APEx and participation

an introduction to the Archives Portal Europe as aggregation and publication platform

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overview

- background Archives Portal Europe
- concept Archives Portal Europe
- demo front-end: what we offer end users
- demo back-end: what we offer data providers
- wrap up: what is needed for participation





background Archives Portal Europe

realisation via two European projects:

- start: APEnet project: January 2009 January 2012
- follow up: APEx project: March 2012 March 2015
- continuation from March 2015 onwards: APEF (Foundation)

founding, financing, goals:

- <u>initiative</u>: European national archivists (EBNA/EAG)
- <u>financing</u>: European Commission (EC) → eContent*plus* and ICT-PSP programmes, centered around Europeana
- two goals: creating one online access point for all European archival material and acting as Europeana domain aggregator





concept: standardise use of standards

Archives Portal Europe:

- collects and stores only metadata and links to digital objects
- uses internationally accepted archival metadata standards:
 - ISAD(G) / EAD → apeEAD
 - ISDIAH / EAG → EAG2012
 - ISAAR / EAC-CPF (in progress → apeEAC-CPF)
 - METS (in progress → apeMETS)
- enables conversion of APE metadata to Europeana metadata, in case digital objects are linked: apeEAD -> EDM

http://www.apex-project.eu/index.php/outcomes/standards





concept: connecting standards

standardised information connects in a 3 layer model:





conversion to **EDM** → Europeana

concept: data providers in control

Archives Portal Europe provides:

- the Archival Landscape, including countries/institutions
- mapping stylesheets to map local standards to the APE standards
- a back-end (Dashboard) account for individual archival institutions to enable their data managers to:
 - upload/manage EAG info / EAD holdings guides / finding aids
 - convert/forward info on digital archival objects to Europeana
- help → Country Manager → manuals / workshops / assistence
- → institutions will always stay in control over their own metadata





front-end: what we offer end users

Archives Portal Europe offers two ways of searching:

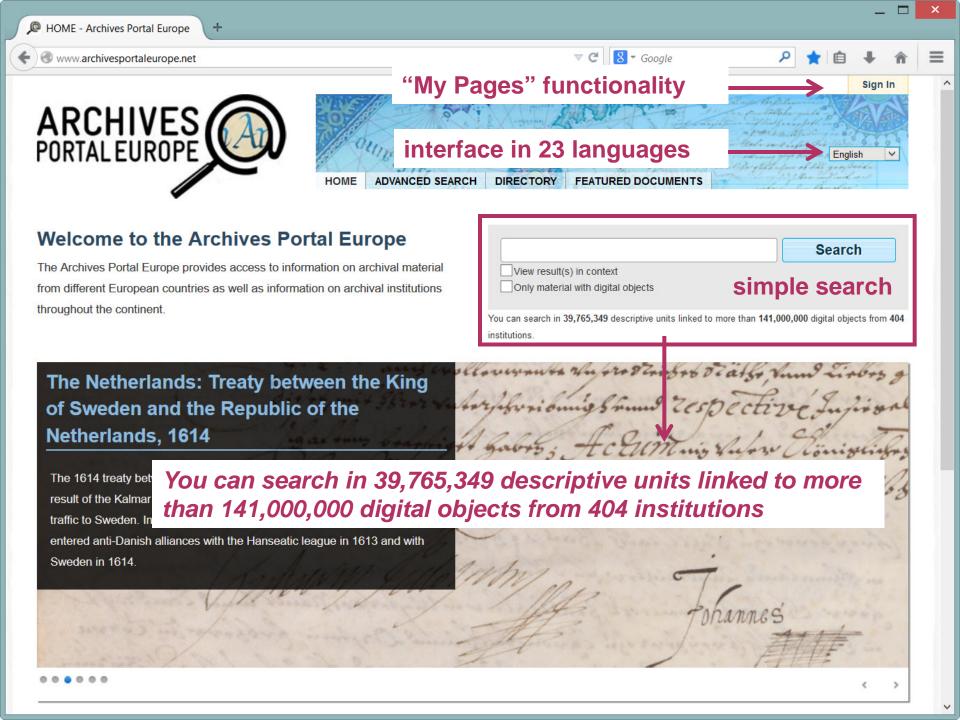
- simple/advanced **Google-like search**: users can enter search terms on the homepage and get a flat hit list
- hierarchically structured or Advanced search:
 users can browse through the archival material via the 3-layer model

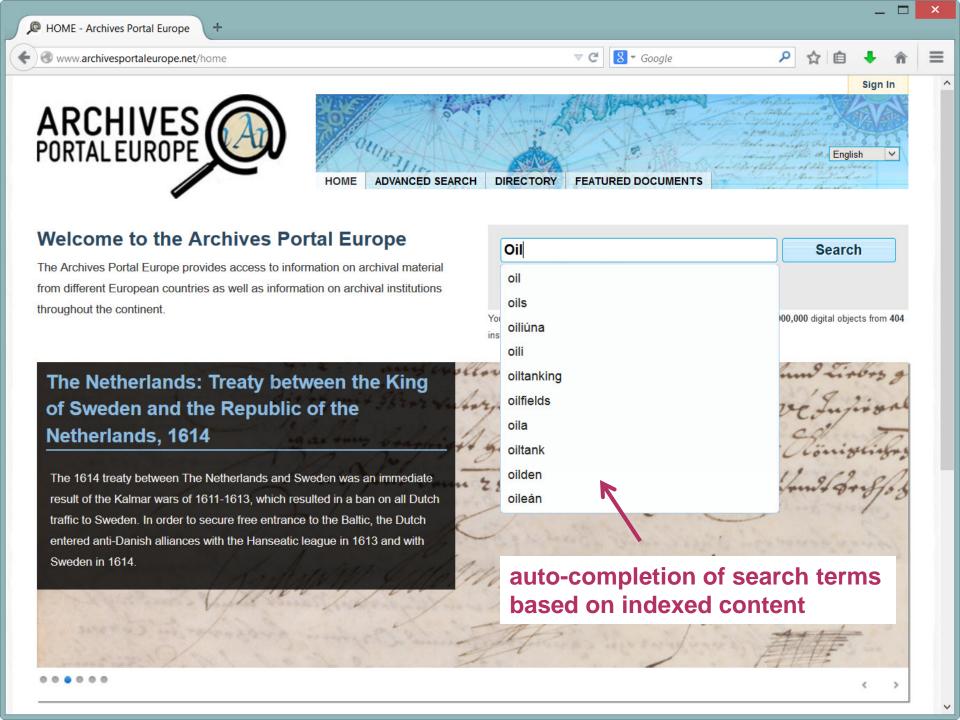
search results are always displayed in a *List view* or *Context view*, and it is easy to switch between those views

