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Managing Bequests & Digital Estates:

a short introduction to the workshop through the example of the National & University Library Strasbourg

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« Digital estates »: a new concept? The right concept?

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⇒ Items related to the act of creation

⇒ Not a different mission for libraries

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=> Not so simple: theory vs practice

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What kind of solutions, in a constrained environment?

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The National & University Library Strasbourg

- 24/08/1870: Burning of the 2 historical libraries in Strasbourg
- 1871: Creation of the new German Imperial, Regional and University Library
- 1895: Opening of the new library building
- 1926: French National & University Library
- Today: Over 3.5M documents, 2nd library in France, main academic & research library



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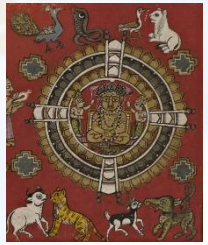
















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Traditional missions:

Serving the academic & scientific needs

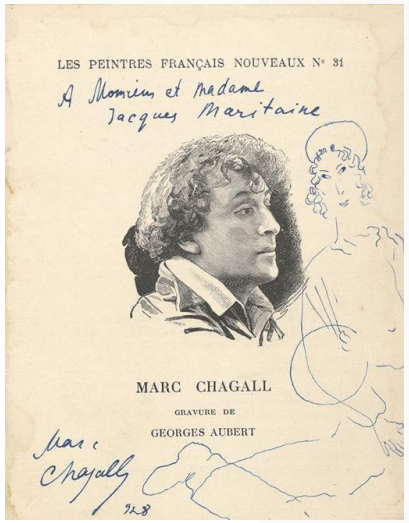
Preserving the regional heritage













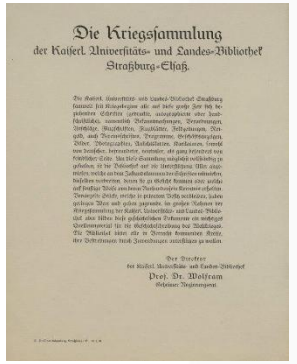




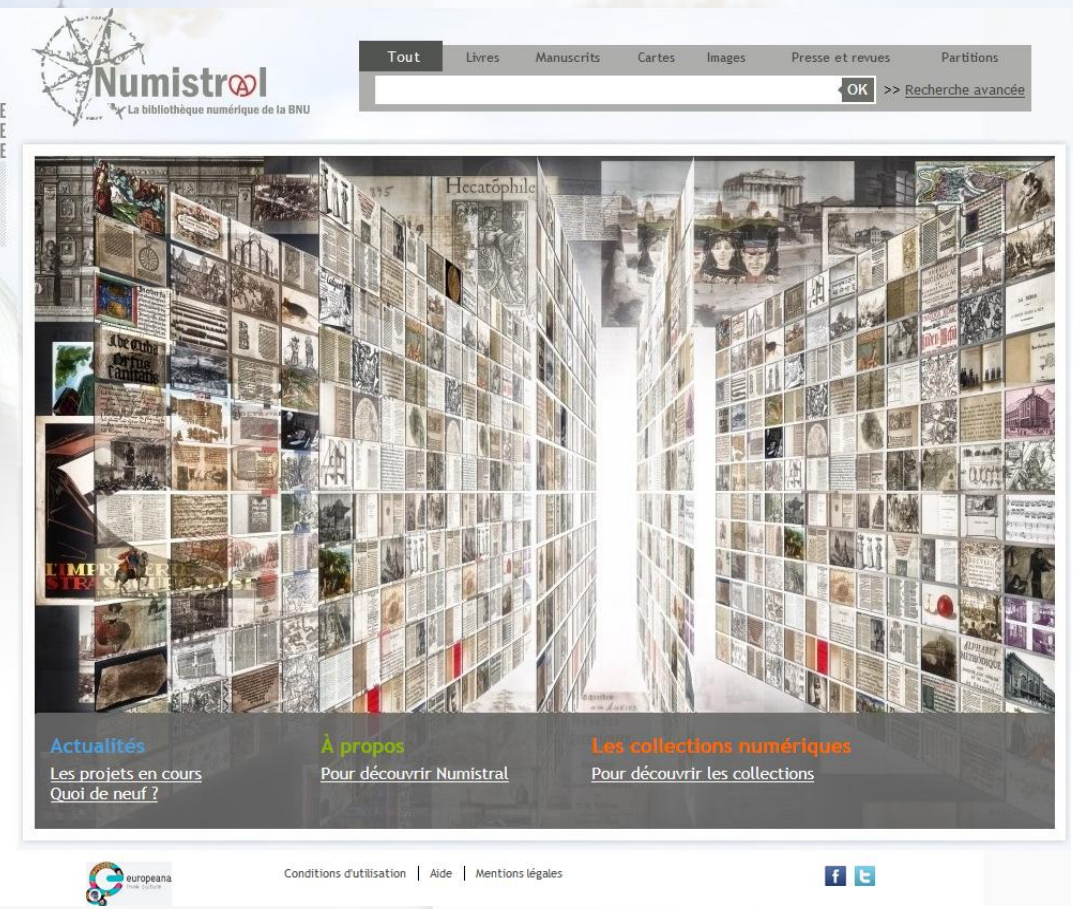














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Digitising our heritage for:

- Dissemination
- Preservation
- Scientific research

Numistral (www.numistral.fr)

- Technical partnership with the BnF => Gallica infrastructure
- Opened October 2013
- Now 100,000 items online, +250,000 pages / year
- Around 50 projects…
- Digitisation on-demand
- Contents on specialised digital libraries

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Managing digital estates: what strategy for the BNU?

Through collaboration with the French National Library, a national service point for:

- Gallica Marque Blanche: digitised materials
- Legal deposit
- Web archiving
- With remote access in dedicated libraries to copyright-protected items

Through collaboration with the French National Audiovisual Institute (INA), a national service point for:

- Audiovisual & media archives
- With remote access in dedicated libraries to copyright-protected items

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Through a regional collaboration with alsatian universities:

- E-resources
- Digitisation & digital library
- Institutional repository
- Data management
- Data center

