

European Archival Records and Knowledge Preservation

The E-ARK Project

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The usual facts

- E-ARK = European Archival Records and Knowledge Preservation
- www.eark-project.eu
- ICT PSP Call 7 (May 2013), grant agreement no. 620998
- Duration: 36 months, 02.2014 – 01.2017
- Instrument: Pilot B
 - At least six months of piloting in real-life scenarios
 - No R&D, only customisation of already available tools



Timeline

- **Setting the scene:**
 - July 2014: Best practice overview
- **Doing „*the Work*“**
 - April 2015: First versions of E-ARK format and workflow specifications
 - July 2015: First versions of E-ARK tools
- **Consultation and update**
 - April 2016: Pilot versions of E-ARK specifications and tools
- ***Last efforts and final publishing***
 - January 2017: Final release of E-ARK specifications and tools
- <http://www.eark-project.eu> for all deliverables
- <https://github.com/eark-project> for all software



E-ARK Objectives

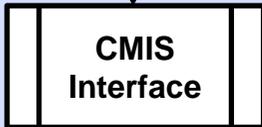
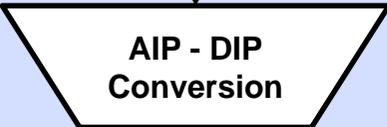
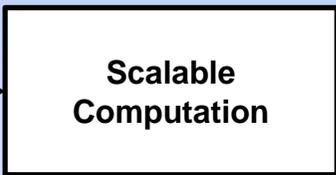
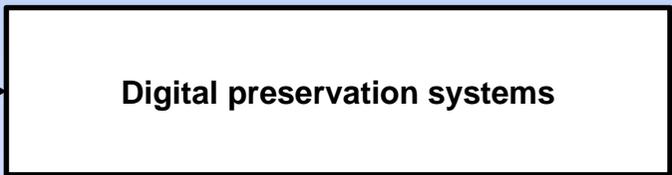
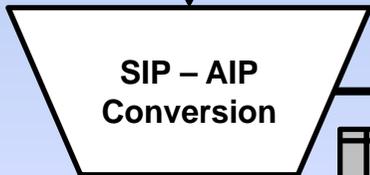
- Reduce the cost of transfer, preservation and access to digital information by
 - **Standardising** how agencies **export** and send information to digital archives
 - Providing open formats for the long-term **preservation** of various content
 - Exploring needs for **accessing** archives and providing novel interfaces for these
- Long-term vision: Improve semantic and technical interoperability to a level which allows any system developer to deliver out-of-the-box archiving functionality...



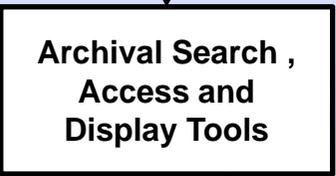
Pre-Ingest



Ingest and Preservation



Access



E-ARK, databases and big data

- Two main data types considered
 - Unstructured data from content and records management systems
 - Structured data from DBMS's
- Formats, tools and workflows developed for both types
- Current access levels to structured data are unacceptable to the users
 - You'll here more to that over the next two days ...



Last but not least ...



