Exploring Linked Open Data capabilities at the European Parliament Library

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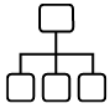
Legislative powers



Budgetary powers

Supervisory powers

The European Parliament is an important forum for political debate and decision-making at the EU level. The Members of the European Parliament are directly elected by voters in all Member States to represent people's interests with regard to EU law-making and to make sure other EU institutions are working democratically.

https://www.europarl.europa.eu/about-parliament/en/home

European Parliament

The European Parliament

- 705 members (MEPs)
- Electorate of ~375 million eligible voters from 27 Member States
- 24 official languages

The European Parliament Research Service

Empowering
Through Knowledge

Foresight

Anticipating global trends and **analysing gaps** in EU legislation and assessing their real-life impact.

Research and information

Tracking legislation and **providing comprehensive information** on any policy area or legislative dossier before it is proposed, while it is being negotiated and after its adoption.

Scrutiny

Helping to oversee the work of the European Council and **scrutinizing** the European Commission as well as assessing the impact of legislation before and after its adoption.

The European Parliament Research Service Products

3 types of products

- At a glance
- Briefing
- In Depth Analysis

All products are available freely on EPRS Website (EP Think Tank)

https://epthinktank.eu/

Will be available as an Alma Open Access Collection in 2024

European Parliament Library Services

- Small Collection
  - 90,000 books
  - 115,000 eBooks
  - 65,000 serials (mostly electronic)
- Access to ~100 specialised databases and news services
- Metadata are coming mostly from Eurovoc, a thesaurus maintained by the Publication Office of the European Union

https://op.europa.eu/en/web/eu-vocabularies/dataset/-/resource?uri=http://publications.europa.eu/resource/dataset/eurovoc

Profiles of our patrons

Institutional library

Our patrons are rarely coming from the academic world

Many different profiles

- MEPs / MEPs assistant
- EPRS Desk Officers responsible of many different policy areas
- Trainees of the EP
- Staff members (IT, Security, Human Resources...)

Multilinguism is a very important aspect to be taken into account for the services offered to our patrons

Why exploring Linked Open Data Capabilities?

Two assumptions

Our services may not be well known by our patrons

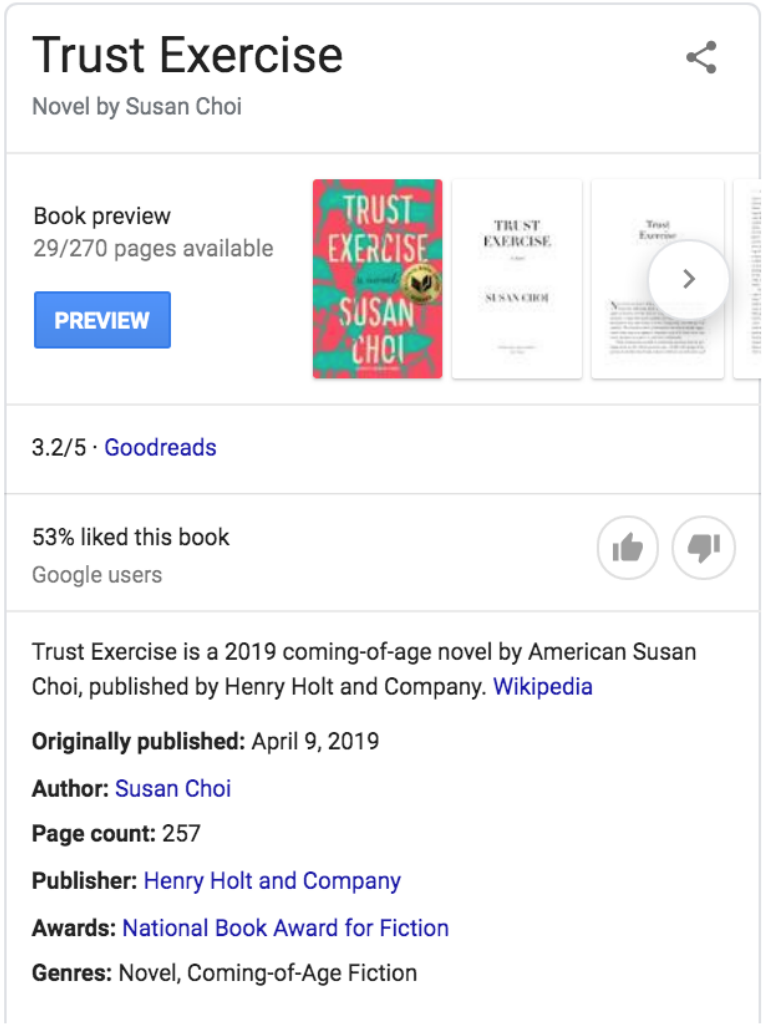
Patrons are searching for information on the Web, using major search engines (mostly Google)

