



Accessible Registries of Rights Information
and Orphan Works towards Europeans

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ARROW System development. German pilot on its way

Brussels, 28 January 2010. In the recent past months, ARROW partners with the contribution of the involved stakeholders worked to define the project workflow and system specifications. Several technical meetings took place both at national and domain level. Libraries, publishers associations, books in print organisations, reproduction rights organisations, collecting societies representing authors, international organisations and technology developers have been assisting in building the ARROW system.

During the first semester of 2010, the ARROW consortium will deliver the first phase of the project pilot. At this stage, Germany, France, UK and Spain have been working closely to enable all technical requirements to make ARROW a sustainable project aiming to facilitate digital libraries within Europe.

In the course of the following weeks, we will see the delivery of the German pilot. Indeed Germany will be the first country that will use ARROW as an interoperable system to clear copyright status and data about European literary works.

The system that aims to offer tools for discovering rightholders and models and procedures for clearing rights on current orphan and out of print works will start its first public pilot phase with the collaboration of the German stakeholders: DNB for the library domain, VLB for the Books in print one, VG Wort for the RRO.

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Note for editors

ARROW - Accessible Registries of Rights Information and Orphan Works towards the EDL – a consortium of European national libraries, publishers and collective management organisations, also representing writers – working through their main European associations and a number of national organisations – is a targeted project co-funded under the European Commission's **eContentplus Programme** (see http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/activities/econtentplus/index_en.htm) which seeks to help make digital content in Europe more accessible, usable and exploitable.