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New platform for accessing and investigating historical data in a transnational fashion

CENDARI (Collaborative European Digital/Archival Infrastructure) Project and Max Planck Digital Library agreed on cooperation

In April 2012 Dr. Jennifer Edmond, of the [Trinity Long Room Hub](#) (Trinity College Dublin) and project coordinator of the CENDARI Project and Dr. Frank Sander, head of [Max Planck Digital Library](#) (MPDL) agreed to cooperate on CENDARI Project.

The Collaborative European Digital Archive Infrastructure (CENDARI) will provide and facilitate access to existing archives and resources in Europe for the study of medieval and modern European history through the development of an 'enquiry environment'. This environment will increase access to records of historic importance across the European research area, creating a powerful new platform for accessing and investigating historical data in a transnational fashion overcoming the national and institutional data silos that now exist. It will leverage the power of the European infrastructure for Digital Humanities ([DARIAH](#)) bringing these technical experts together with leading historians and existing research infrastructures (archives, libraries and individual digital projects) within a programme of technical research informed by cutting edge reflection on the impact of the digital age on scholarly practice.

The MPDL experiences in conceptualization and development of research infrastructures and tools as well as its strong involvement in DARIAH Project will be beneficial for the CENDARI developments. The [eSciDoc](#) platform as a flexible and extensible service-oriented repository infrastructure supporting the researchers in managing their research, analysis and publication data. The eSciDoc based tools, such as [PubMan](#), [Digitization Lifecycle](#), and [IMEJI](#) can help in managing different types of CENDARI content.

The MPDL [AWOB](#) platform and its focus on collaborative research workspaces, can strongly contribute to the popularization of the CENDARI among researchers and enabling teams to collaborate on CENDARI based research projects.

The CENDARI Project outcomes and results, especially in the area of the data integration and semantic services as well as knowledge organization framework will further strengthen the MPDL orientation towards development of tools that support the e-workbench scenarios, especially in the area of automated data acquisition, entity recognition, data mashups and metadata enrichment.