Access to Digital Cultural Content in Slovenia

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Policy

National cultural programme, 2008 – 2011

- digitisation of library collections and development of e-content, primarily for the needs of school-age youth, for local studies and development of tourism and creative industries,
- improving education of employed librarians for the needs of all activities in a modern libraries,
- active incorporation of digitised library content in the network in the area of cultural education.
- providing optimal implementation of tasks of regional libraries with an emphasis on digitisation of local studies material and development of a joint portal.

Development Strategy for Information Society in RS (si2010), 2007

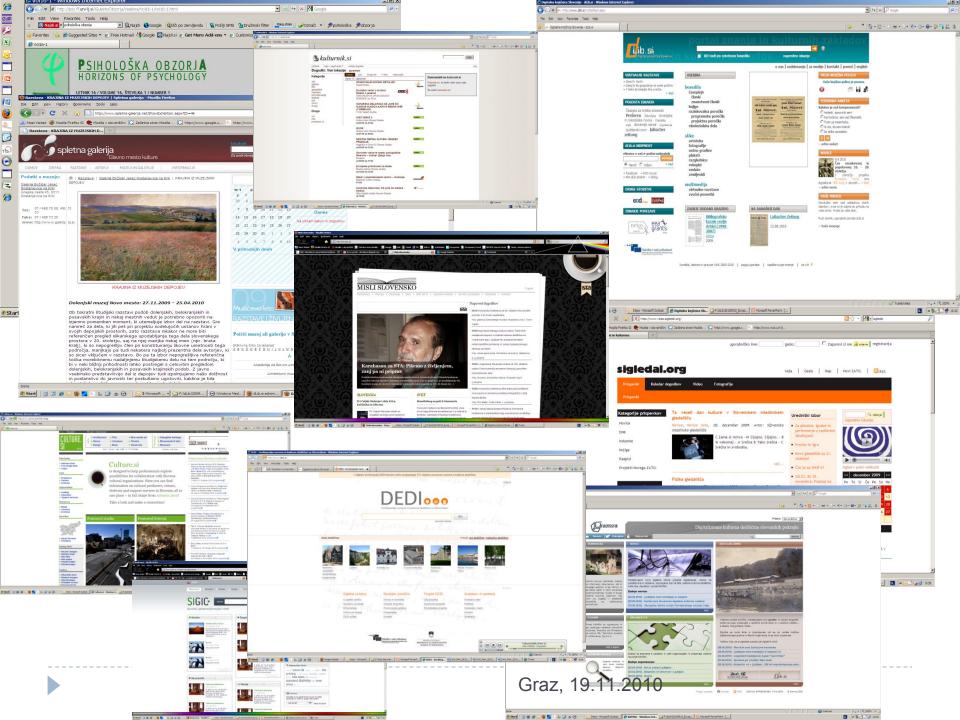
E-culture: accelerating the process of digitization of existing analogue cultural content found in museums, libraries, archives, the media and art.



Reality

- COBISS shared library information system, since 1990
- Public libraries provide free access to Internet since 1995
- Access to internet, 2009:
 - ▶ 65% households, 56% broadband access
- Digitisation is lagged behind > started after 2003
- Digitisation projects are carried out unsystematically, depend on the initiatives of individual institutions
- No digitisation strategy on the national level





The result

- Huge variances between institutions and cultural sectors:
 - Digitisation on the basis of standards and good practice
 - "Ad hoc" digitisation
- Differences in understanding the digitisation (creation of metadata in the informatisation system, transfer from analogue to digital format)
- A number of portals created by associations and other organisations, not institutional
- Partnering in EU and national projects > The problem of the information and knowledge flow after the end of projects



Main access points

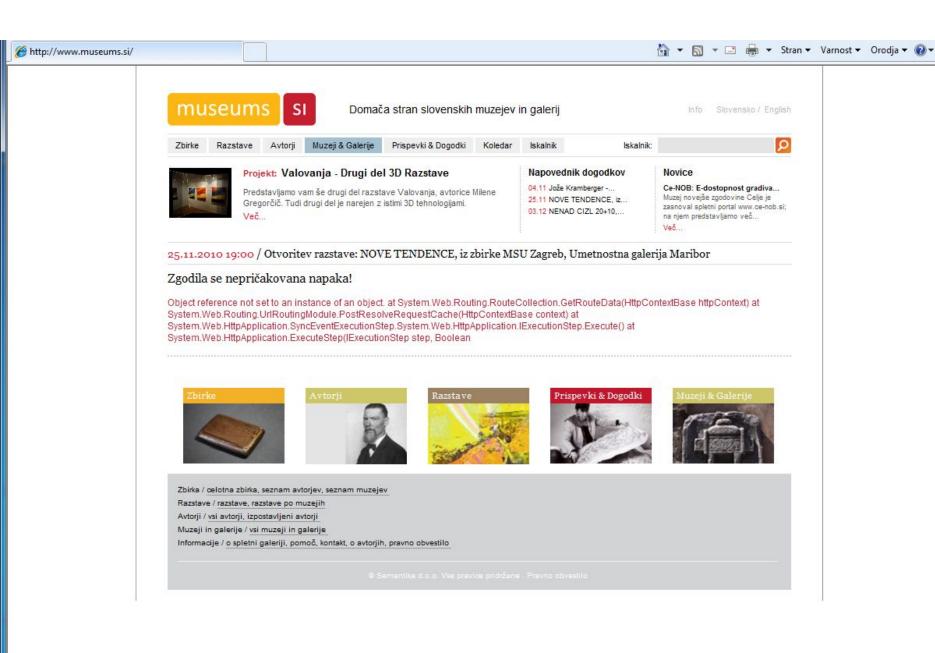
- Museums, galleries
 - Museums.si, since 2009
- Archives
 - SIRA NET (under construction)
- Libraries
 - dLib.si (Slovenian Digital Library), since 2003
 - KAMRA, portal of local content, since 2008