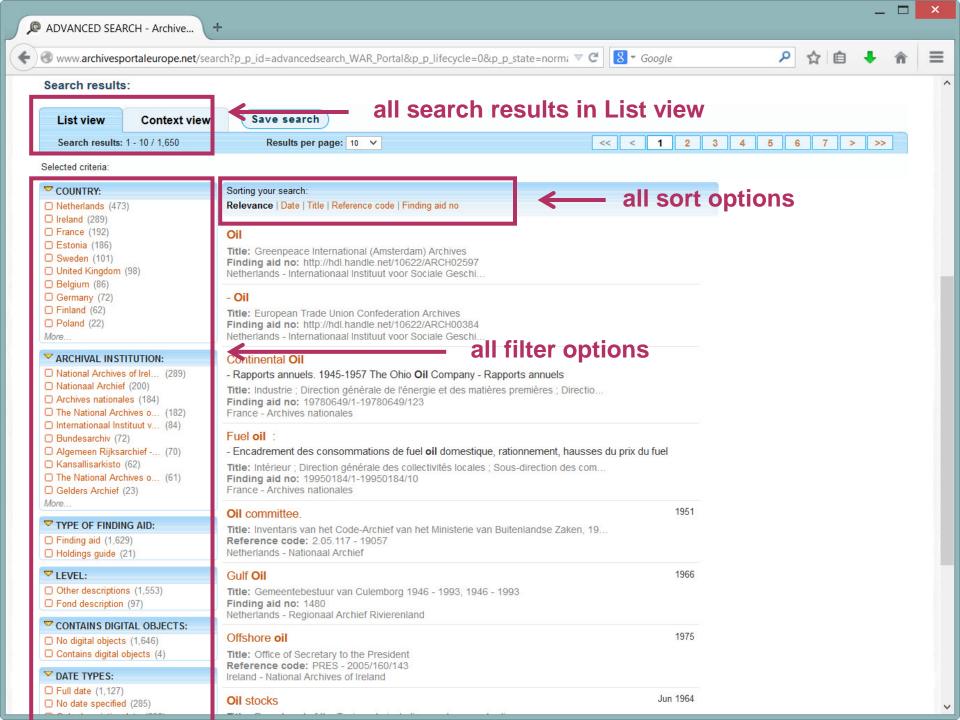
it is always possible to see search results in the context of a finding aid information on archival institutions is available in the *Directory*

