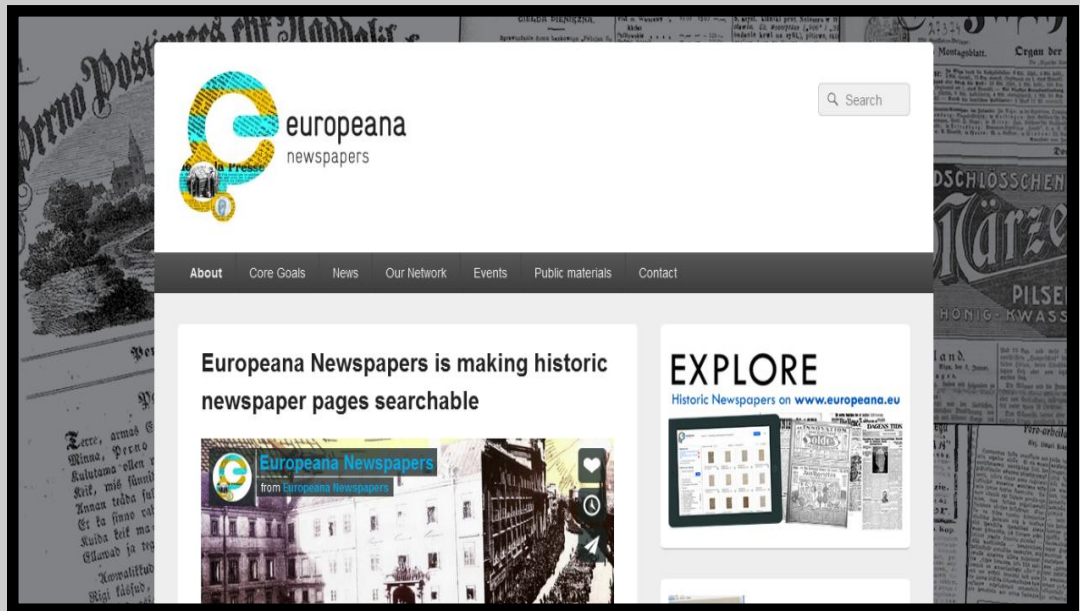


Home Page



Logo



URL

<http://www.europeana-newspapers.eu/>

Subject

Newspapers – Europe - Archives

Accessibility

Free

Language

Multilingual

Publisher

ICT Policy Support Programme (ICT PSP) by the European Community.

Brief History

The Europeana Newspapers project, which started in February 2012, will aggregate and refine newspapers for TEL & Europeana and address challenges particularly linked with digitized newspapers.

Scope and Coverage

A group of 17 European partner institutions have joined forces in the “Europeana Newspapers” project to provide more than 18 million newspaper pages to the online service Europeana. Europeana is a single access point to millions of digitised books, paintings, films, museum objects and archival records sourced from throughout Europe.

The Europeana Newspapers project is funded under the Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Program 2007-2013 of the European Commission with the aim of aggregation and refinement of newspaper content through The European Library.

Kind of Information

Each library participating in the project will distribute digitised newspapers and full-text via Europeana. The project aims to make the newspaper content directly accessible for users through a special interface within the content browser. This will be integrated into the Europeana portal and will allow queries of phrases or single words within the newspapers’ texts. This goes far beyond the standard libraries catalogue search functions which usually allow the searching by date or title only.

Europeana Newspapers is making historic newspaper pages searchable via two prominent cultural heritage websites: Europeana and The European Library.

Europeana Newspapers aggregating 18 million historic newspaper pages for Europeana and The European Library. They converted 10 million newspaper pages to full text. This will help users quickly search for specific articles, people and locations mentioned within the newspaper.

Special Features

- ❖ **ENP-ENMAP:** This is the metadata-model that has been developed by the Europeana Newspapers Project. It stores all information generated through the refinement processes such as OCR and OLR. This simple yet effective model can be easily used and understood by their many partners, who will use it to process some 10 million pages of newspaper content.
- ❖ They create a special content viewer to improve online newspaper browsing.
- ❖ The project addresses challenges linked with digitised newspapers such as Optical Character Recognition (OCR), Optical Layout Recognition (OLR), article segmentation and page class recognition, and named entity recognition (NER). OCR is the electronic conversion of scanned images of handwritten, typewritten or printed text into machine-encoded text. OLR is concerned with the detection and separation of articles on a scanned page with more than one article.

NER seeks to locate entities in the full text and to classify them according to standardised names for persons, locations, and organisations.

- ❖ A direct link to The European Library is there, users just need to click on the icon to search the historic newspapers.



- ❖ Visitors can explore historic newspapers from different national libraries, by click on this tab -



Arrangement Pattern

Newspapers are arranged alphabetically under different categories in the linked site with The Europeana Newspapers project, i.e. The European Library.

Remarks

Newspapers are one of the most popular material types in Europeana Newspapers, because they are so rich with information and thus appeal to such a wide range of people. Adding 10 million of their digitised newspaper pages to Europeana Newspapers provides users with a more elaborate experience and they are very happy to offer them this chance.

The European community benefits greatly from the Europeana Newspapers efforts and can combine all available European material for any research area, whether it be historical events, or genealogy.

Comparable Tools

- The European Library (<http://www.theeuropeanlibrary.org/tel4/newspapers>)
- The British Newspaper Archive (<http://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/>)
- Irish Newspaper Archives (<https://www.irishnewsarchive.com/>)

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