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The Italian Academic & Research Network

The role of e-infrastructures providers in the collaboration with Cultural Institutions: experiences and challenges ahead

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GARR – The Italian Research and Academic Network



GARR community

- GARR is the Italian NREN
- GARR users are all the academic and research institutes in Italy

Shareholders:

- Italian Universities (Fondazione CRUI)
- INFN The National Institute of Nuclear Physics
- CNR The National Research Council
- ENEA The Italian National Agency for New Technologies, Energy and Sustainable Economic Development.

Stakeholders:

- ASI The Italian Space Agency
- INGV The National Institute of Geophysics and Volcanology
- INAF The National Institute of Astrophysics
- Scientific Institutes for Research, Hospitalization and Health care
- Music Conservatories, Academies of Art and Performing Arts institutes
- National libraries, National Archives, public record offices and other documentation centers
- Other cultural and scientific institutes in Italy (national and international operating in Italy)

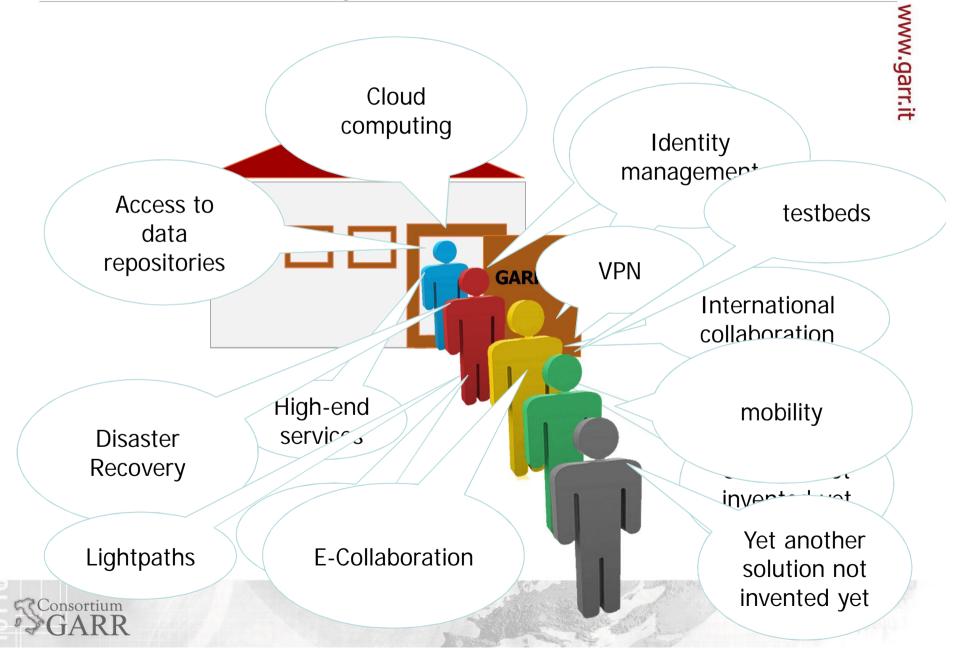


What is a Research and Education Networks?

- Provide capabilities beyond commercial ISPs
 - A question of purpose
 - Dedicated bandwidth, direct control and low congestion enable exploitation of new/demanding applications
 - High bandwidth both in upstream and downstream allows the users to producing contents and services as well as using them
 - Platform for providing key Research and Education collaborationsupporting infrastructure
 - Identity Management System (IDEM)
 - Shared use of computation and storage facilities
 - Potential to mitigate constraints in non-competitive marketplaces
- Aggregate demand of a key user community
 - Different demand patterns than residential, business users
- Collaboration among the Research and Education Community
 - Where much more can be achieved together than separately



User community is the basis



The role of Research and Education Networks?