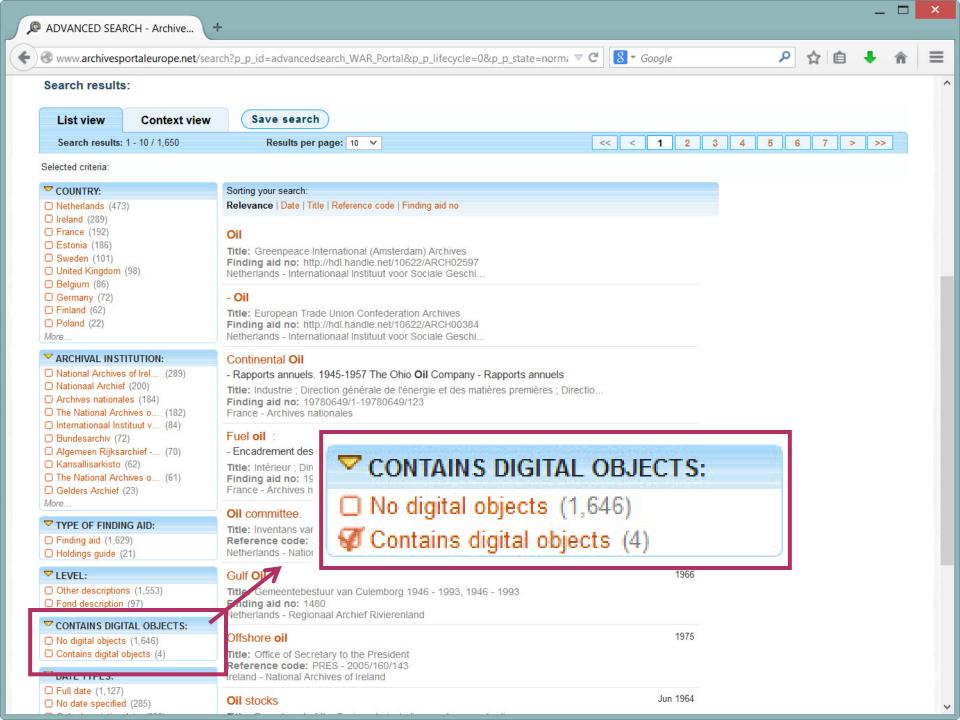


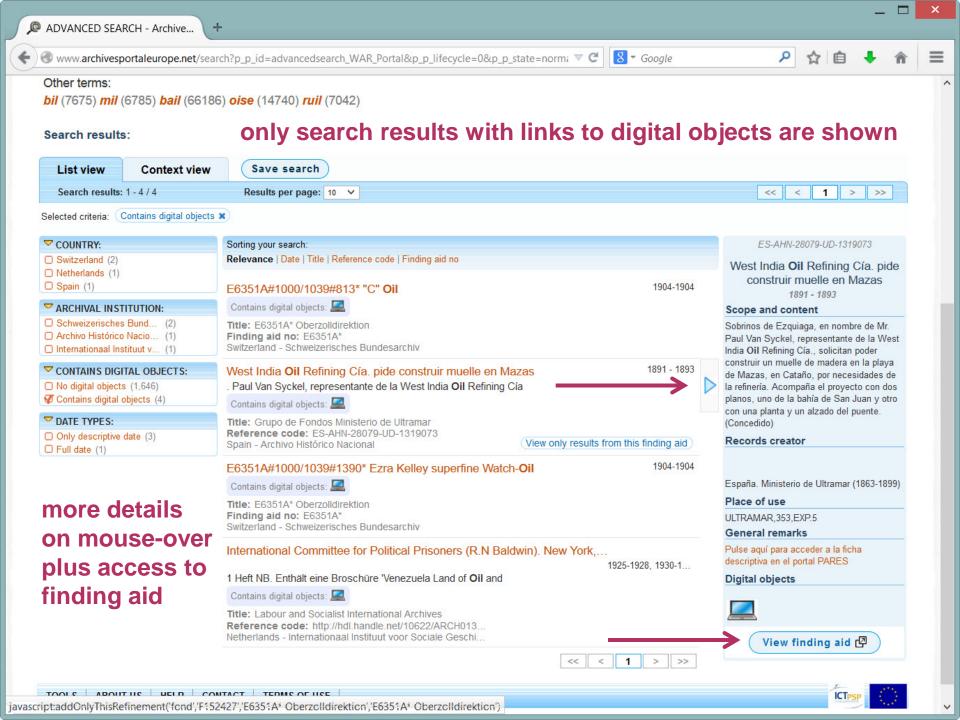


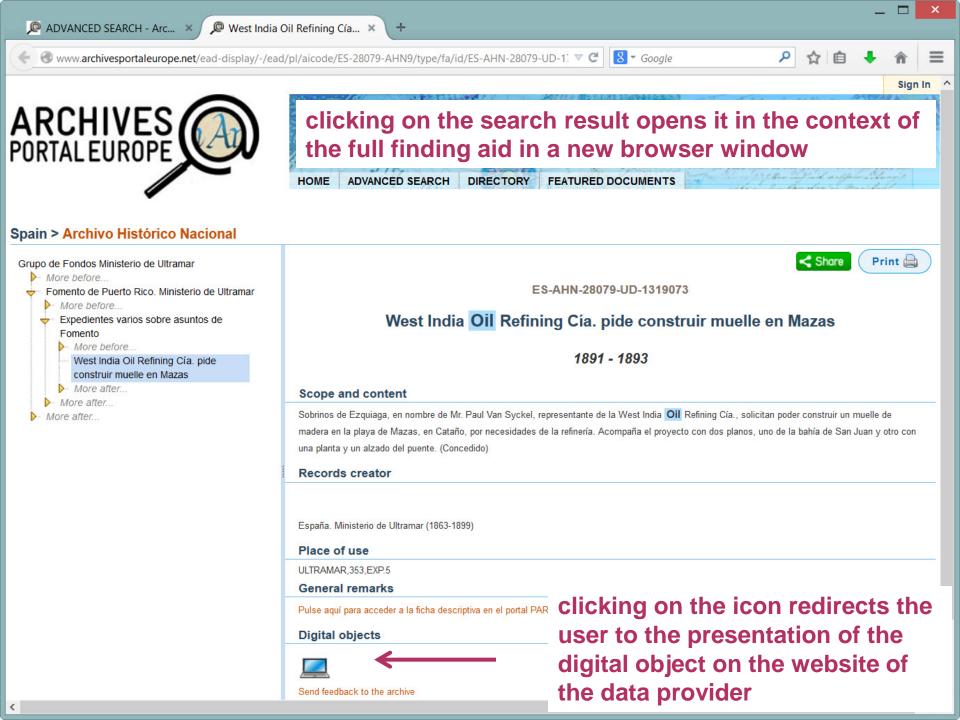


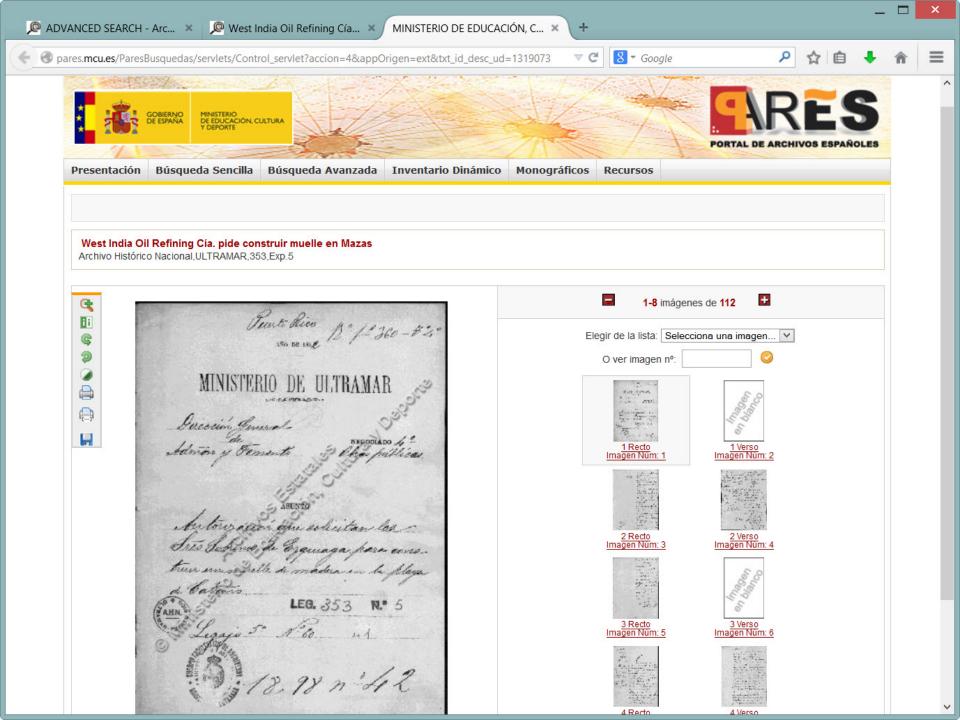


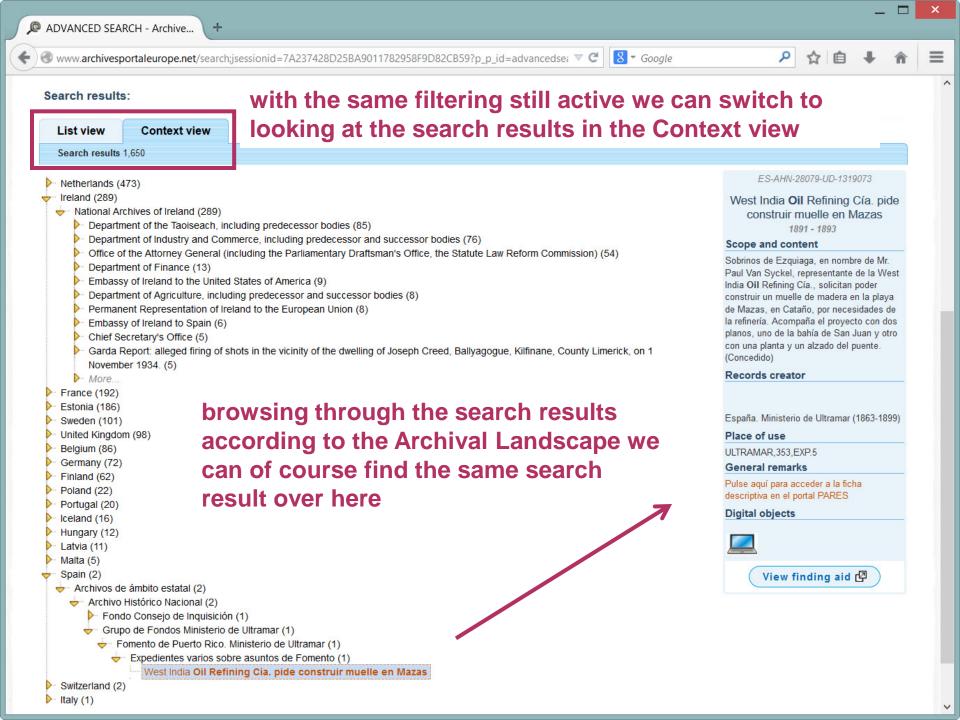


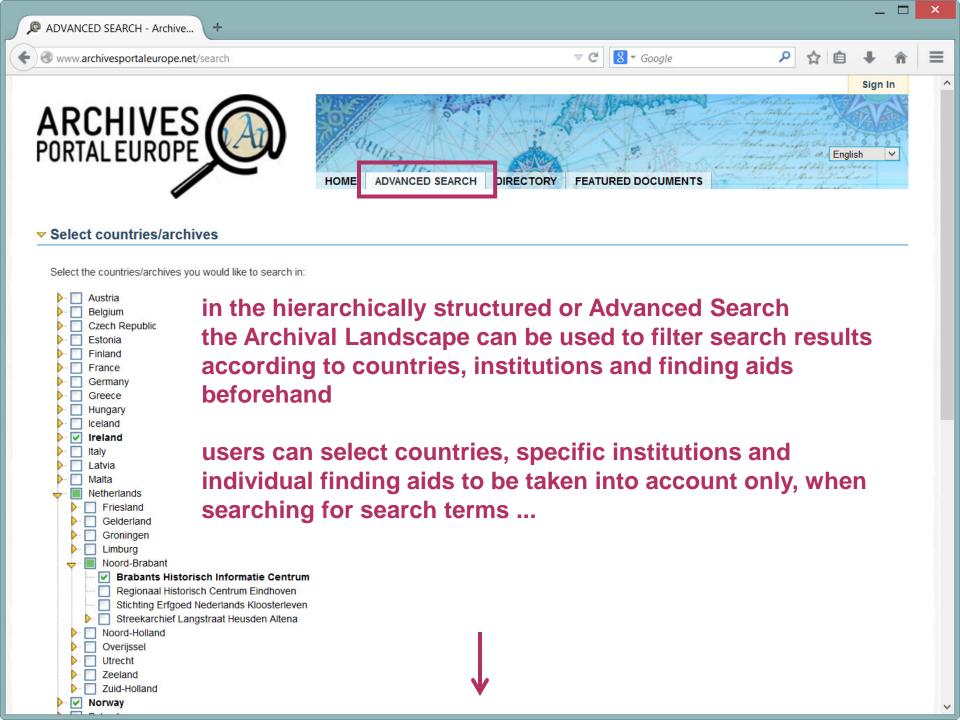


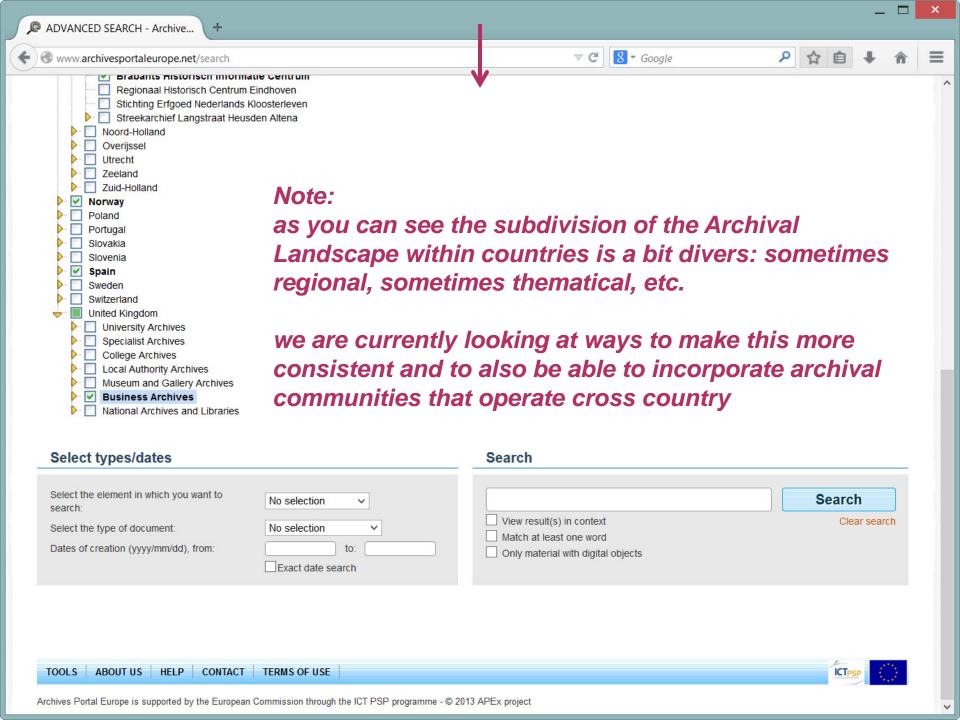


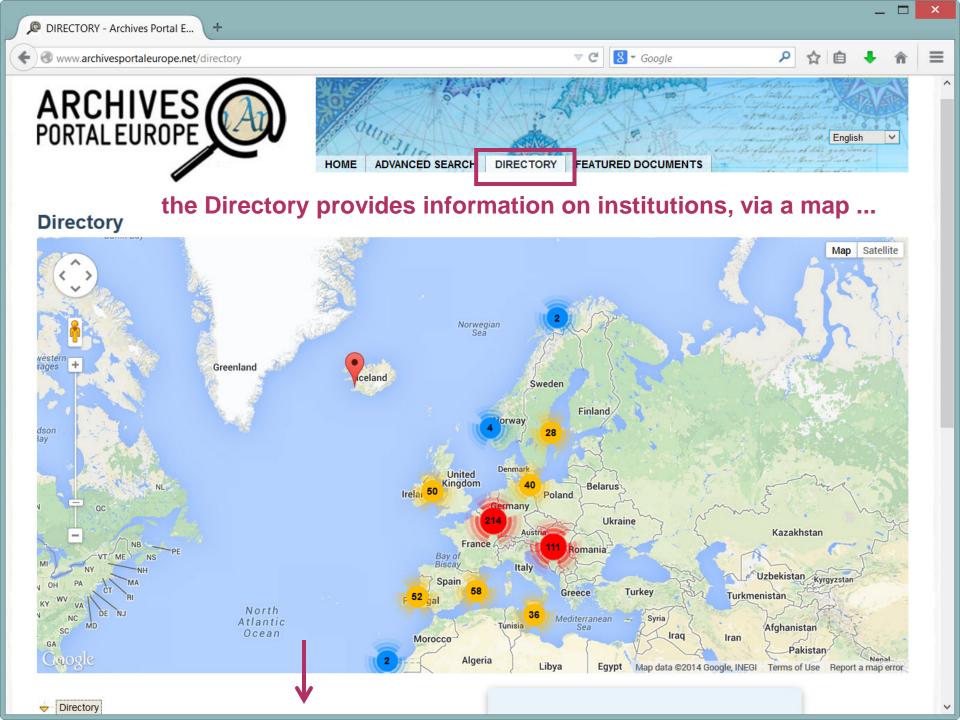


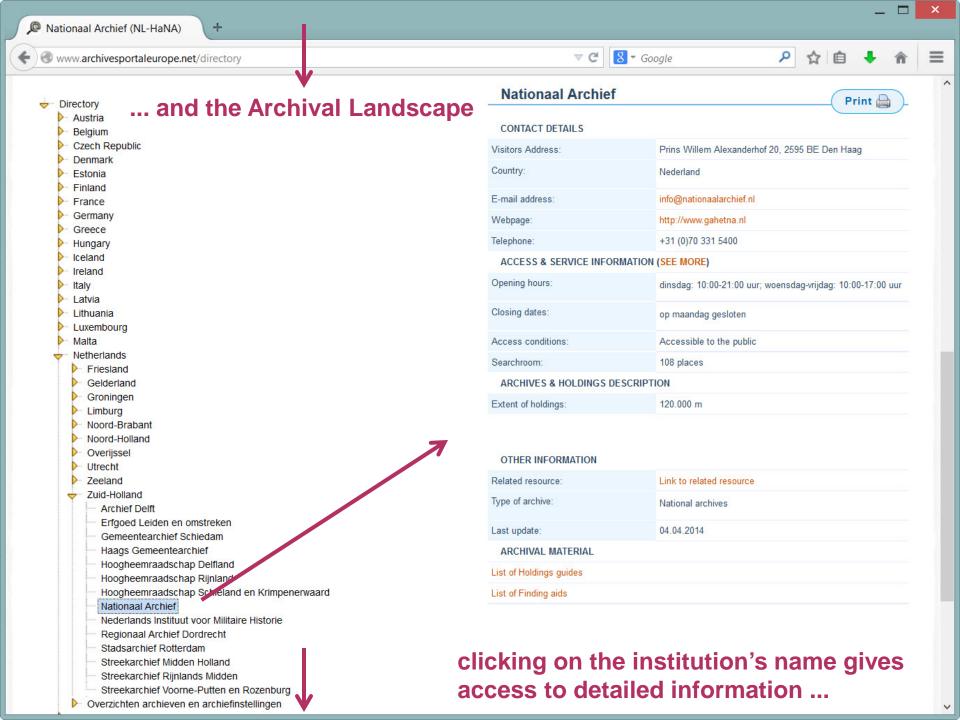


