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Bringing content for archaeology and historic buildings to Europeana users.

CARARE (Connecting ARchaeology and ARchitecture in Europeana) is working with Europe's network of heritage agencies that through its aggregation service will bring over two million items for Europe's unique archaeological monuments, historic buildings and heritage places into Europeana and has established the methodology for adding 3D and Virtual Reality content to Europeana. CARARE is a Best Practice network which began in February 2010.

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Project basics

CARARE is designed to involve and support Europe's network of heritage agencies and organisations, archaeological museums and research institutions and specialist digital archives in:

- making the digital content for the archaeology and architectural heritage that they hold available through Europeana,
- · aggregating content and delivering services, and
- enabling access to 3D and Virtual Reality content through Europeana.

CARARE plays an important role in ensuring that digital content for Europe's unique archaeological monuments, architecturally important buildings, historic town centres and industrial monuments of World, European and National heritage importance is interoperable with Europeana and accessible alongside contents from national libraries, archives, museums and other content providers. CARARE enables 2D and 3D content for heritage places to be brought together in Europeana and new services for users.

CARARE, which runs from 1 February 2010 until January 2013, is funded under the European Commission's ICT Policy Support Programme and co-ordinated by Kulturarvsstyrelsen (Denmark) with MDR Partners (UK). The project consortium consists of 29 partners from 21 countries across Europe.

CARARE and Europeana

The Europeana service offers access to millions of digital items provided by Europe's museums, galleries, archives, libraries and audio-visual organisations. Some of these are world famous, others are as yet hidden treasures. By May 2012, Europeana provides access to over 23 million digital objects from 33 different countries.





By working closely with Europeana, through the involvement of the Europeana Foundation as a key partner in the project, CARARE has established an aggregation service and a framework for cooperation which will benefit heritage agencies and organisations in every Member State.

CARARE adds substantial value to Europeana and its users by:

- Promoting and enabling participation in Europeana by heritage agencies and organisations, archaeological museums and research institutions and specialist digital archives, and raises awareness of Europeana in the domain.
- Establishing an aggregation services which contributes on a practical level to enabling interoperability, promoting best practices and standards to heritage organisations, taking account of the particular needs of content for archaeology and architecture
- Implementing Europeana compatible infrastructures, standards and tools so as to make available millions of digital items for heritage places across Europe, thus contributing to the growth of Europeana
- Contributing expertise on geographic information
- Acts as a test bed for Europeana's APIs which are intended to make contents available for other service providers to use, for example in the areas of tourism, education and humanities research.
- Establishing the methodology for 3D and virtual reality content to be made accessible to Europeana's users.

Consortium

Kulturarvsstyrelsen, Denmark

MDR Partners, UK

The Europeana Foundation, Netherlands

The Archaeology Data Service, UK

Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa, Italy

Cyprus Research and Educational Foundation, Cyprus

Heritage Malta, Malta

Visual Dimension, Belgium

Digital Curation Unit, Greece

Riksantikvarieambetet, Sweden

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Ministerie Van Onderwijs, Cultuur en Wetenschap, Netherlands

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Narodowy Instytut Dziedzictwa, Poland

Deutsches Archäologisches Institut, Germany

Direction des Monuments et des Sites for the Brussels region, Belgium

Eesti Vagariigi Kultuuriministeerium, Estonia

Narodni pamatkovy, Czech Republic

Pamiatkovy urad Slovenskej republiky, Slovak Republic

Directorate of the National Archive of Monuments, Ministry of Culture & Tourism, Greece

Javni Zavod Republike Slovenije Zavarstvo Kulturne Dediscine, Slovenia

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Institutul de Memorie Culturalá, Romania

National Archaeological Institute with Museum, Bulgaria

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