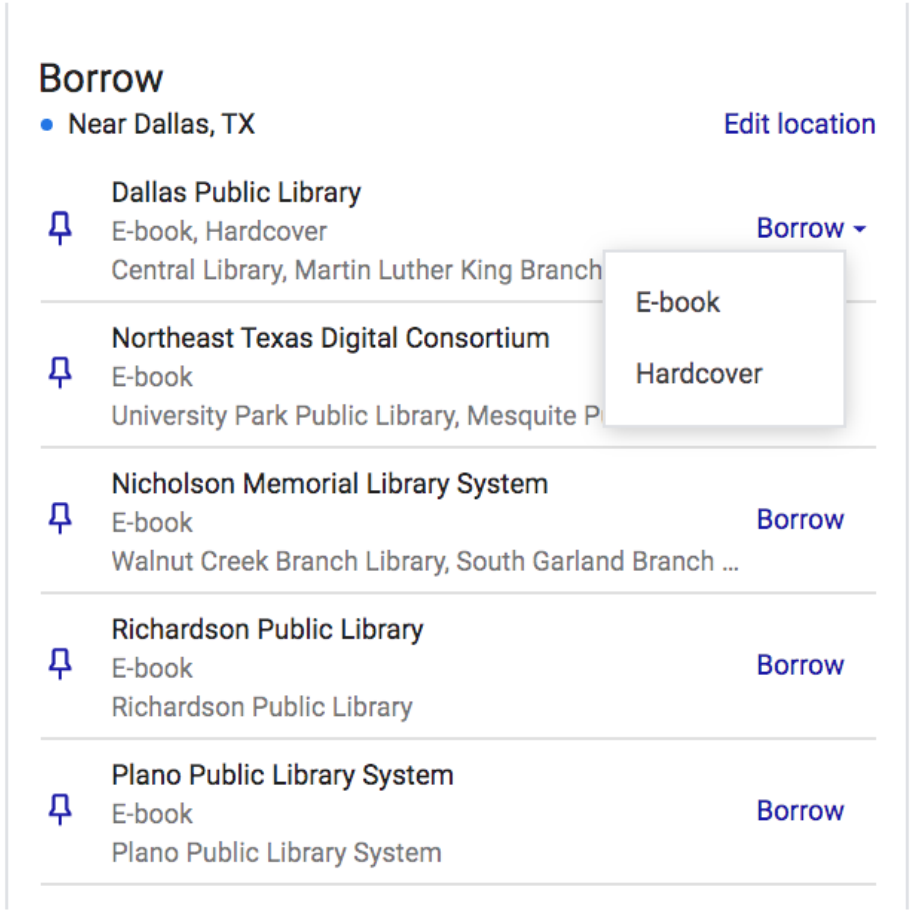
Our catalogue is not an obvious entry point to our services

We want to be more visible on the Web

New borrowing services are emerging

Google Knowledge Graph





Borrow Section of a Knowledge Panel for Trust Exercise

Linked Open Data Capabilities

Semantic web is becoming a reality (eg Google Knowledge Graph)

Environ 792 000 résultats (0,59 secondes)

Simone Veil

Ancienne présidente du Parlement européen

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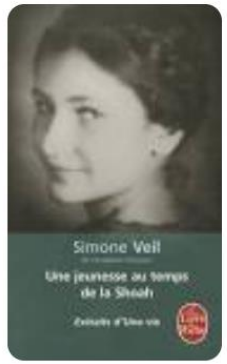
Livres

Une vie
2007



Une jeunesse au temps de l…
2010

La Vie après Birkenau

Discours
2007

L'Aube à Birkenau

Mes combats
2016

Seul l'espoir

Simone et ses

Les hommes

Una vida

L'interruption

"Elles sont 300

À propos

Simone Veil, née Simone Jacob le 13 juillet 1927 à Nice et morte le 30 juin 2017 à Paris, est une magistrate et une femme d'État française. Née dans une famille juive aux origines lorraines, elle est déportée à Auschwitz à l'âge de 16 ans, durant la Shoah, où elle perd son père, son frère et sa mère. Wikipédia