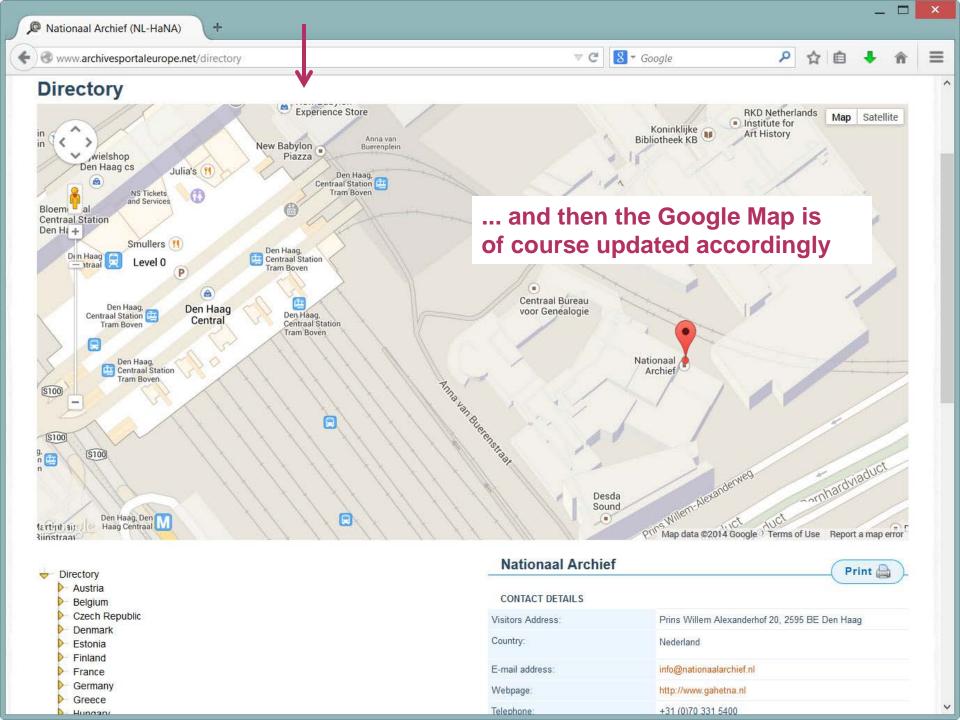












back-end: what we offer data providers

an Institution Manager account has these possibilities:

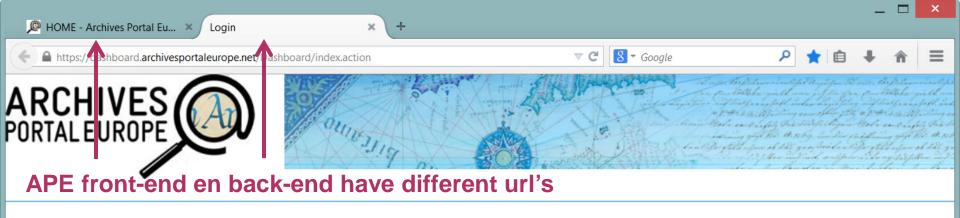
- enter information on the archival institution → via upload of an EAG/XML file or via filling in a web form
- upload/harvest EAD/XML files (finding aids) of the archival institution
 → via HTTP, FTP or OAI-PMH
- convert/validate EAD/XML files against apeEAD and index/publish them in the portal → this can be done automatically via OAI-PMH

optional:

- create a holdings guide
- convert information on digital objects to EDM → Europeana







Being a registered user of the dashboard allows you f.i. to upload archival content to the Archives Portal Europe and to manage your data