- The role and importance of National Research and Education Networks:
 - non-commercial and dedicated to serve research and education
 - offer large network capacity and various advanced services not available generally
 - research networks and their user communities form important environments that become sources of innovation
 - Networks of networks (NRENs interconnecting): participation in international, world-leading broadband developments with particular applications to leading-edge education and research
 - outreach, technology implementation and support for application development in various ways



The role of NRENs for digital cultural content

- Thanks to their unique position, and indispensable functions, NRENs can play a key role in supporting digital cultural content:
 - Improving connectivity relating to access to highquality digital data (images, documents, video, music, etc) for researchers
 - Linking to the international community, also supporting current and new collaborations with partners in other regions
 - Building Bridges between all e-Infrastructure layers, from Network up to end users, to develop common solutions



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Cultural Institutions are NRENs users

- on European NRENs
 - EU Universities (Departments of Arts, Literature, History), Music Conservatories and Arts Academies, Theaters, Museums, Libraries, Archives, etc.











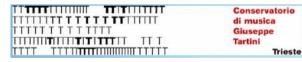














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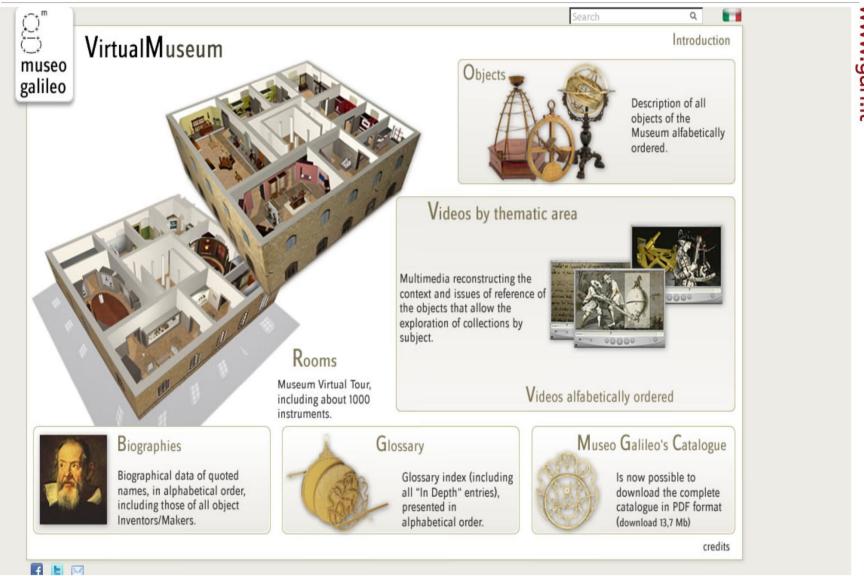


And what do they do?

- Research and promotion
 - Digital libraries
 - Virtual museum application
 - Virtual Exhibition
- Live Performance Events
 - Drama, Dancing
 - Concerts, Art Installations
- Laboratories
 - Explore new challenges and chances
 - Collaborations
- Digital memories
 - Data Sharing and Mining
 - Deploy new concepts in "exhibitions"