Date/Lieu de naissance : 13 juillet 1927, Nice, France

Date de décès : 30 juin 2017, Place Vauban, Paris, France

Enfants : Claude-Nicolas Veil, Jean Veil, Pierre-François Veil

Frères et sœurs : Denise Vernay, Jean Jacob, Madeleine Jacob

Distinctions : Prix Princesse des Asturies de la coopération internationale, PLUS

Petits-enfants : Lucas Veil, Raphaël Veil, Isabelle Veil, PLUS

Commentaires

Linked Open Data Capabilities

Semantic web is becoming a reality (eg Google Knowledge Graph)

Switch from search based on keywords to discovery based on semantic concepts

Possibility to enrich existing data with information coming from other sources

Because of their specific profiles, our patrons may be interested in those new capabilities, not yet offered in our catalogue

EBSCO Linked Library / Bibliograph service

How to benefit from LOD potential?

Linked — Common language to describe bibliographic records (ontology)

Open — No copyrights issue, and easily accessible

Data — Bibliographic Records

EBSCO Linked Library/Bibliograph

Two objectives

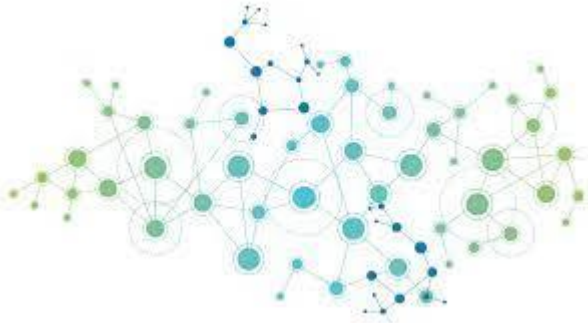
- Borrow from Google should become available for our library
- Items from our catalogue should be more visible in search engines like Google

Bibliograph/Linked Library as tool to expose our LOD

Export our bibliographic records (MarcXML)

Data are transformed into bibframe resources

Graph of data generated from bibframe resources



Outcome of the project

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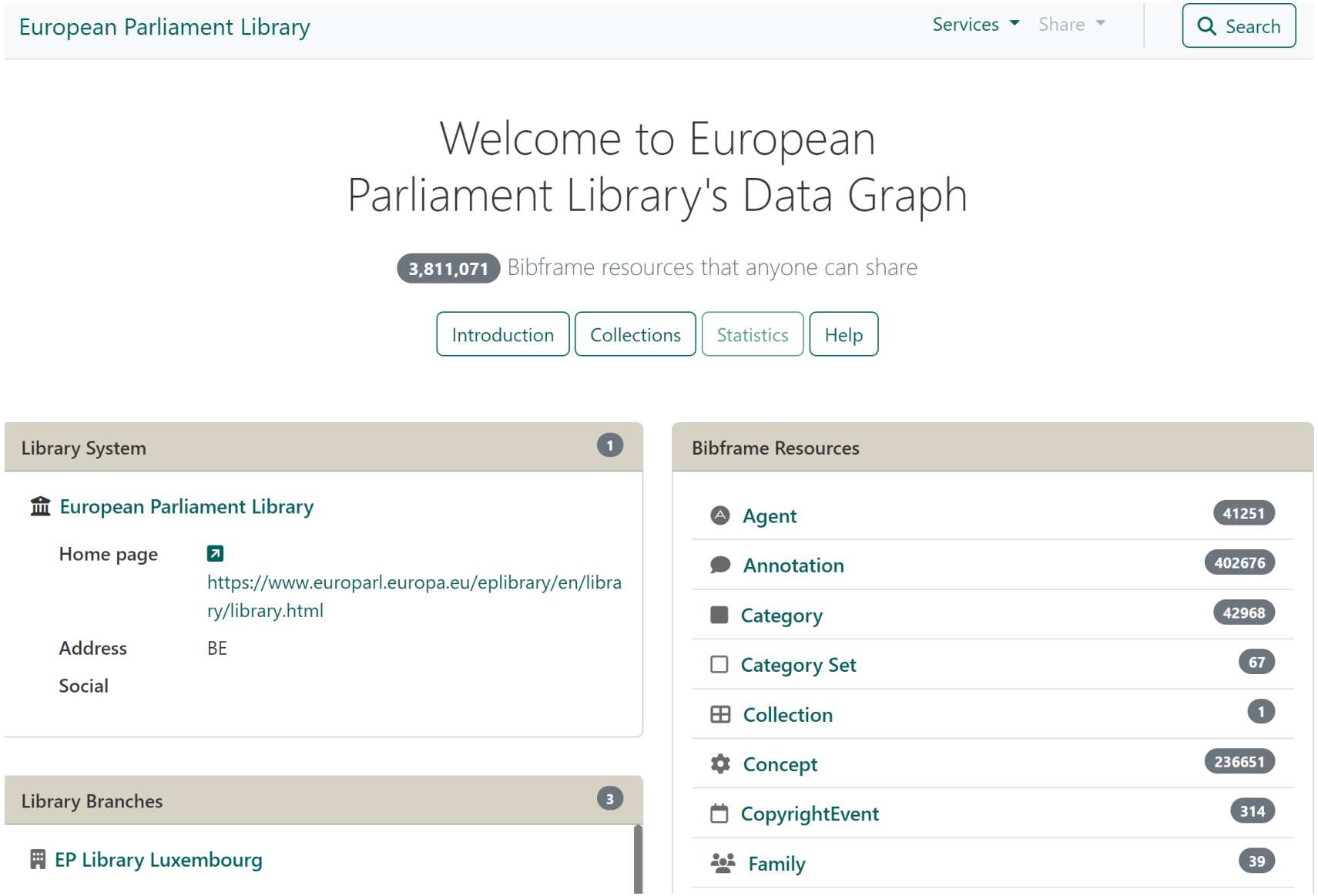