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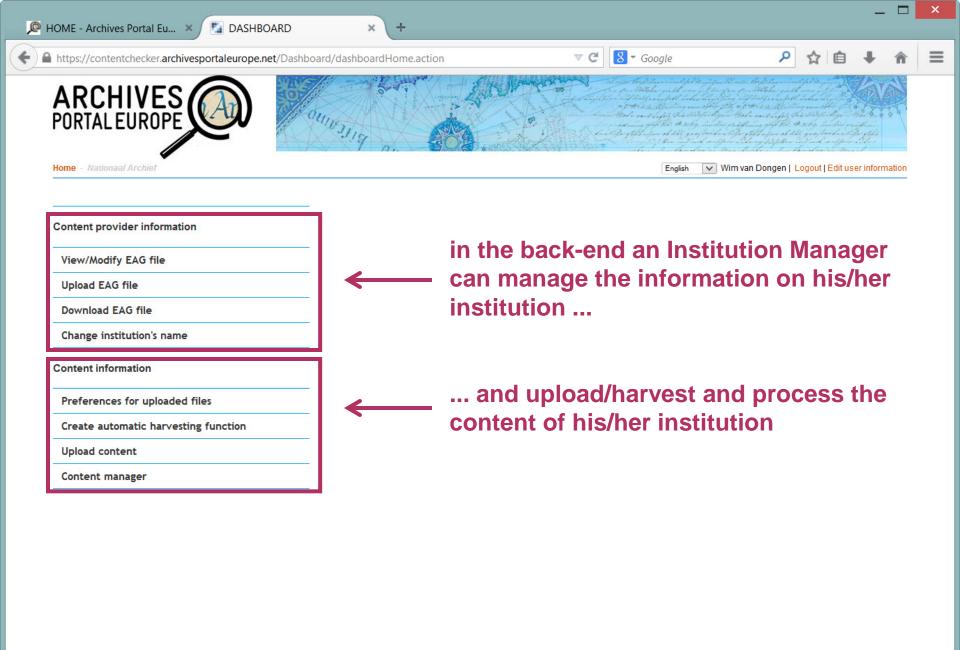
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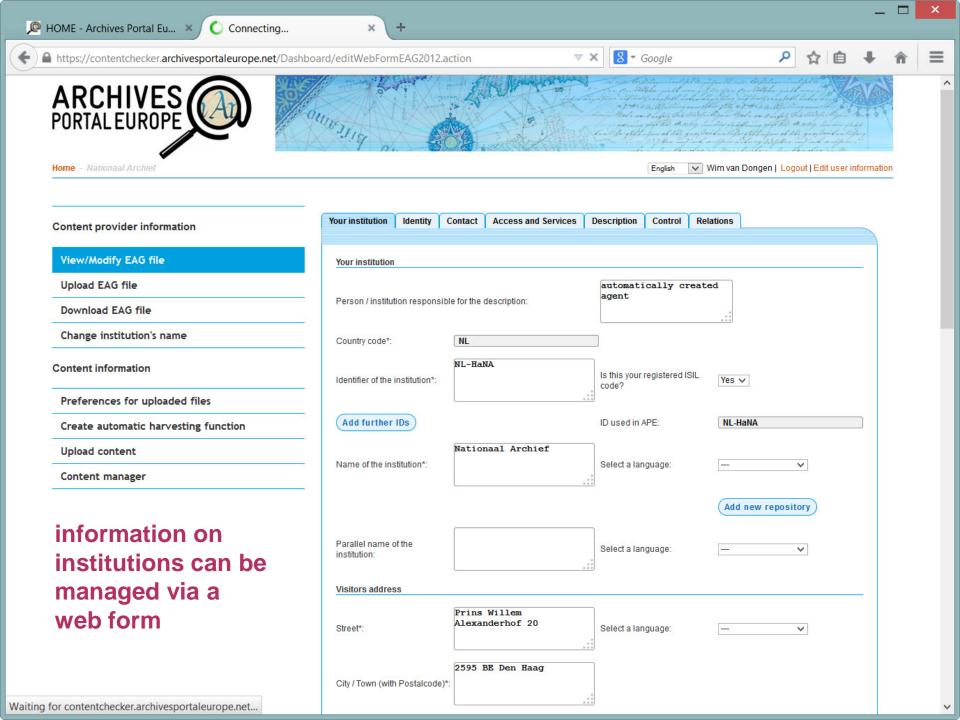
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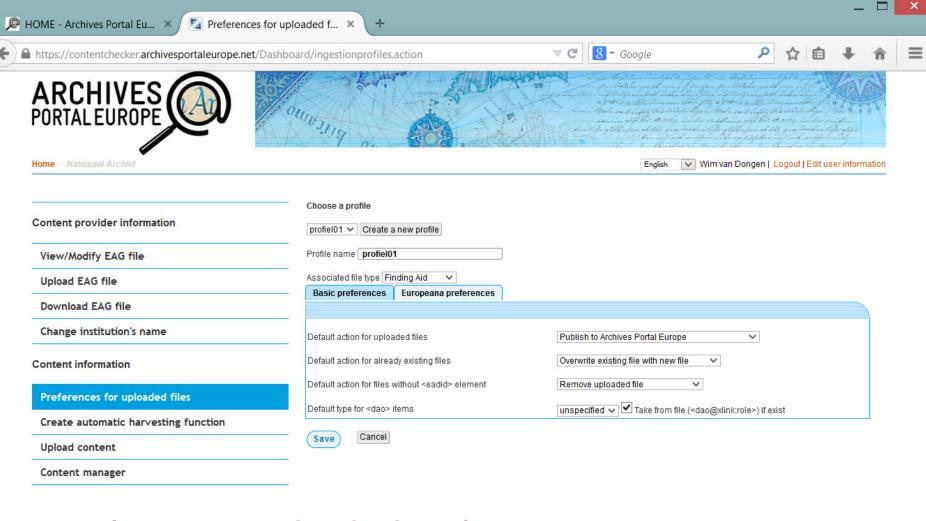
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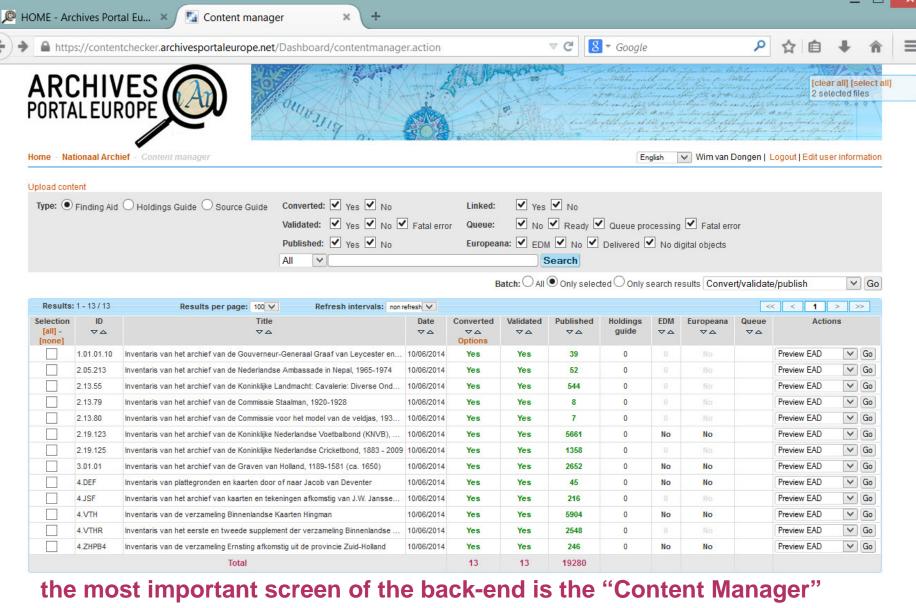
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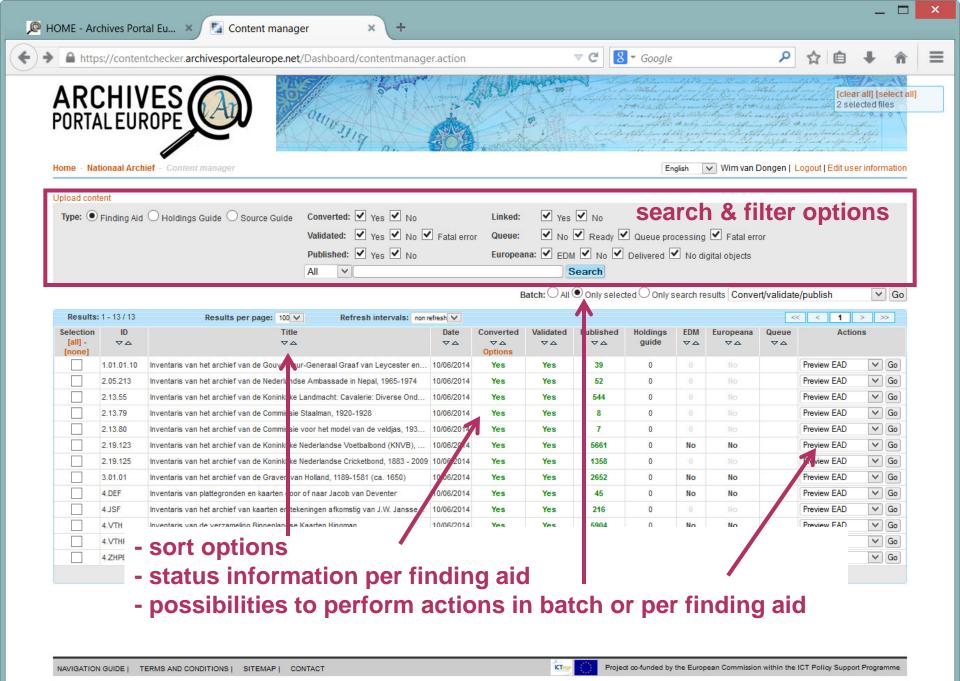


