

PORTUGAL

BIBLIOTECA NACIONAL

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RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

THE NATIONAL DIGITAL LIBRARY (BND)

BND (<http://www.bnd.bn.pt>) is a project officially launched the 1st February 2002 designed as a virtual library and digitised collections, mostly but not exclusively hold by the National Library. Digital works comprise new items created by NLP (bibliographies, catalogues, etc.) and deposited items. Digitised collections are arranged through a virtual Memory of Portugal program including relevant works for the national identity, society, history, culture and science in different kinds of media.

The main target for the next 3 years is the construction of a collection with more than one million images of complete works that are of intellectual or artistic value, some of them rare or unique, in order

- 1 to provide a global access to the collections of the National Library
- 2 to develop cooperative efforts with other institutions that have complementary collections
- 3 to preserve from physical access some of our most valuable documents
- 4 to implement national good practices in terms of digitisation techniques, digital deposit, digital preservation and interoperability.

Participation in projects like Bibliotheca Universalis or TEL – The European Library are valuable contributions to a broad discussion of practices and solutions.

The project is build on the national goal aimed at improving digital contents (in Portuguese) on the Web and is targeted for a large audience although the typical public of the National Library (university students, teachers and researchers) will be more easily attracted to this “new” National Library.

THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF PORTUGAL – STATISTICS

COLLECTIONS (31 DEC.2001)

Books	2.472.602	volumes
Serials	362.280	volumes
Manuscripts	78.823	items
Microforms	c. 16.923	units
Cartographic materials	12.961	items
Graphics	69.686	items
Music	24.170	items
Electronic documents	346	items
Other (incl. audio-visual)	2.223	items
Number of readers	62.454	
Number of items consulted	346.545	
Interlending and document supply	1.638	users
Research in databases	4.998	users
Staff	336	
Budget KPTE	1.739.127	

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