eContentplus

eContentplus objectives

Overall aim

to make digital content in Europe more accessible, usable and exploitable, facilitating the creation and diffusion of information, in areas of public interest, at Community level

Enabling role

… by creating better conditions for accessing, using, reusing and exploiting digital material

… in areas of public interest, which would not develop or develop at a slower pace if left to the market

... giving rise to data collections based on which it will be possible to build added-value products and services across Europe

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Target areas - scope in 2006

- **Geographic information**: only **core** geographic information is covered (i.e. data with a direct reference to a specific location or geographic area)

- **Educational content**: focus on **formal education systems**

- **Digital libraries (cultural and scientific/scholarly content)**: organised collections of digital cultural and scientific/scholarly content (*digital libraries*) made available to the public by **cultural institutions** (libraries, archives and museums)
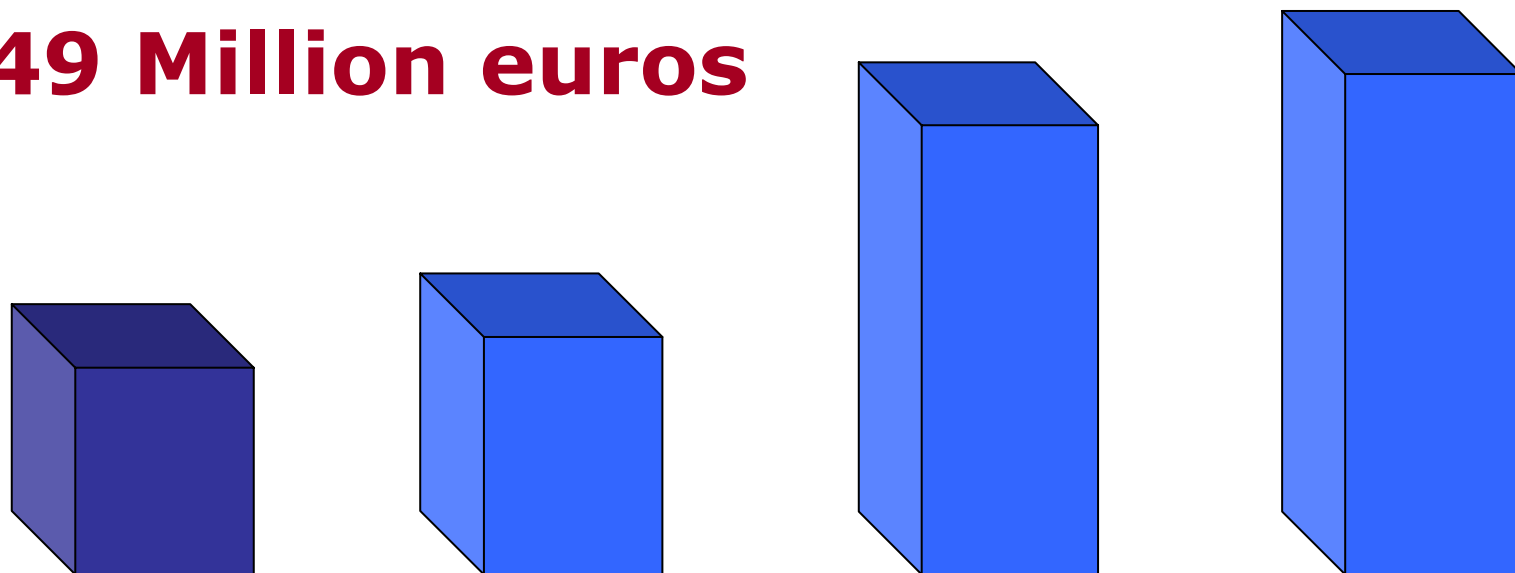
What is funded

Projects that:

- aim at improving the searchability and usability of **existing** digital content in order to create the **conditions** for the emergence of European content-based services,

- use **proven state-of-the-art** technical solutions,

- are geared towards **innovation in organisation and deployment** of digital content (as opposed to purely technological innovation),

eContentplus 2005-2008 – Budget

149 Million euros

Call 2005	Call 2006	Call 2007	Call 2008
27 M€	28 M€	45 M€	49 M€

2005   2006   2007   2008   2009

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How to join eContentplus

Through a Bilateral Agreement with the Commission (Memorandum of Understanding – MoU) defining:

- Terms & conditions for participation

- Financial contribution

Invitation to join the programme sent in spring 2005

- To launch procedure, confirm interest in writing

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After joining the programme

- National organisations are eligible to participate in projects with Community funding

- A delegate can represent the country at programme Management Committee meetings

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After eContentplus

Competitiveness & Innovation Programme (2007-13) - ICT Policy Support Programme (about 729 M€):

- As from 2007 – eTEN, MODINIS
- as from 2009 – eContentplus

Objectives of ICT PSP:

- To develop the single information space
- To ensure wider uptake and better use of ICT
- To enable an inclusive Information Society

to accelerate the development of a sustainable, competitive, innovative and inclusive Information Society

ttp://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/enterprise_policy/cip/index_en.htm

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Further Information

Background documentation

http://ec.europa.eu/econtentplus

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