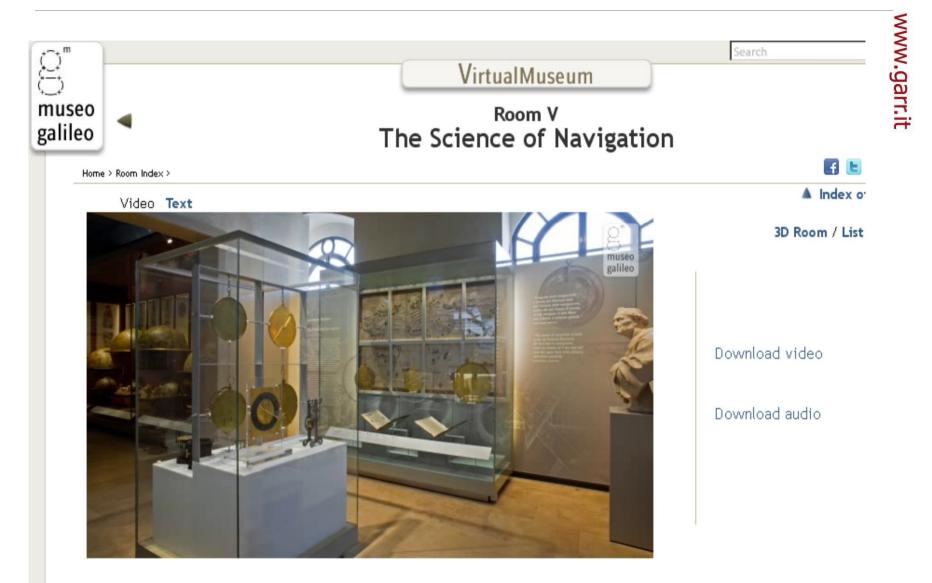


Museo Galileo e-infrastructure use





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Education: Music and Drama



In collaboration with New World Symphony A master class and examination with maestro Luigi Alberto Bianchi between Rome and Miami During GARR Conference 2007

An exhibition performed by three different actors groups located in different sites





From GARR User community

- LOLA project
 - LOLA (LOw LAtency audio visual streaming system) is a project coordinated by Music Conservatory of Trieste.
 - Interactive music performance at the same time among musicians located in two different sites.
 - Critical network set-up and monitoring.
 - Virtual Concert workshop between Trieste and Paris

LoLa Project - Virtual exhibition Trieste-Paris



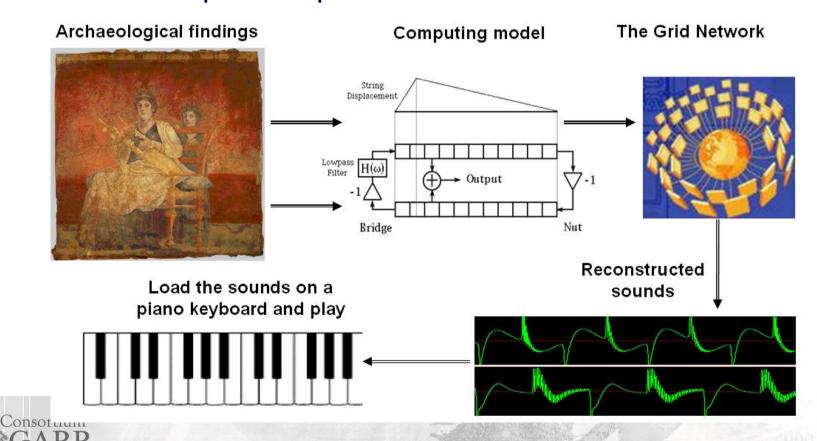


LOLA – LOw LAtency A/V system

- First tests on a 1 GigaEthernet end-to-end circuit
- 92Mbps to 460Mbps, Jitter<4ms
 - audio 44K 24bit stereo
 - video 60 frames per second b/w or color, 680*480
- 20ms audio/video codec roundtrip latency
- ~1ms GE network latency per 100Km
- Long distance test between Paris and Trieste
- it runs on "routed" networks!



The ASTRA (Ancient instrument Sound/Timbre Reconstruction Application) project aims at reconstructing the sound or timbre of ancient instruments using archaeological data as fragments from excavations, written descriptions, pictures, etc.



Why does ASTRA need e-Infrastructures?

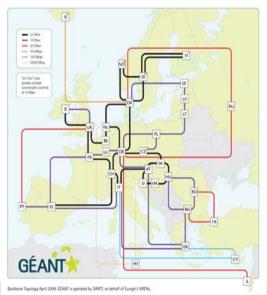
• ASTRA project heavily exploits Research Networks and Grid infrastructures:

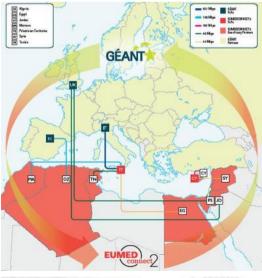
■ Thanks to the Grid and the network, many simulations can be performed in parallel on different computers at different locations.

30 s of reconstructed sound need ~ 90 min on a 3.73 Ghz CPU with 2 GB RAM

GEANT and EUMEDCONNECT2 provide the needed network infrastructures to speed up the overall computation time.

ASTRA can count on more than 500 CPU cores and the support of more than 20 Grid sites both in the GILDA (a part of EGI) and EUMEDGRID infrastructures.





