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Main Mission

Researching, developing, maintaining, preventing, utilizing, disseminating, promoting, and adopting national, immovable, historical, cultural and touristic assets and thus contributing to strengthening national unity and economic development.





Cultural Heritage Projects



- European Heritage Network
- Turkish Cultural Heritage Project
- Digitizing Manuscripts Project
- Voice Library
- E-Book Project
- Virtual Museums Project
- Turkish Culture Portal
- GOTURKEY Tourism Portal
- Indicate Project







- <u>Mission</u>: Transferring cultural assets to future generations, widespread accessing of information, compiling, preserving and serving cultural heritage to the society.
- All public libraries (1118) are connected, and 14 manuscripts library were connected until 2011.
- Foreign Affairs Directorate is responsible for the international projects like INDICATE





Long Term Preservation Workshop



- Long Term Preservation deliverable is one of case studies of the indicate project which aims to analyze the digitization and the preservation processes in the EU and Mediterranean region.
- The workshop was held in Ankara Turkey at 7-8 July 2011.
- The scope of the workshop was to present the best practice examples of digital preservation, to discuss how e-Infrastructures can be used to solve digital preservation problems, to analyze the resources which e-Infrastructures offer, and how they can be deployed to deal with digital preservation. Workshop is targeted to the specialists, librarians, personnel specially working on digitization and preservation of heritage.





Preservation Survey-1



- A Survey was prepared to review preservation experiences in various countries for this deliverable. The parts of survey are: Introduction, policies and strategies, technical information, standards, back-up and conclusion.
- The survey analyzes how a preservation system is built, maintained and sustained. It includes the structure of the system, preservation methods, the standards, the tools, the software used, etc.





Preservation Survey-2



- According to the survey results generally, EU Countries are more experienced than Mediterranean Countries. The digital preservation works in EU Countries are comprehensive and systematic.
- EU countries whip into line their preservation processes by setting up rules for what to preserve, how to preserve and where to preserve. Issues witnessed in Mediterranean Countries are the lack of common policies and strategies, the lack of e-infrastructure usage, lack of setting common rules for copyrighted material, accession, sustainability, storage, back-up and data integrity and standards.
- Detailed information can be found at INDICATE web site.





Digitization of the Manuscripts in Turkey



- Manuscripts in Turkey reveals a history nearly 900 years and they can be found at Libraries and Museums, universities etc.
- Manuscripts which belong to the Seljuk and Ottoman Empires Era, have different linguistic characteristics that cover inner Asia, Middle Europe, North Africa and Arabian Peninsula.







- Turkey has approximately 300.000 volume manuscripts. This number is estimated as about 600.000 unique manuscripts, because some volumes has more than one manuscript.
 - Presidency of Manuscripts : 170.000 volume
 - National Library: 25.000 volume
 - Museums: 30.000 volume
 - Archives, mosques, foundations and other institutions like Presidency of Religious Affairs and private collections: 75.000 volume





First Steps of Digitization Works



- Manuscripts are fragile objects that need to be preserved in appropriate circumstances.
- At the end of 1990's first digitization processes of manuscripts started in Ankara University in Turkey .
- One of the manuscripts library of the Ministry is the Istanbul Suleymaniye Manuscripts Library, which is the first institution in the Ministry that started to digitize their manuscripts collection in 2001.







Necessary hardware and software equipments were provided.

Technical features: Database: ORACLE Scanning :180 DPI File Type: Jpeg Size: 300 kb Digitization type: Photographing. Scanning Storage: Cd- Tape Back-up







2005



- All hardware and software equipments were upgraded. Professional digitizing systems were used.
- Web access for the end-user was provided.

http://www.yazmalar.gov.tr/

Technical features:

Scanning :300 DPI File Type: Tiff, jpeg Size: 600 kb Digitization type: Professional digitizing devices







2005-2010



- Digitizing works of more than 100.000 manuscripts had been finalized
- Re-digitize applied to the necessary files after quality control. (Around 100.000 pose)
- Watermarking of the digitized Manuscripts was completed.
- After 2005 Filemaker system used instead of ORACLE.





Storage-Back-up

- 16 TB capacity
- Daily, Twice a Week back-ups
- Different Back-up Locations
- 3 regular, 1 server incremental back-ups and 1 DVD







The Server and the Backup Unit











- Presidency of Manuscripts established under the Ministry of Culture and Tourism to manage the scattered works (about management and preservation) in 2011. (<u>www.yek.gov.tr</u>)
- All related libraries, collections gathered.
- System (<u>www.yazmalar.gov.tr</u>) now includes 208.000 volume manuscripts.
- The system requires membership. In order to download the manuscripts, user must pay the download fee.



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