

“CENTRAL EUROPEAN NETWORK OF MEDIEVAL CHARTERS”

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Coordinated by the St. Poelten Episcopal Archives (AT) 8 partners from 6 different EU-countries collaborate in building up a tighter network of archival institutions within Central Europe:

- National Archives, Prague (CZ)
- Bavarian Main State Archives, Munich (DE)
- Archives of the Republic of Slovenia, Ljubljana (SI)
- Slovak National Archives, Bratislava (SK)
- St. Poelten Episcopal Archives (AT)
- Hungarian State Archives, Budapest (HU)
- Austrian State Archives, Vienna (AT)
- ICARUS – International Centre for Archival Research, Vienna (AT)

Having started in October 2008 and with the duration of 2 years, the project's main goals are

- enhancement of communication and cooperation between archives (via national and international workshops, expert-exchange programme) in central Europe
- support of digitizing projects in order to integrate digitized data from the archives into an open source internet portal (www.monasterium.net)

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Bavarian Main State Archives, Munich (DE)

In the Bavarian Main State Archives several digitizing projects are currently in progress with the aim of creating a complete digital archive for clerical charters in Bavaria. Two projects, mainly focussing on charters of monastic origin, are supported by the “Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft” (DFG).

See also: www.gda.bayern.de

Archives of the Republic of Slovenia, Ljubljana (SI)

Digitisation of archival material in Slovenia is gaining more and more awareness. One big project was started in the year 2000 with the digitisation of the Franziscan Land Cadastre from 1826 (named after the Habsburg Emperor Francis I). In 2004 a programme for data search was created and is available online via the following link: <http://www.arhiv.gov.si/en/>

Within another project in the years 2004-2005 the Deeds Collection of the Archives of the Republic of Slovenia were digitised.

Online database of all accessible contents of the Archives of the Republic of Slovenia: *here*

National Archives of the Czech Republic, Prague (CZ)

Apart from several digitizing projects and the preparation and implementation of metadata, members of the National Archives in Prague as well as from other Czech Archives were able to enhance the archival network and dissemination on various opportunities via communicating the general achievements of the Monasterium online-portal (www.monasterium.net) and the archival association ICARUS.

Budapest City Archives, Budapest (HU)

The Budapest City Archives established an Archive Portal of Hungarian Self-governing Archives by the commission of the Hungarian Ministry of Education and Culture. With the cooperation of 21 Hungarian Archives, 5 different databases were created based on the same frame system.

1. Summarized database: contains various digitized documents and data from Archives
2. Inventory of fonds and subfonds
3. Documents of the MDP Party (Working People's Party) and the Hungarian Social Workers' Party (MSZMP)

4. Cadastral maps
5. Database of Archival publications

See: www.archivportal.hu

Archives of the Diocese of Passau, Passau (DE)

The Archives of the Diocese of Passau host a large amount of documents from various Bavarian parishes. In a number of digitising projects this archival material will be made available online, with a main emphasis on the registers.

Furthermore the Archive is planning to build a new outpost in Altötting, focussing on the topic of pilgrimage.

Croatian State Archives, Zagreb (HR)

By the end of 2006 the Croatian State Archives initiated the construction of a new archival information system which comprises all processes concerning the activities of more than 150 archival institutions in Croatia. ARHiNET is accessible via the Internet from anywhere and not only permits the search and retrieval of data through the Internet but it also allows access to all program functions used for processing, describing and managing of records.

See: <http://arhinet.arhiv.hr/>

Institute for Balkan Studies, Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Belgrade (SRB)

The Institute for Balkan Studies, founded in 1934, assembles a team of scholars to cover the Balkans from prehistory to the modern age and in a range of different fields of study such as archaeology, ethnography, anthropology, history, culture, art, literature, law. Within a large scale project on Medieval Heritage of the Balkans the creation of a digital database of medieval Serbian charters is being processed with the help of ICARUS.

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