

VISK 7 – National Funding Mechanism for the digitization and long-term preservation of the newspapers endangered by the degradation of the paper.

Looking back over more than 15 years of the cooperation of the Czech libraries

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"Your library is your paradise."

"Prevention is better than cure."

Erasmus of Rotterdam (1466-1536)



- VISK = PUBLIC INFORMATION SERVICES of LIBRARIES
- established in 2000 by the Resolution of the Government Board of the Czech Republic No. 351 named The State Information Policy in the area of Education
- main target:
 - support public information services of the libraries



- partial targets:
 - support of the lifelong learning
 - enhancing the cultural needs of the Czech citizens
 - access to the public information connected with public administration respecting the free access to the information
 - support and documentation of the research and development activities
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 - <u>long-term preservation and presentation of the national culture</u> <u>heritage stored in the library collections</u>



- VISK program funding is opened for all the Czech public libraries, which are registered by the Ministry of Culture according the Library Act of the Czech Republic and for the public associations established by the rules of the Act No. 89/2012 of the Civil Code, whose main target is to provide library and information services or to support them actively
- during last couple of years round 1 480 2 220 000 EUR yearly
- 2 180 000 EUR allocated in 2017



VISK 1	The coordination centre for the VISK program realization				
VISK 2	Out-of-school and lifelong education of the librarians				
VISK 3	Information centres of the public libraries				
VISK 4	Digital libraries and data archives for the support of the information services in libraries				
VISK 5	RETROKON: national program of the retrospective conversion of the library catalogues				
VISK 6	Manuscriptorium: national program of the digitization, presentation and preservation of the manuscripts and old prints				
VISK 7	Kramerius: national program of the digitization and long-term preservation of the modern documents endangered by the degradation of the paper				
VISK 8A	Integration of the on-line resources				
VISK 8B	Uniform Information Gateway				
VISK 9	The Union Catalogue Development and the support of the National Authorities enhancement				



VISK 7 subprogram:

- established in 2001
- at the beginning only for the support of microfilming, after theat also digitization of microfilms a "hybrid scanning"
 - mandatory standardization (DjVu, txt, METS)
 - digital library Kramerius support
- gradually direct digitization
 - new standards (JPEG2000, ALTOxml, MODS etc.)
- after 2011 new activities
 - deacidification, preservation and restoration treatments, nonacid cardboard boxes production



VISK 7 subprogram:

- the aim of the program is to support all the activities leading to preserve the modern collections (especially newspapers) those existence is threatened by the degradation of the original medium
 - the project applicant will get 70% of costs covered from the program budget and the rest 30% will be made by co-financing
 - all the projetst are evaluated by the independent expert committee and is managed by the proffesional guarantor



VISK 7 subprogram :

- it is strictly forbidden to cover full-time salaries, refreshments and gifts, costs related to the foreign business trips, costs for training of the non-project staff, project management costs, legal services, financial awards etc.
- the whole project budget is provided purposefully for the support of the long-term preservation of the books and newspapers
- more than 40 different libraries proposed their project from the beginning of the funding



VISK 7 subprogram:





- systematic surveys and ation treatments:
 - to have overall picture of the physical condition of the library collections, e. g. pH measurement
 - source of the important information for the planning of conservation activities or digitization
 - support not only for preservation or restoration treatments, but also for the evaluation of the microbiological smears, detection of the mold spores, disinfecting procedures, mechanical cleaning or for the measurement of microclimatic conditions in repositories etc.