European Parliament – Bibliograph website (http://link.europarl.europa.eu/)

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Resource Navigator

european parliament

Press Enter or click outside the box to search

Filter result type

☐ Agent	☐ Annotation	☐ Category
☐ Category Set	☐ Collection	☐ Concept
☐ Copyright Event	☐ Family	☐ Form
☐ Identifier	☐ Item	☐ Jurisdiction
☐ List	☐ List Item	☐ Meeting
☑ Organization	☐ Person	☐ Place
☐ Provider Event	☐ Series	☐ Temporal
☐ Topic	☐ Work	☐ None

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1. European Parliament.
2. European Parliament
3. European Parliament, Secretariat
4. European Parliament, Secretariat.
5. European Parliament, Library.
6. European Parliament, Library
7. European Parliament, Greens / European Free Alliance in the European Parliament.
8. European Parliament, Greens / European Free Alliance in the European Parliament
9. European Parliament, European Democratic Group
10. European Parliament, Communist and Allies Group of the European Parliament

Search results with filtering

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European Parliament

Type	http://bibfra.me/vocab/lite/Organization
Label	European Parliament
Name	European Parliament
Mapped to	531111

Page on a specific resource, with incoming links

Actions

- Embed Resources by the Organization
- Embed Resources about the Organization

Incoming Resources

Focus of 21

- European Parliament -- Elections, 2014
- European Parliament -- Committees
- European Parliament -- Officials and employees
- European Parliament -- Elections, 2009
- European Parliament -- Biography
- European Parliament -- Elections -- History
- European Parliament -- Powers and duties
- European Parliament -- Elections, 2019
- European Parliament -- Elections, 2016
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- European Parliament

Creator of 10 of 133

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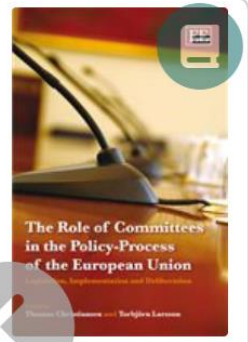
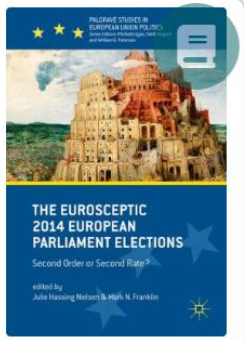
4. Widgets on any resource linked to books (Author, Person, Subject...), that can be embedded in any webpage.

