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A Union Catalogue of European Film Archives

filmarchives online is the result of the EU project *MIDAS – Moving Image Database For Access and Re-Use of European Film Collections*, which started in January 2006 as a two-year pilot project of the MEDIA Plus programme. Co-ordinated by Deutsches Filminstitut – DIF, *filmarchives online* was implemented in collaboration with four European partners. The aim of the project is to provide easy access to Europe's cinematic heritage and to reinforce its cultural and commercial use.

filmarchives online allows fast access to catalogue data from the film archives of Deutsches Filminstitut, the British Film Institute (London), the Czech National Film Archive (Prague), Cineteca Comunale di Bologna and the DEFA-Stiftung (Berlin). Currently around 5.000 mostly non-fiction films are available for research.

Besides facts about the individual films, *filmarchives online* furthermore offers information on the availability of titles in the different archives. A common feature of library research – the possibility of searching for one book in a wide range of catalogues at the same time – is now becoming available for archival films through *filmarchives online*. The service is free of charge, and intended for film and media production, audiovisual archives and academic research.

A further eleven film archives have joined the MIDAS project in 2007: Cinémathèque Royale de Belgique (Brussels), Tainiothiki tis Ellados (Athens), Slovenska Kinoteka (Ljubljana), Deutsche Kinemathek (Berlin), Lichtspiel-Kinemathek Bern, Fondazione Cineteca Italiana (Milan), Norsk Filminstitut (Oslo), Nederlands Filmmuseum (Amsterdam), IWF Knowledge and Media (Göttingen), Magyar Nemzeti Filmarchívum (Budapest), La Cineteca del Friuli (Gemona del Friuli). Metadata from their collections will be searchable by the end of 2007.

In total, sixteen institutions from eleven countries of the European Union are represented in *filmarchives online*. By 2008, metadata about up to 20.000 films will be accessible.

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