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- Simplify
- user access to protected web data
 - Single sign on concept

protected web data management

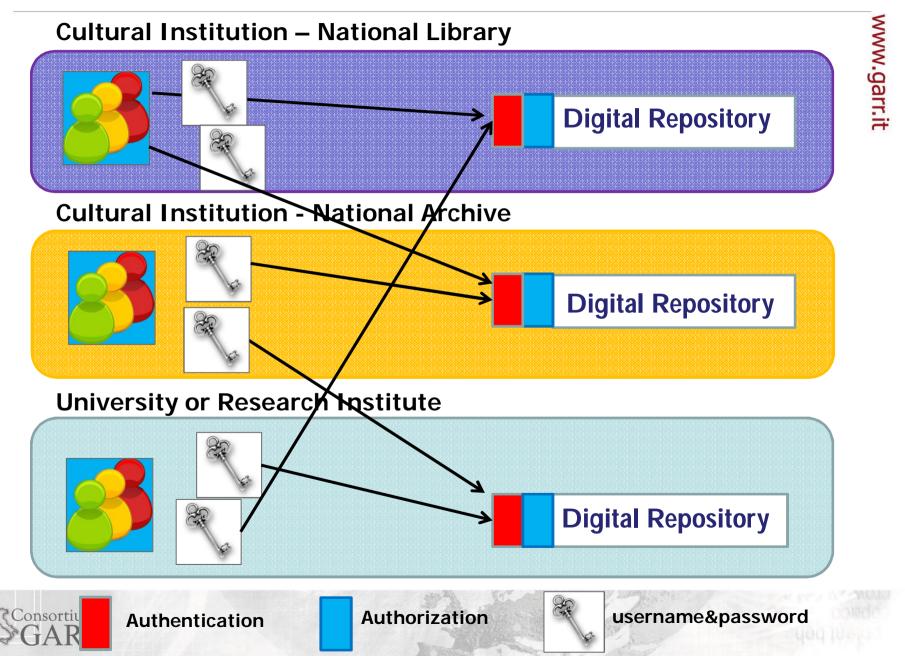
Access users rights are managed by their own institutions

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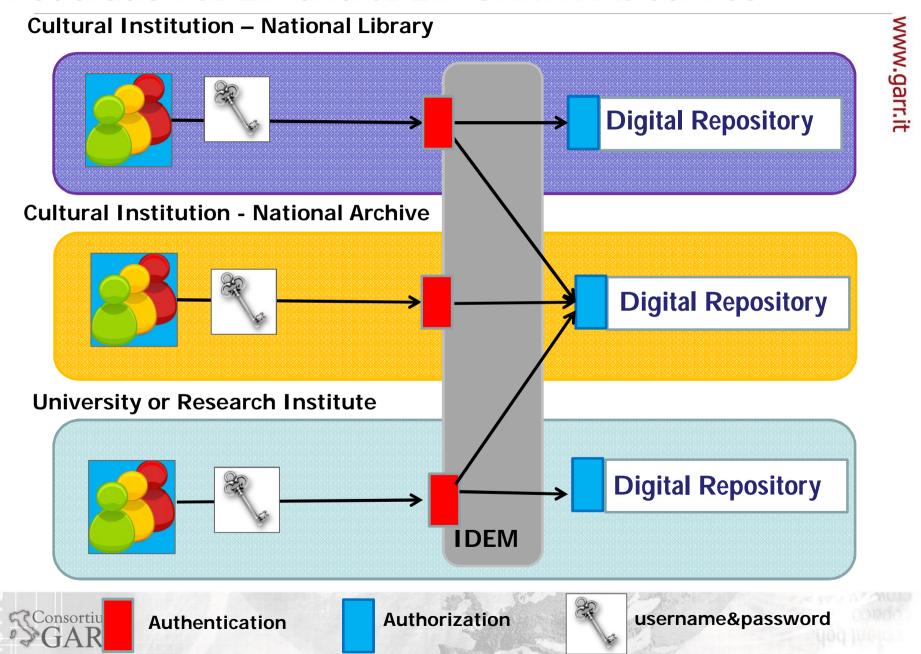




