

Romania and Europeana: a Digital Briefing



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Digital Assets in Europeana: 154,830 (on 17 January 2018)

Funding

Since 2008, Romania has contributed €60,000 to the funding of Europeana.

To date, Europeana enabled contribution of €7,920 from the budget of the EU to fund Europeana projects in Romania.

| Partner | Project | Funding |
|---|---------------------|---------|
| Biblioteca Judeteana Octavian goga - Cluj | Europeana Awareness | €7,920 |

Participation in projects

Currently there are no Romanian partner in EU-funded projects that contribute to Europeana. The projects directly support to knowledge and technology sharing between libraries, museums, archives, software agencies and university research departments. The activities include delivering content, technology and knowledge to Europeana. It would be a positive outcome if we could get our Romanian partners to participate in this.



Aggregation to Europeana

Europeana Collections features over 50 million records of which 154,830 are provided by Romanian Institutions. Most records are provided by the Lucian Blaga Central University Library of Cluj-Napoca and AthenaPlus. All records aggregated by Romania can be found [here](#)¹.

Data Partners

The 154,830 objects from Romania are delivered through 52 partners. The largest Data Partner is Lucian Blaga Central University Library of Cluj-Napoca with 58,363 objects provided to Europeana Collections. Other partners and records can be found [here](#)². The 20 largest partners are listed below.

| Data Partners | Objects on the Portal |
|---|-----------------------|
| Lucian Blaga Central University Library, Cluj-Napoca, Romania | 58,363 |
| INP - National Heritage Institute, Bucharest | 51,921 |
| Biblioteca Academiei Române | 9,422 |
| Romanian Television | 6,091 |
| National Library of Romania | 4,664 |
| Biblioteca Județeană "Alexandru D. Xenopol" Arad | 3,064 |
| Biblioteca Județeană "Panait Istrati" Brăila | 2,424 |
| Universitatea Babeș Bolyai | 1,700 |
| Arhivele Naționale Istorice Centrale | 1,651 |
| Timis County Library | 1,442 |
| Biblioteca Județeană "G. T. Kirileanu" Neamț | 1,185 |
| Colecția muzeală a Arhiepiscopiei Ortodoxe - ALBA IULIA | 1,022 |
| Muzeul Național al Unirii - ALBA IULIA | 986 |
| Biblioteca Județeană "Octavian Goga" Cluj | 877 |



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|---|-----|
| The Association of Hungarian Folk Dance from Romania, Sfântu Gheorghe | 742 |
| Images of Old Cluj | 686 |
| Muzeul Județean Buzău, România | 677 |
| Library of the "Lucian Blaga" University of Sibiu | 659 |
| Biblioteca Județeană „V.A. Urechia” Galați | 501 |

Openly Licensed Data

78.3% of the 154,830 objects in Europeana provided by Romania is [openly licensed](#)³. 71.2% of these objects are shown with the internationally accredited Public Domain mark⁴, 0.9% is licensed under CC BY-SA⁵ and 6.3% is licensed under CC0⁶. Openly Licensed data is important as it allows contribution of content to education, Creative Industries, exhibitions and the like.

Web Traffic & Usage on Europeana Collections coming from Romania

The [strategy of Europeana](#)⁷ is to increase use of cultural heritage data by placing the material where users are. This does require the data to be under an open license in the main so that education, research systems and creative industry users can access automatically.

| | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|---------------------------------|--|--|-------------------------------------|
| Visits on Europeana Collections | 48,354 | 45,719 | 38,909 |
| Views on objects from Romania | 55,850 | 35,630 | 21,374 |
| Top item | Zeița de la Vidra sau Venus de la Vidra ⁸ | 3D model of Sarmizegetusa ⁹ | Semis ¹⁰ |

- 43% of visits from Romania browsed Europeana Collections in Romanian, 48% in English, while 9% used other languages.
- The number of objects on Europeana1914-1918 from Romania: 19



Media Coverage & Highlights

Media Coverage

Across 2012-2017 there were 168 media mentions in Romania:

- 8 TV reports
- 14 radio features
- 9 print reports
- 137 online

Highlights

On 14 February Europeana Launched #AllezLiterature. Organised around three main phases, this new thematic campaign focused on libraries and archives and ran on social media in the first half of 2017. While it continues to explore the shared human experience through culture, it focuses on a new medium: words, in all their forms and languages.

Through #AllezLiterature Europeana wants to shine a light on the value of the written word in the shared cultural heritage, as enriched by text, literature and poetry as it is by paintings, drawings or sculptures.

The Lucian Blaga Central University Library, The Library of the "Lucian Blaga" University of Sibiu and The National Library of Romania contributed 27 open and 41 restricted licensed items for this campaign.

From 21 to 24 March 2017, All of the assigned Romanian documents with a total of over 1 million characters were transcribed! They include all three volumes of the Nistor diaries, who are planned to be published as printed books in 2017.

All 23 teams were given 48 hours to transcribe the Romanian documents, and were judged for the transcription quality and quantity.

The winning team was Cluj 06 consisting of: Ancuța Zubașcu, Ioana Roxana Orza, Simina-Diana Șuiu și Andreea Pop, who transcribed 128,249 characters within just 48 hours.

Europeana Network Association

The Europeana Network Association is a dedicated group of experts working in the field of digital heritage. To this date 105 people from Romania have registered to become a Europeana Network Association Member.

Every year the Europeana Network Association elects the Members Council consisting of 36 members who play a crucial role across all Europeana's activities.

Also the Members Council appoints six members to form its Management Board, who sit on the Europeana Governing Board and represent the Network in the Europeana Foundation's executive decision making. In 2017, Sorina Stanca from Cluj County Library got reelected, after being in the Europeana Network Association Members Council in 2015 and 2016. Also Olimpia Curta from Lucian Blaga Central University Library and Cristina Ioana Roiu has been elected to the Members Council till 2019.



Annex

¹ [http://www.europeana.eu/portal/en/search?q=%3A*&f\[COUNTRY\]\[\]=romania](http://www.europeana.eu/portal/en/search?q=%3A*&f[COUNTRY][]=romania)

² [http://www.europeana.eu/portal/en/search?q=%3A*&f\[COUNTRY\]\[\]=romania](http://www.europeana.eu/portal/en/search?q=%3A*&f[COUNTRY][]=romania)

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⁷ <http://strategy2020.europeana.eu/update/>

⁸ https://www.europeana.eu/portal/en/record/2048047/Athena_Plus_ProvidedCHO_Institutul_National_al_Patrimoniului_0613CFFD109446ADA87199671B0FE0FA.html?q=Ze%C5%A3a+de+la+Vidra+sau+Venus+de+la+Vidra

⁹ http://www.europeana.eu/portal/en/record/2048709/object_HA_1238.html

¹⁰ http://www.europeana.eu/portal/en/record/2048015/Athena_Plus_ProvidedCHO_Biblioteca_Academiei_Rom_ne_Orhidan_427.html