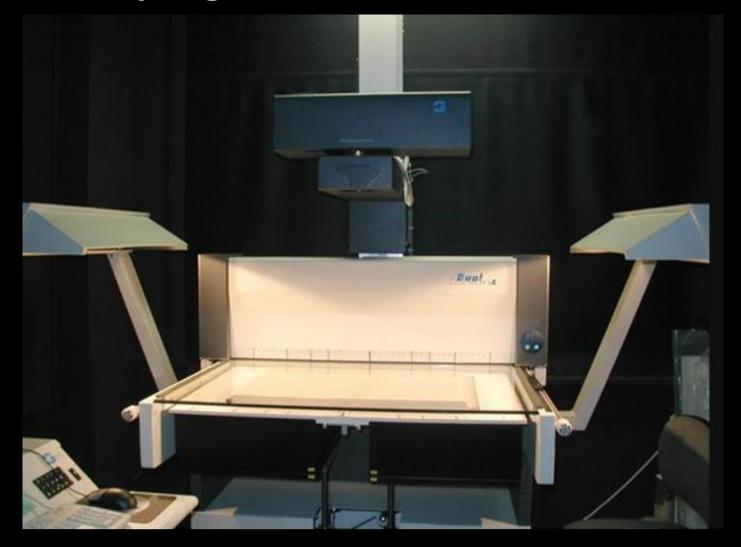


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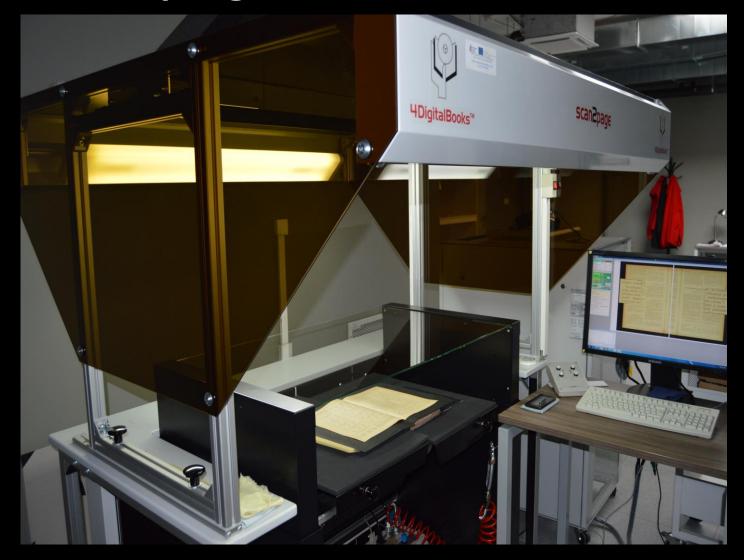


- digitization:
 - digitization projects target primarily to the Bohemical documents (newspapers, monographs, maps etc.), exceptionally also the content of Bohemical documents issued abroad or the rare foreign documents to the important collections in the connection to the Czech culture history
 - standards and formats used by the National Digital Library are mandatory
 - more than 500 000 pages yearly now = 4 000 000 digitized pages from the beginning of the project
 - all the data must be sent to the Digitization Registry
 - Kramerius digital library installation