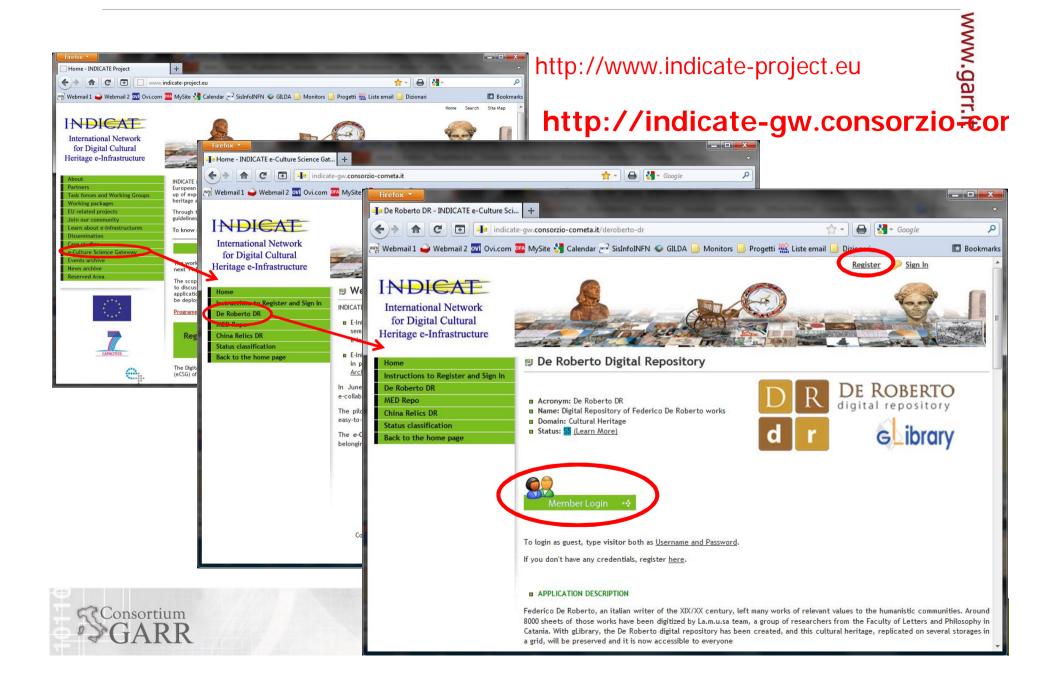
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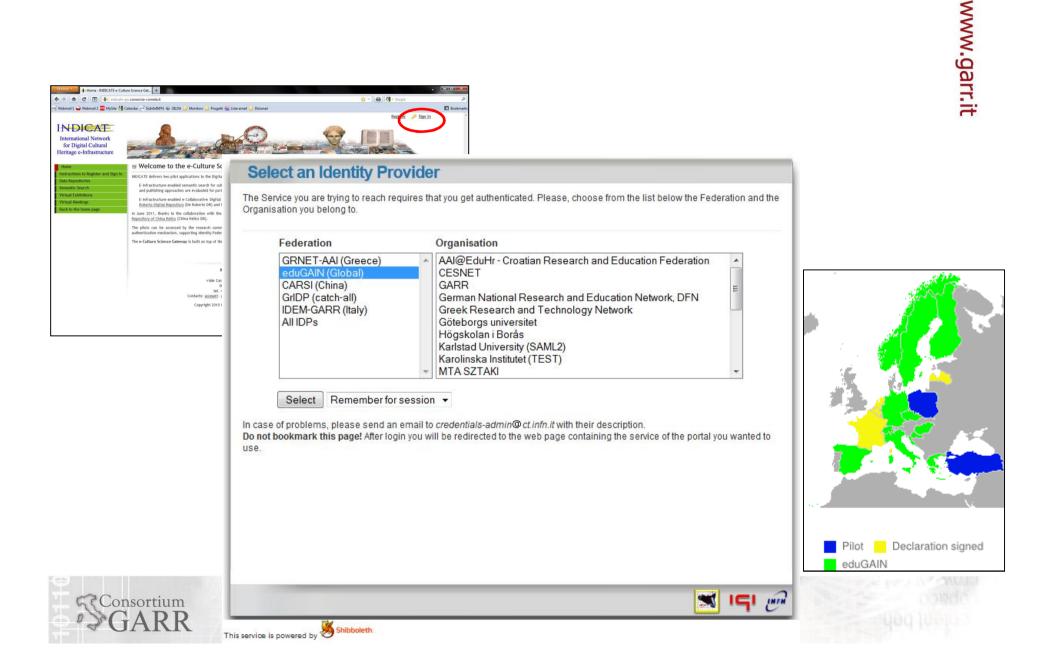
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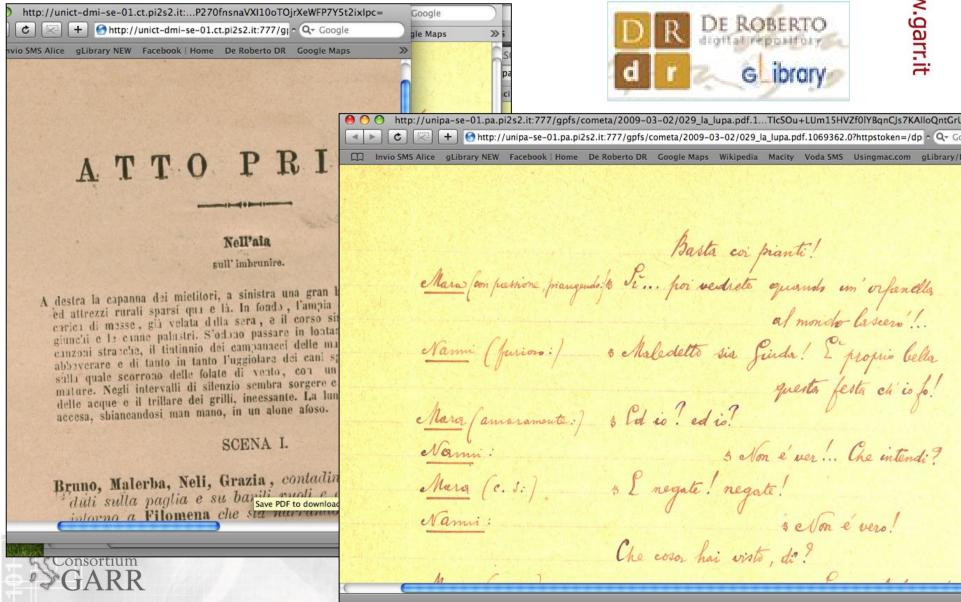


