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[www.europeana-newspapers.eu](http://www.europeana-newspapers.eu)

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### Refinement of digitized newspapers

The main objective is to enhance and refine already digitised newspaper pages as part of the general aggregation process. Apart from full-text for about 10 million pages, millions of single articles with related metadata and named entities (persons, geo names, etc.) will be automatically detected, tagged and packaged for delivery to Europeana. The integration of a content browser on the platform of The European Library ([www.theeuropeanlibrary.org](http://www.theeuropeanlibrary.org)) is being one of the outcomes of the project.

### Evaluation and Quality Assurance

Expected outcome of the project is the development of an evaluation and quality assessment infrastructure for newspaper digitisation. The quality of the refined and aggregated data (images, text and metadata), the refinement processes and the technologies are evaluated. In addition tools for predicting the quality tested and optimised.

### Aggregation and presentation

The project aims at the aggregation, refinement and presentation of newspaper content to the freely accessible online service via the Europeana Foundation. The creation of a full-text index of newspaper content and the development of a newspaper content browser are main objectives. Moreover an overview of collections of European digitised newspapers will be developed.

### Metadata and best practice recommendations for newspapers

Within the project a Europeana Data Model (EDM) for newspapers will be created to be used inside and outside the project consortium. Based on the analysis and workflows the results will be given as best practice recommendations for the digitisation and refinement.

### Dissemination and application

Dissemination and Exploitation aims at raising the awareness and the promotion of the Europeana Newspapers Project through media communication and stakeholder engagement. The project events will inform and engage stakeholders and end-users of the technical challenges of the project, content and policy related issues that the project addresses.

### Planned Dissemination Workshops and events in 2013 and 2014:

- Workshop on Refinement
- Workshop on Aggregation and Presentation
- Workshop on Newspapers in Europe and the Digital Agenda for Europe
- National Information days (in 10 European countries)



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