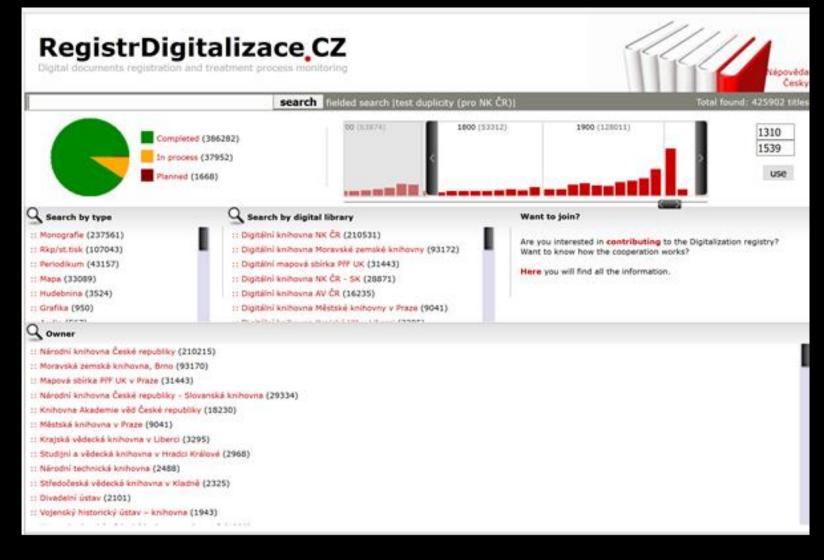








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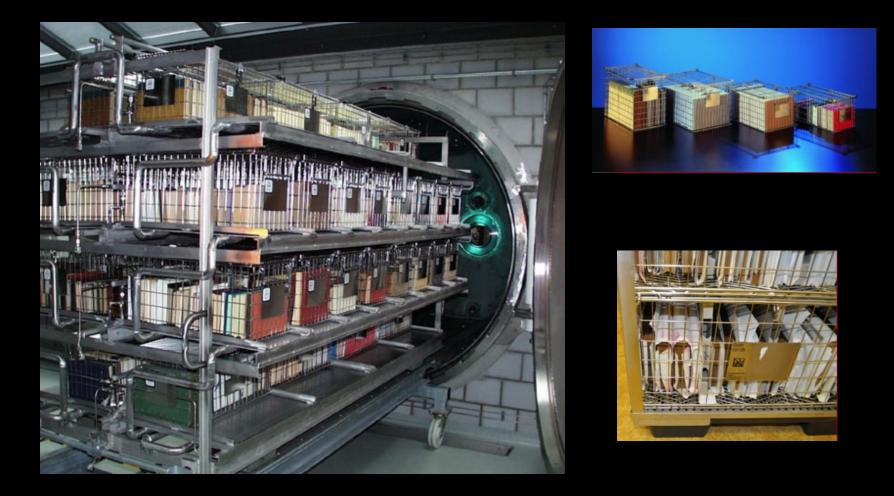




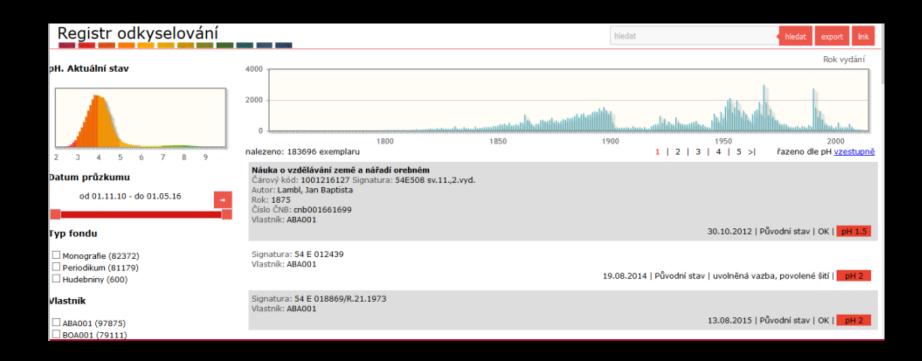


- deacidification:
 - specific chemical treatment free acid located in the structure of the paper is neutralized or removed
 - the technology of deacidification renews the chemical stability of the paper, abolishes catalytic effect of acids and slows the degradation of the paper down
 - libraries must follow the standards (Natinonal Library of the Czech republic, ISO)
 - 800 kg per year by outsourcing
 - Registry of the deacidificated documents usage











- Non-acid cardboard boxes production:
 - non-acid boxes are used to prevent library collections from the effects of the negative external influences
 - all the boxes are made from the cardboard with the archival character
 - are designed individually for every single book, of any size and of any shape
 - cutting plotter