99 Resources that are about European Parliament



The role of committees in the policy-process of the



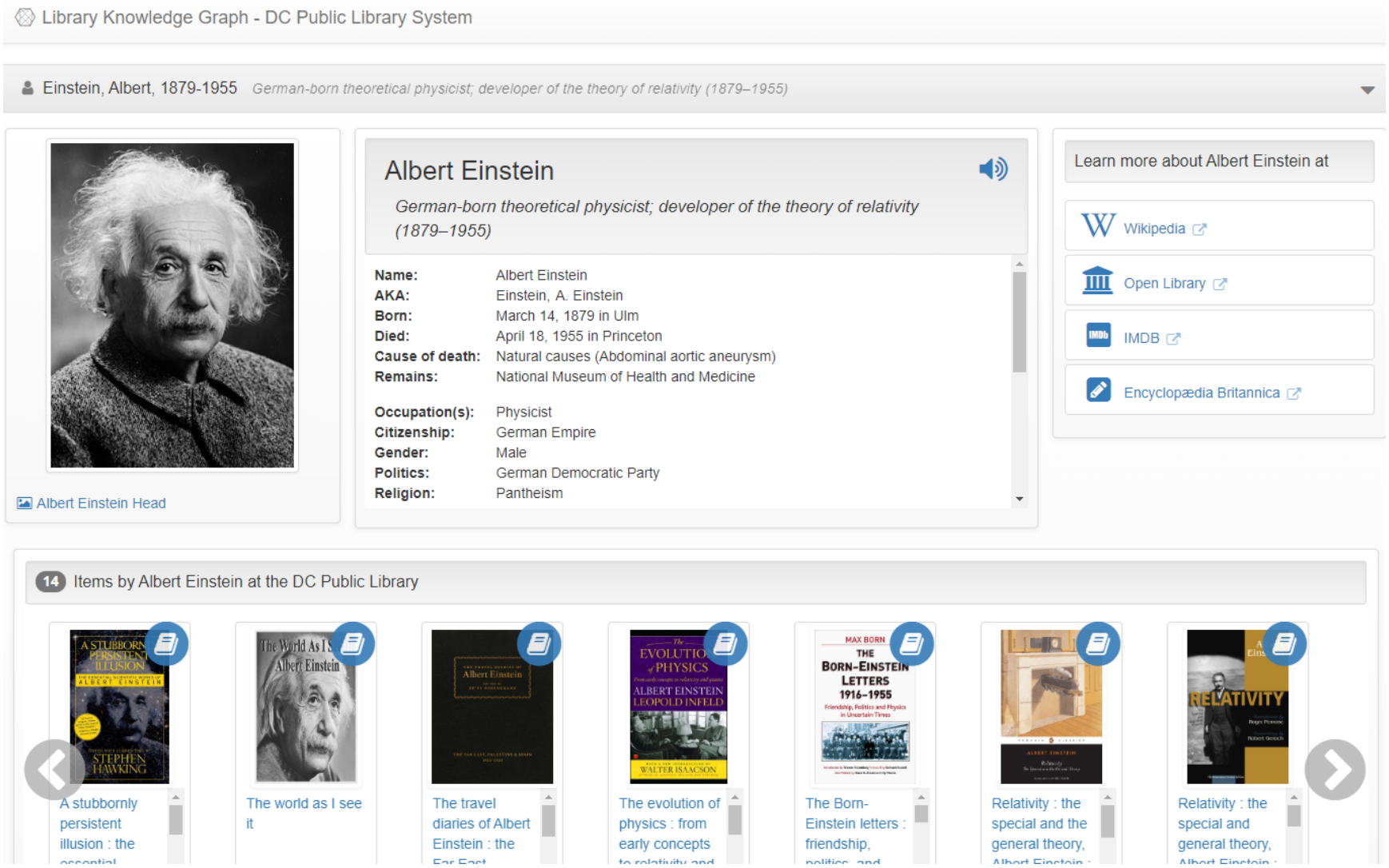
The Eurosceptic 2014 European Parliament Elections, Second

Europees Parlement : nieuws

Die Europawahl 2014, Spitzenkandidaten,

Carousels on specific concept (European Parliament)
Links are redirecting to our catalogue.
Other types of widget are also available (list, grids, cards)

Additional goal



Enrich the data

Practical shortcoming of the approach

A real world entity can be described in different authorities

- We can’t fully automate Widgets generation

Navigation in the platform is not good enough for our patrons

Resource Navigator

Alcide De Gasperi

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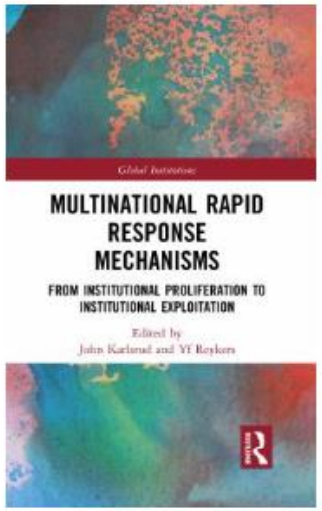
The End of European Security Institutions?