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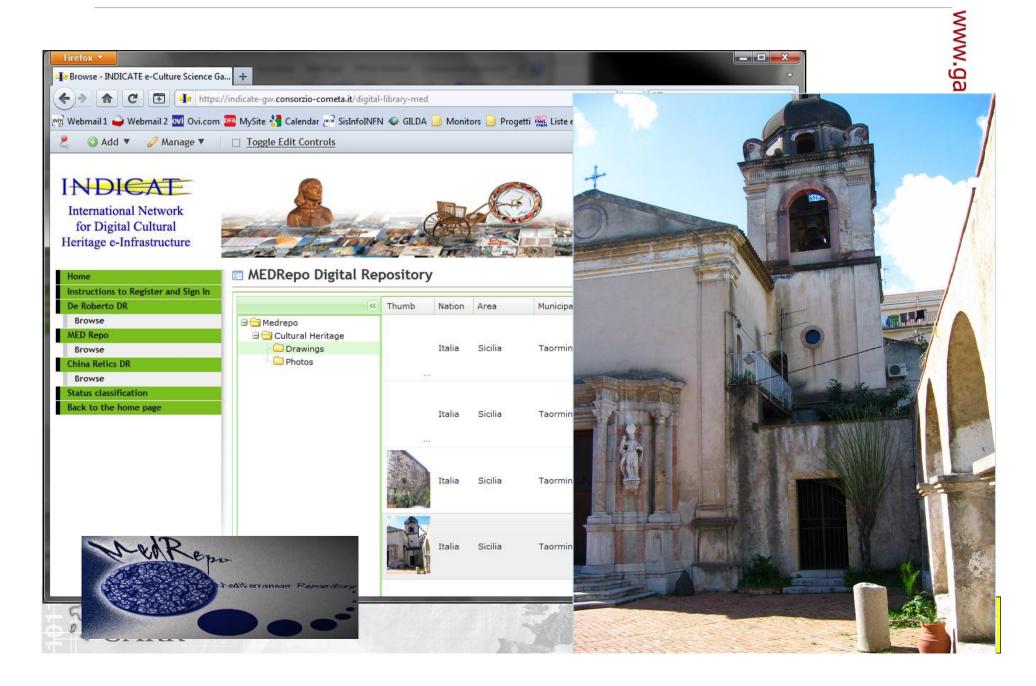