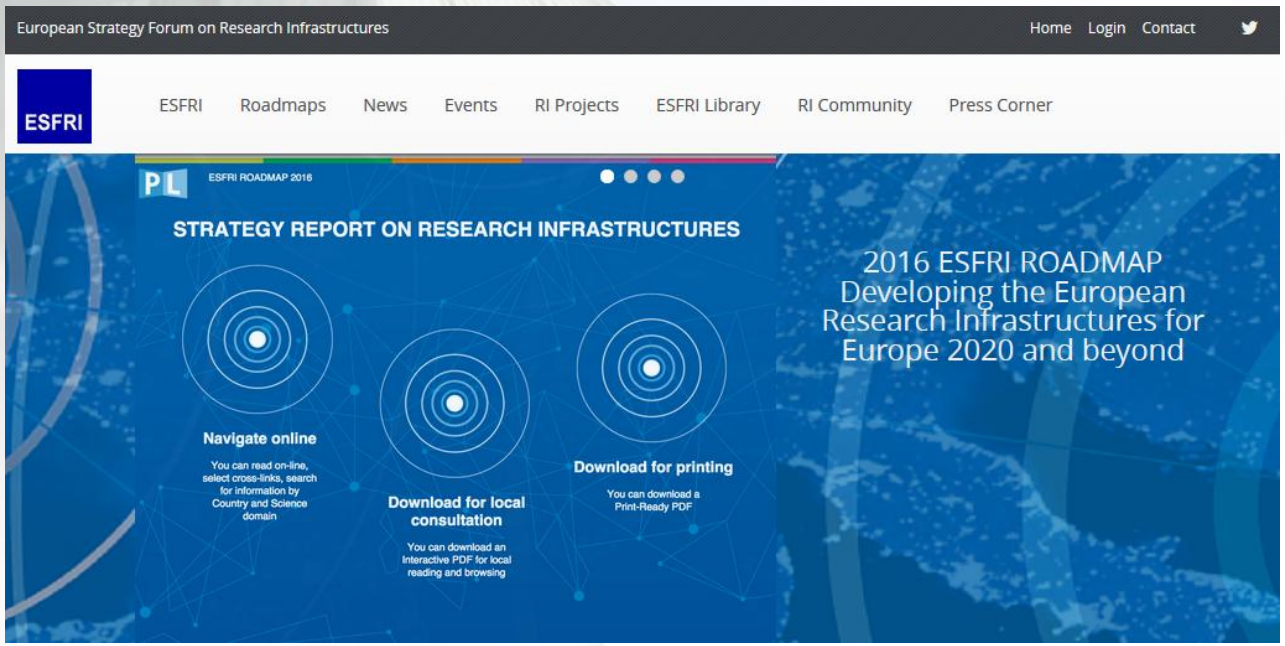
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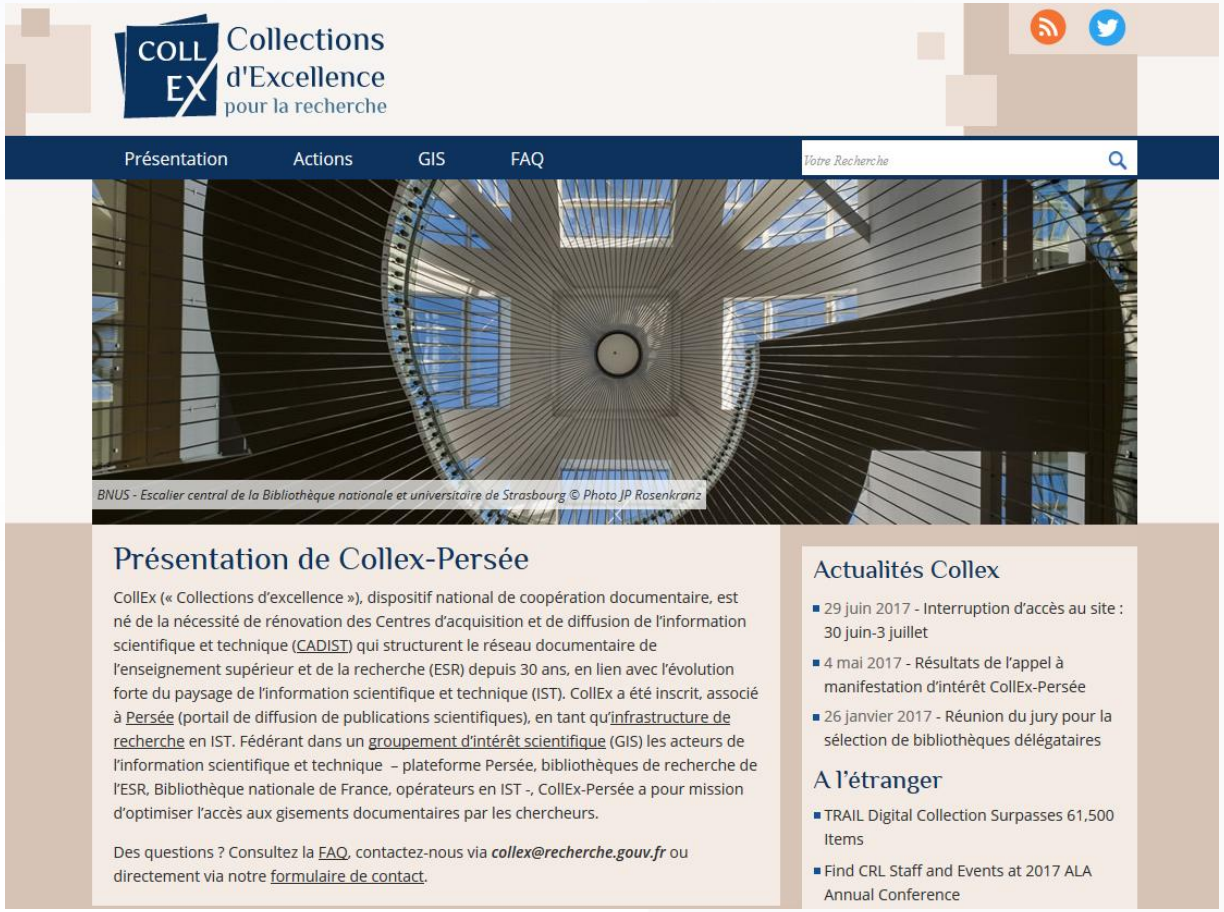
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The opportunity of a national Research Infrastructure





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COLL EX Collections d'Excellence pour la recherche

CollEx, an infrastructure:

- BNU: host of the administrative responsibility
- With the main institutions preserving cultural & scientific heritage (incl. BnF)
- With the National Archives

Purposes:

- Collection mapping and identification
- Collection development for research
- Digitalisation and digital services
- Shared preservation
- National & international services
- Academic network animation

Opportunities for R & D partnerships on:

- Implementing innovative technological developments
- Creating new corpuses for research
- Improving the discoverability of digital collections
- Fostering innovative reuse of digital collections
- The collaborative management and long-term preservation of scientific archives

Opportunity for a national collaboration to build a network of cultural & scientific born-digital estates

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Managing digital estates: what strategy for the BNU?

1. Inclusion in the strategic development plan 2018-2022
2. Competence building
3. Stronger collaboration with the University
4. Leading the CollEx-PERSEE Research Infrastructure
5. New internal organisation (2018)

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