Defending Eastern Europe



Multinational Rapid Response Mechanisms

NATO's democratic retrenchment

https://eplibrary.libguides.com/XPOL/SR/EU-NATO-cooperation

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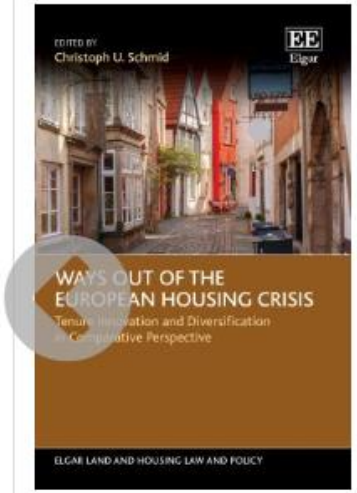
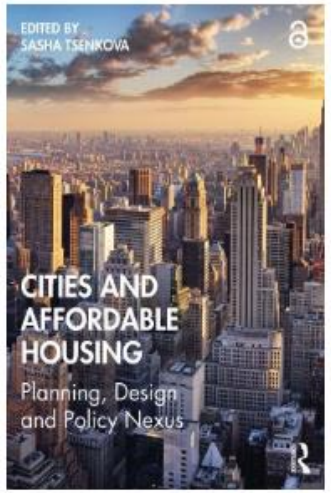
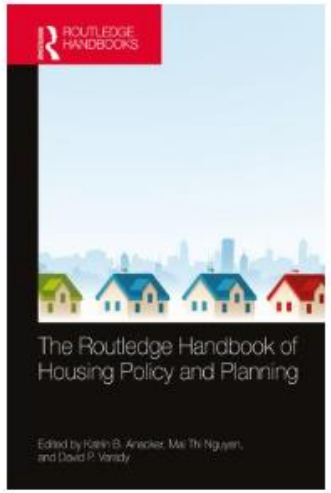


Ways out of the European Housing Crisis



Cities and Affordable Housing



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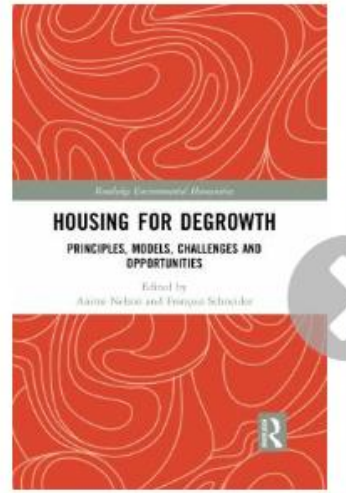

Housing for Degrowth : Principles, Models, Challenges and

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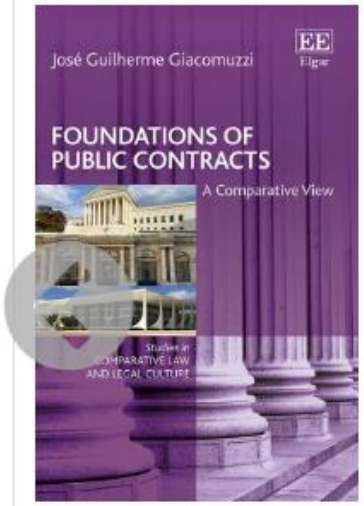
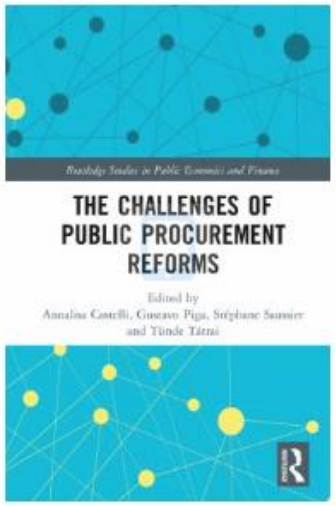
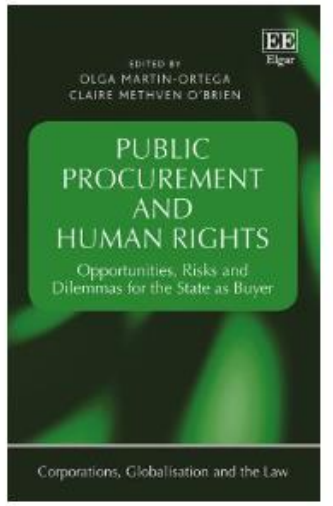