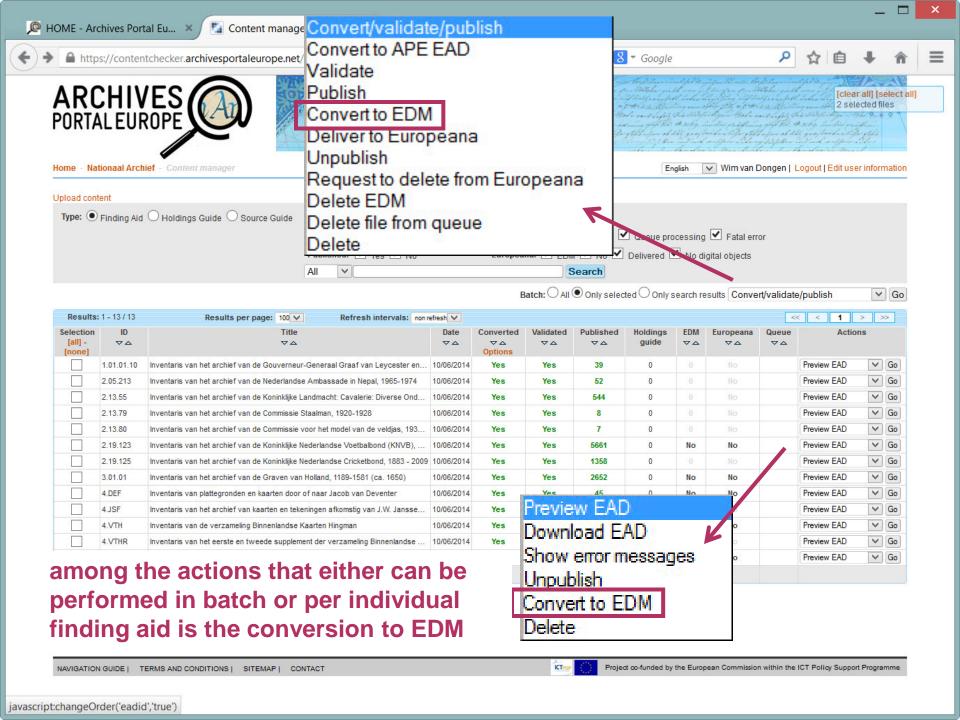
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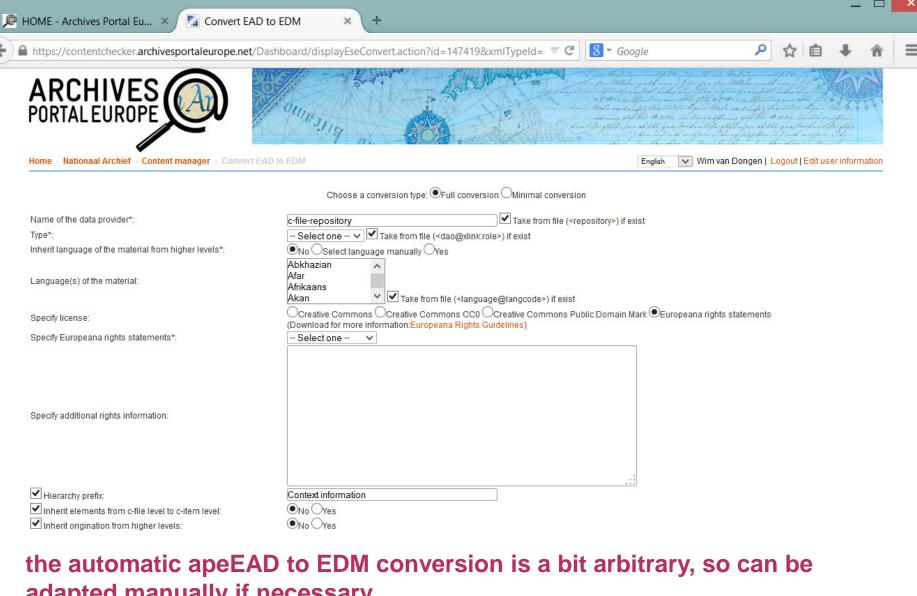