Slovenian Digital Library, dLib.si

- National and University Librar
- since 2003
- ▶ 500.000 objects
- culture, education and science (articles, photos, maps, manuscripts, books, newspapers, 3D objects)
- 21% of content by external partners
- 9-13 employees





KAMRA - Local cultural heritage

E-local studies :

- Community memory
- Community today
- Regional concept
- Presentation of the digital objects as stories together with the textual context
- Opened for all institutions (museums, archives, schools, CH institutions etc) and individuals
- Aimed at general public





Public Libraries

- 58 main libraries / 10 regional libraries
- 200 branches
- 12 bookmobiles with 659 stop

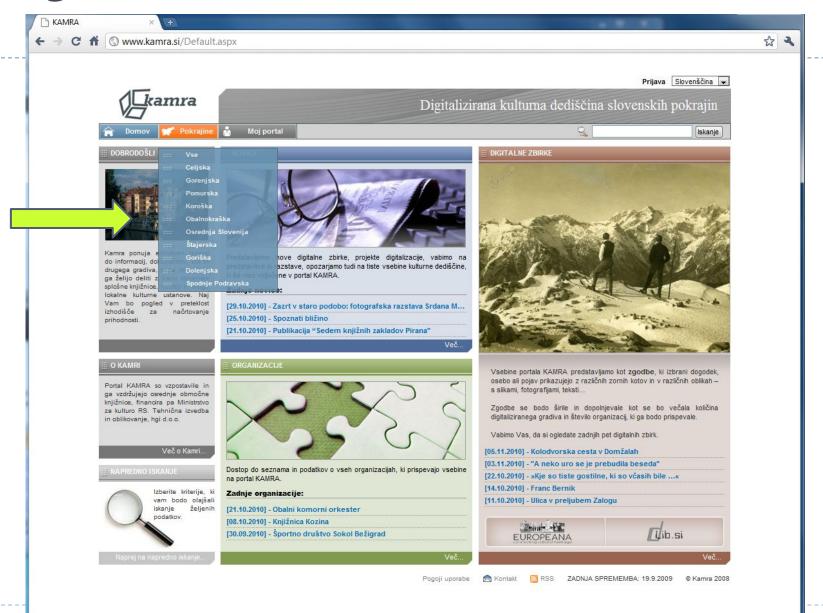
- 26% of population are library members
- > 12 loans a year per inhabitant
- > 1.375 employees
- Operation costs: 24 EUR per inhabitant





Regional filters

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Muzejska zbirka orožja Pokrajinskega muzeja Celje

Za komentiranje morate biti registrirani in prijavljeni na portal.

Komentarji

Multimedijski elementi

- Gostilna Skalna klet
- Gostilna Nemškega olepševalnega društva jpg, 327.32kb
- Gostilna na Petričku jpg, 827.2kb
- Gostilna na Anskem vrhu (Annensitz)

Kazalo

KAMRA

'Added value'

- Enhancement of the regional libraries role
- Encouragement of digitisation of local studies content

- Enhancement of libraries' role as e-content providers
- Participating in European Community Programmes



Partners

GET

- Infrastructure
- Training for content providers
- Counselling and support in the process of planning
- Promotion of content and partners

GIVE

- Carefully selected and structured content
- Quality of digital objects and metadata
- Respect the Intelectual Property Rights > sign the contract on the publishing conditions



Functionalities

- Filtering by regions
- Filtering of hits
- MyKAMRA
- Multilinguality (English, Hungarian, Italian)
- Users' comments
- Sandbox for testing and learning



Local content on Europeana

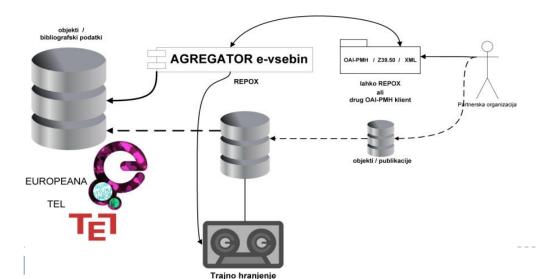


- Partners in project EuropeanaLocal
- 43 collections from public libraries and local museums
 - 44.700 Objects+metadata, ingestion March 2010
- 75.000 objects, ingestion planned in December 2010
- 2 aggreggators: dLib.si, KAMRA
- Slovenian cultural digital content conference on September 15



Future plans

- Slovenian national aggreggator and national repository (preservation and storage) / 2011
- National digitisation policy
- Further development of sectorial portals
- Access through Europeana



Infrastructure

Data centre in the National and University Library

