Recherche en Informatique et en Automatique (INRIA) - France
- Valstybinis Vilniaus Gaono žydų muziejus (Vilna Gaon State Jewish Museum) - Lithuania
- Dokumentačné stredisko holokaustu (Holocaust Documentation Center, DSH) - Slovakia
- Stowarzyszenie Centrum Badan nad Zaglada Zydw (Polish Center for Holocaust Research Association) - Poland
- Fondazione Centro di Documentazione Ebraica Contemporanea (Foundation “Jewish Contemporary Documentation Center”, CDEC) - Italy
- The Jewish Museum of Greece – Greece

Supporting research into the Holocaust

- Improve (transnational) access to Holocaust material
- Stimulate research into relatively unknown aspects of the Holocaust
- Enable historiographical progress
- Facilitate collaborative research
- Virtual Research Environment
- Special attention for Holocaust in Eastern Europe

EHRI's activities

- Training: Summer schools & Online courses
- Fellowships
- Identification of Holocaust-related sources
- Access to (meta-)data on the sources via the EHRI Portal
- New Methodologies

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- DARIAH-EU call 2015: Open Humanities
 - Initiative-taking institutions:
 - Centre for Historical Research and Documentation on War and Contemporary Society (Cegesoma, Brussels)
 - Data Archiving and Networked Services (DANS, the Hague)
 - NIOD Institute for War, Holocaust and Genocide Studies (NIOD, Amsterdam)
 - Trinity College Dublin (TCD) / CENDARI
 - Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes and Security Services Archive (USTR and ABS, Prague)
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- Possibilities and opportunities digital humanities
- Major obstacle: collection-holding institutions not ready to successfully participate and share their (meta-)data
- Learning from experiences CENDARI and EHRI to invest in dialogue with collection-holding institutions



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- 29-30 September 2015: First workshop
- 9-10 December 2015: Second workshop with about 20 participants from 10 different countries
- Two texts written by participants first workshop, precirculated for discussion second workshop: the “why (and how) text” and the “goals text”
- In the heart of DARIAH’s mission to ensure that accepted standards and best practice examples are followed.



How to get involved

- EHRI Website: www.ehri-project.eu
- EHRI Portal: <https://portal.ehri-project.eu/>
- EHRI Fellowships, Workshops, Seminars and Conferences
- Online training: <http://training.ehri-project.eu/>
- EHRI research guides: <https://portal.ehri-project.eu/guides>
- EHRI Newsletters & Feedback
- The “Open History” project: contact person veerle.vandendaelen@cegesoma.be