screen, which provides Institution Managers full control over their data

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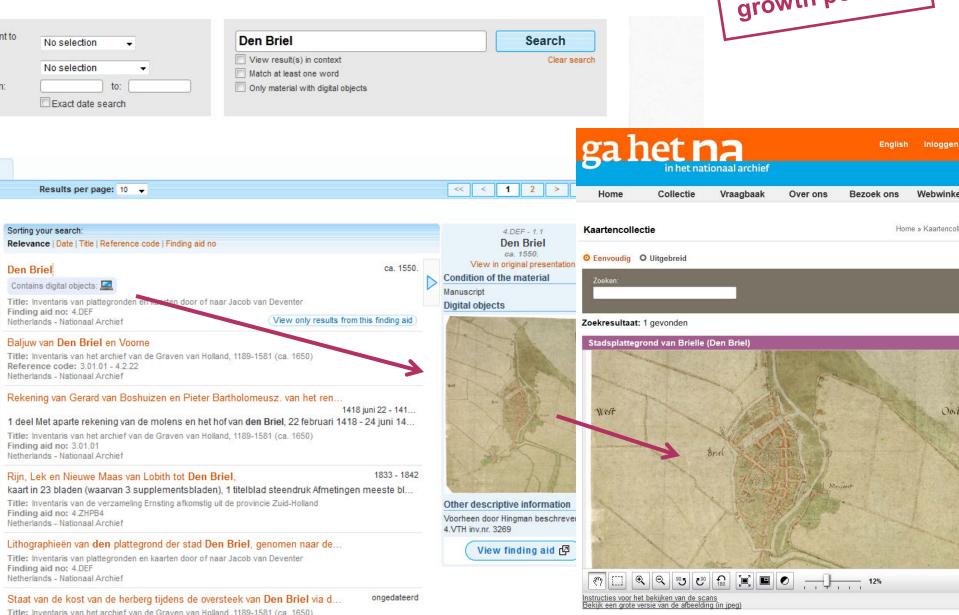
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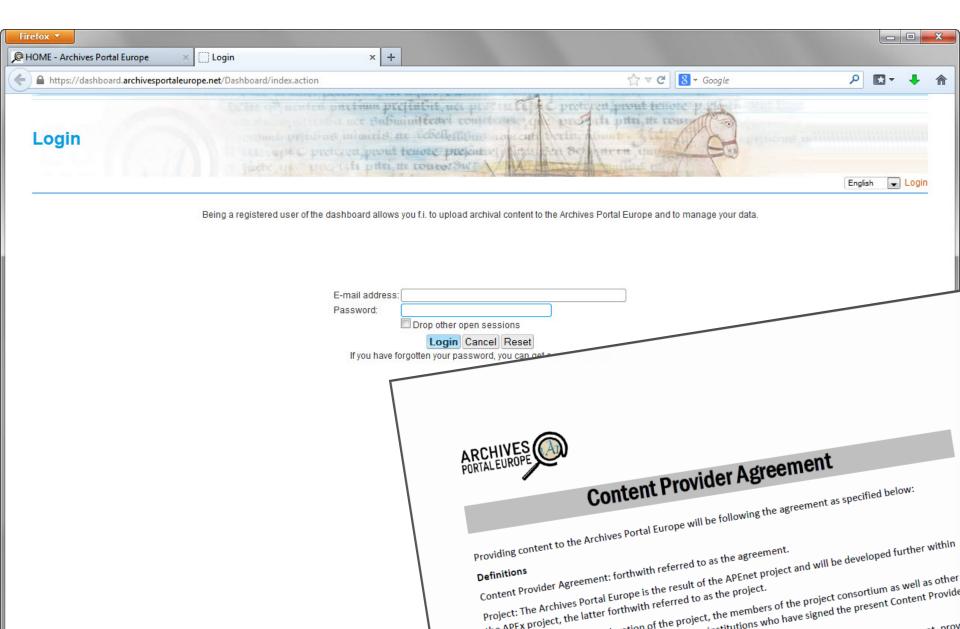




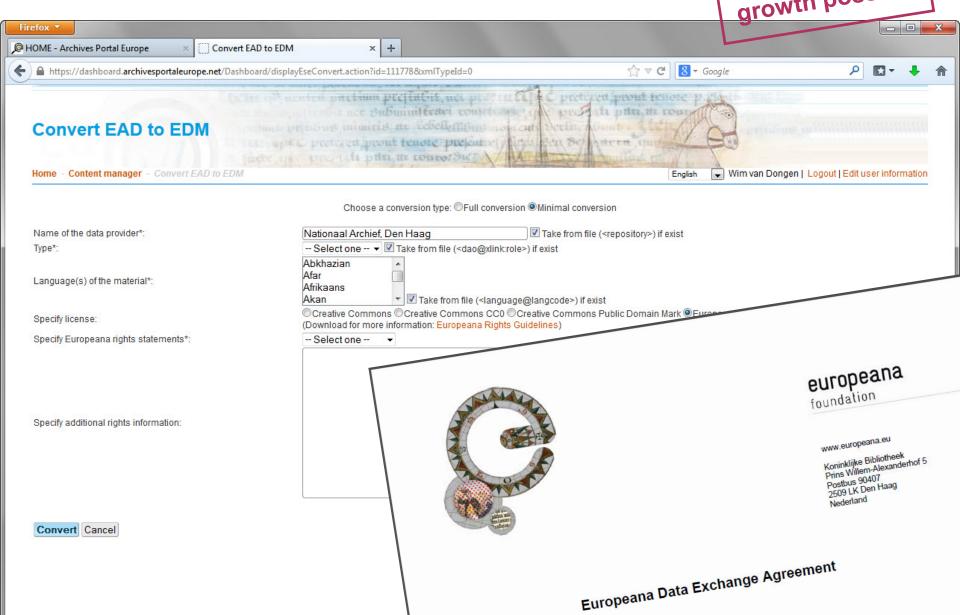
Optional: plus links to digital objects growth possible growth possible



Needed: APE Dashboard account



Optional: aggregration to Europeana growth possible



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