Foundations of Public Contracts



The Challenges of Public Procurement Reforms



Public Procurement and Human Rights

Green Public Procurement under WTO Law

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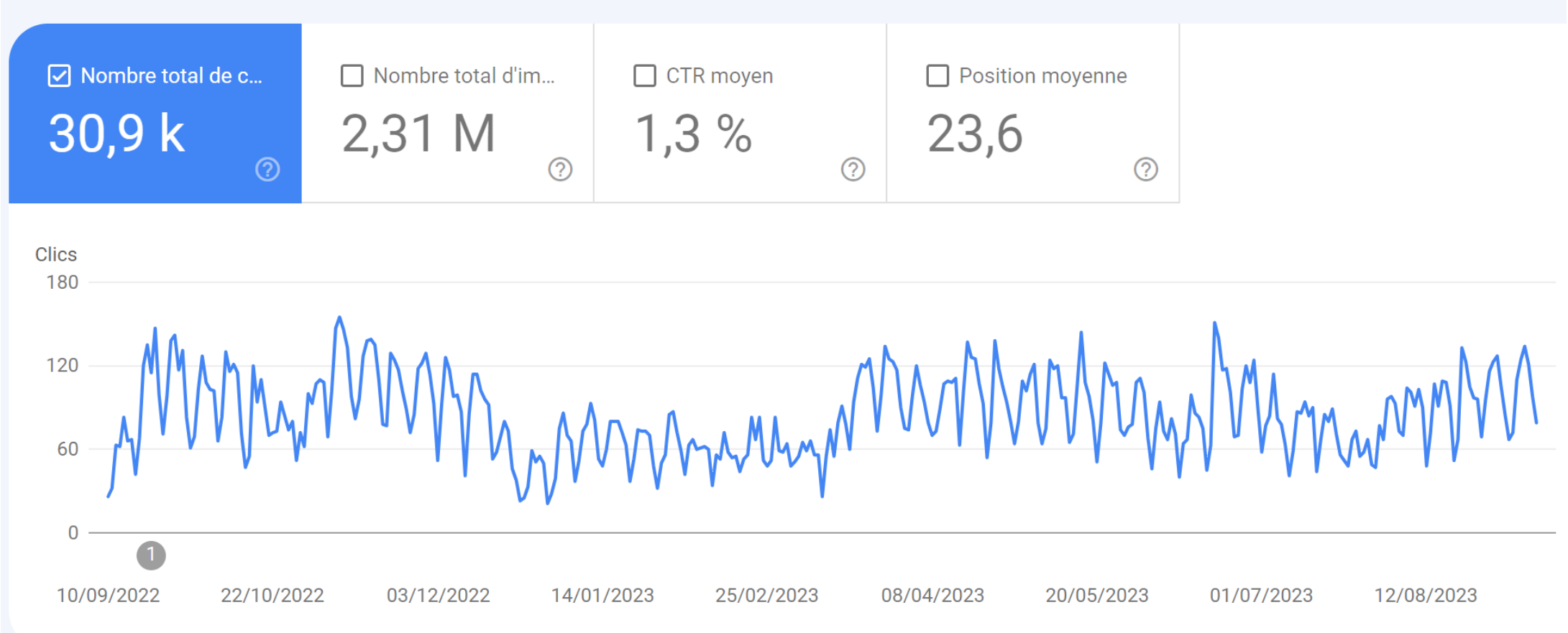

Number of clicks from google to our catalogue (Google Search Console10/9/2022 -> 10/9/2023)

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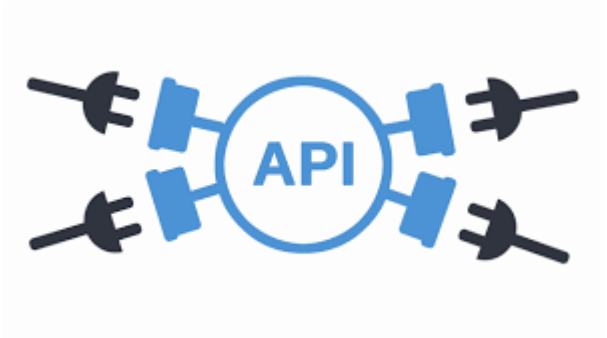
Borrow action still not available in Google: the service will be deployed in countries when a significant amount will adopt approaches similar to Bibliograph...