Integration with identity federations

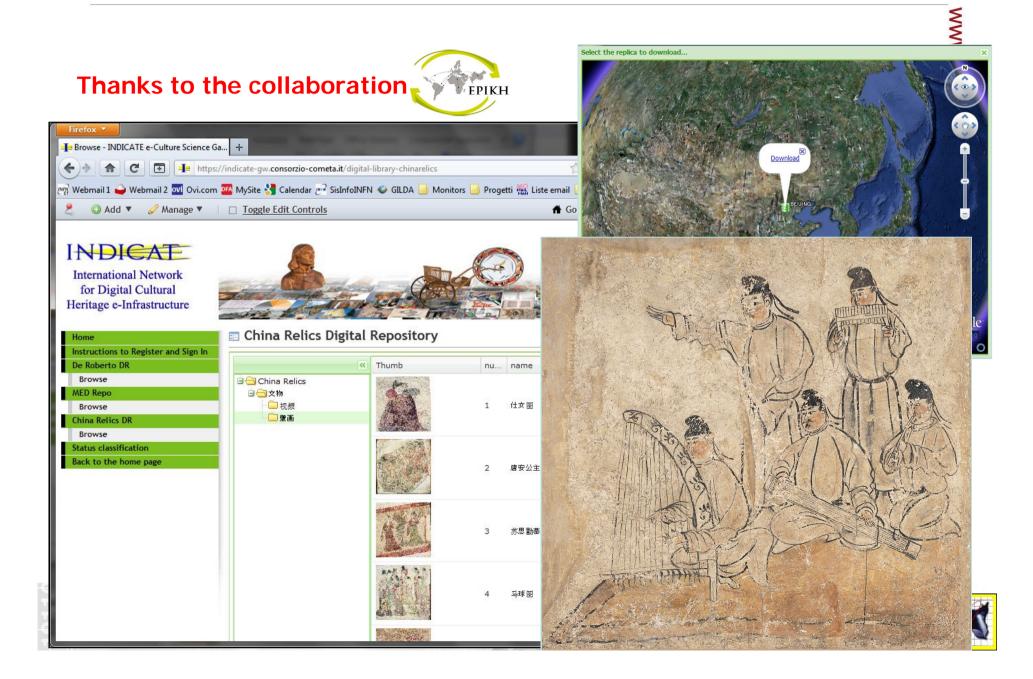




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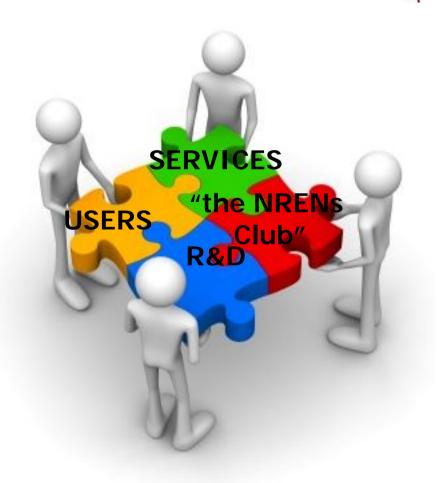


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- Different country, different model
- Direct expression of the user community
- Liaison with other NRENs
- Participation in international organizations
- Standardization and R&D





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