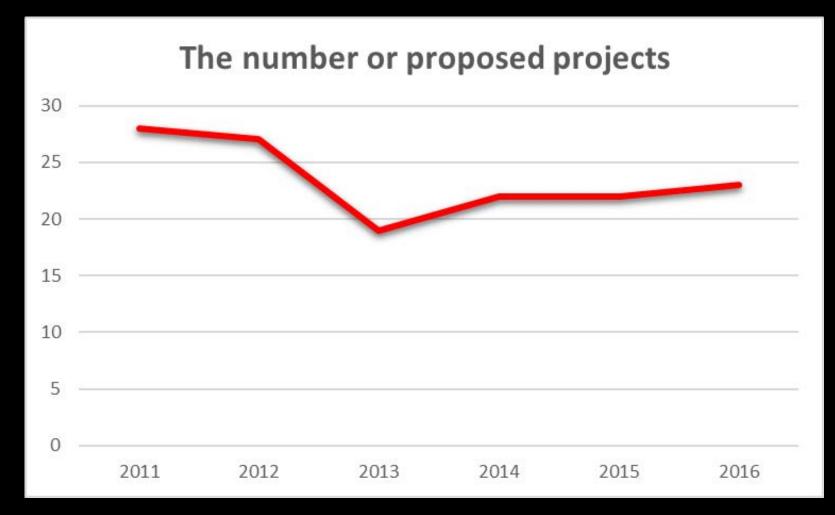
Strategical Documents

- Strategy for the Czech Libraries
 Development 2011-2015
- Strategy for the Czech Libraries
 Development 2016-2020
- National State Cultural Policy of the Czech Republic for 2016-2020



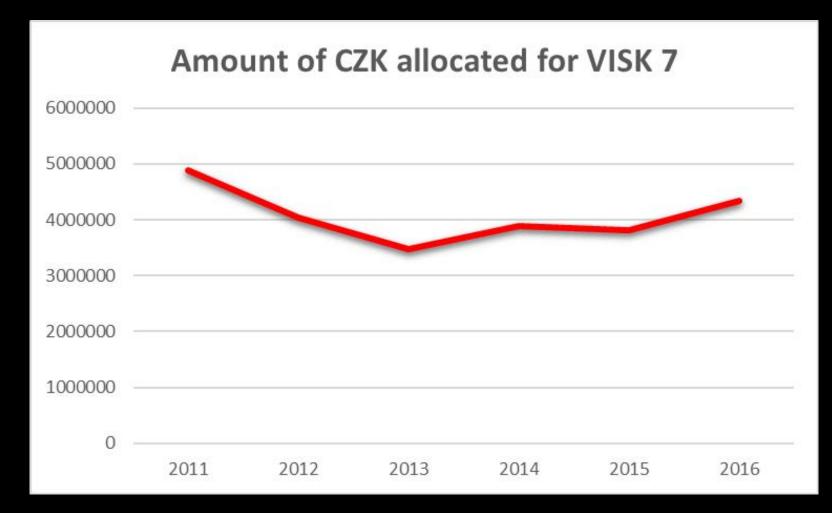


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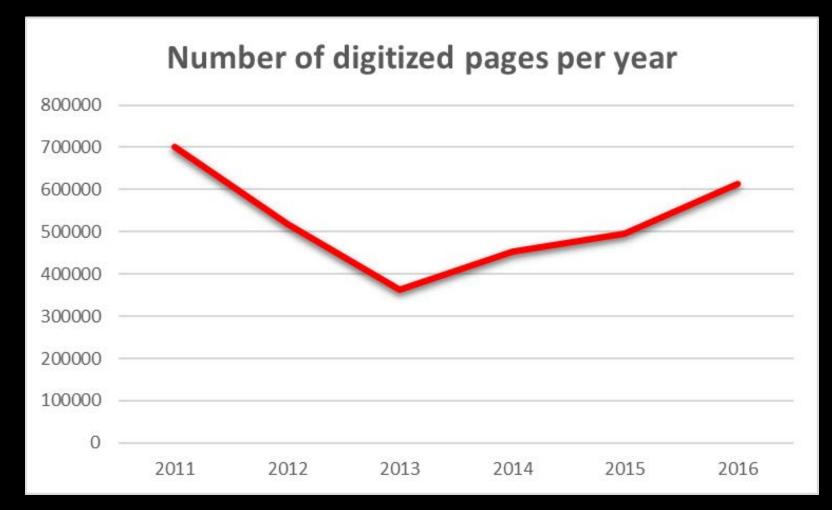


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VISK 7 subprogram - summary:

- ONLY ADVANTAGES
 - regular support
 - independent on the political decissions
 - transparency
 - collaboration among Czech libraries
 - methodological support from National Library of the Czech Republic
 - new needed activities are added gradually
 - open for all the public libraries



"A little library, growing larger every year, is an honourable part of a man's history. It is a man's duty to have books. A library is not a luxury, but one of the necessaries of life."

Henry Ward Beecher (1813-1887)



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