What’s next?

Next steps

- Publish data in wikidata
  - 100 Books on Europe to remember
    https://www.europarl.europa.eu/100books/en/index.html
  - Books written by MEPs
- Look for other sources of data to enrich our graph
- Explore additional features of Bibliograph



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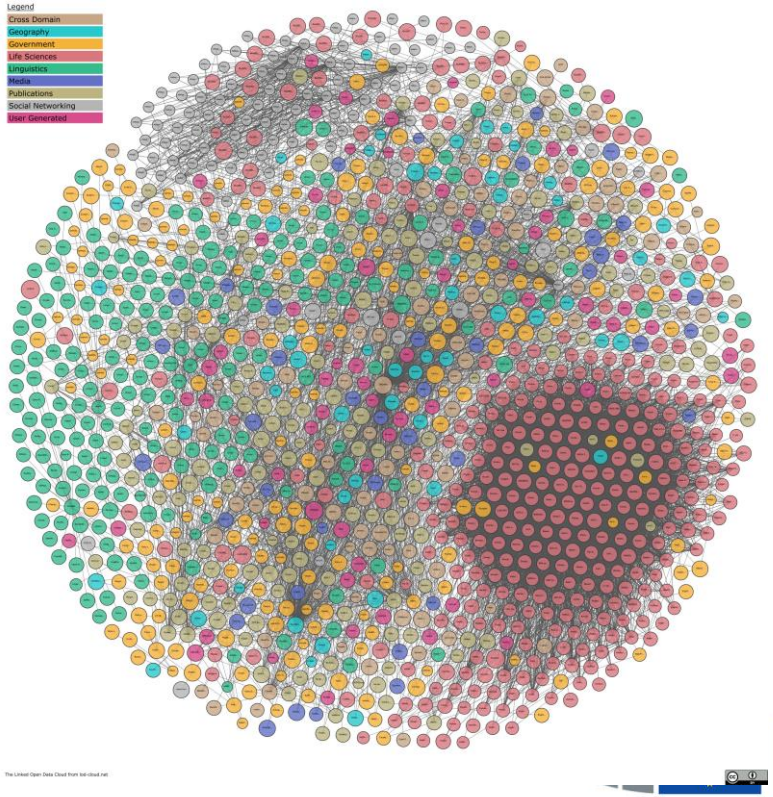


Open Data Initiatives in the European Institutions

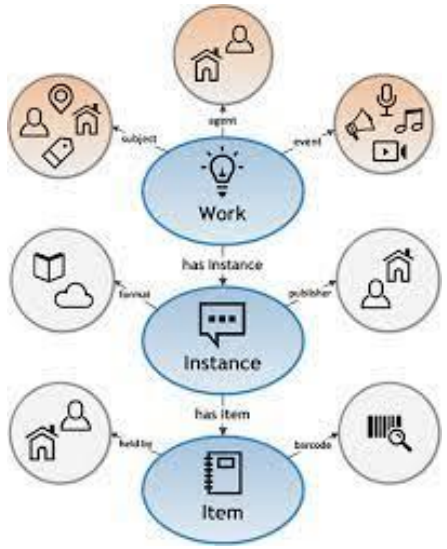
- Publication office of the European Union
  - https://data.europa.eu (with SPARQL enpoint)

- European Parliament
  - Open datasets on Parliament activities + APIs to consume the data
  - https://data.europarl.europa.eu/en/home

Conclusion

Lessons learnt

- Bibframe is the key for libraries to benefit of the potential of Linked Open Data
- Native Bibframe cataloguing tool is critical
- Using several authorities is a challenge that must be taken into account



Patrons expectations

New emerging technologies must be integrated into libraries' services: AI based services

- Automatic classification
  - Initiative at the European Parliament to provide an automatic indexation tools for Eurovoc
- Natural Language Processing
  - Understand what our patrons are looking for, going beyond basic keywords based approach
- Generative AI
  - ChatGPT