

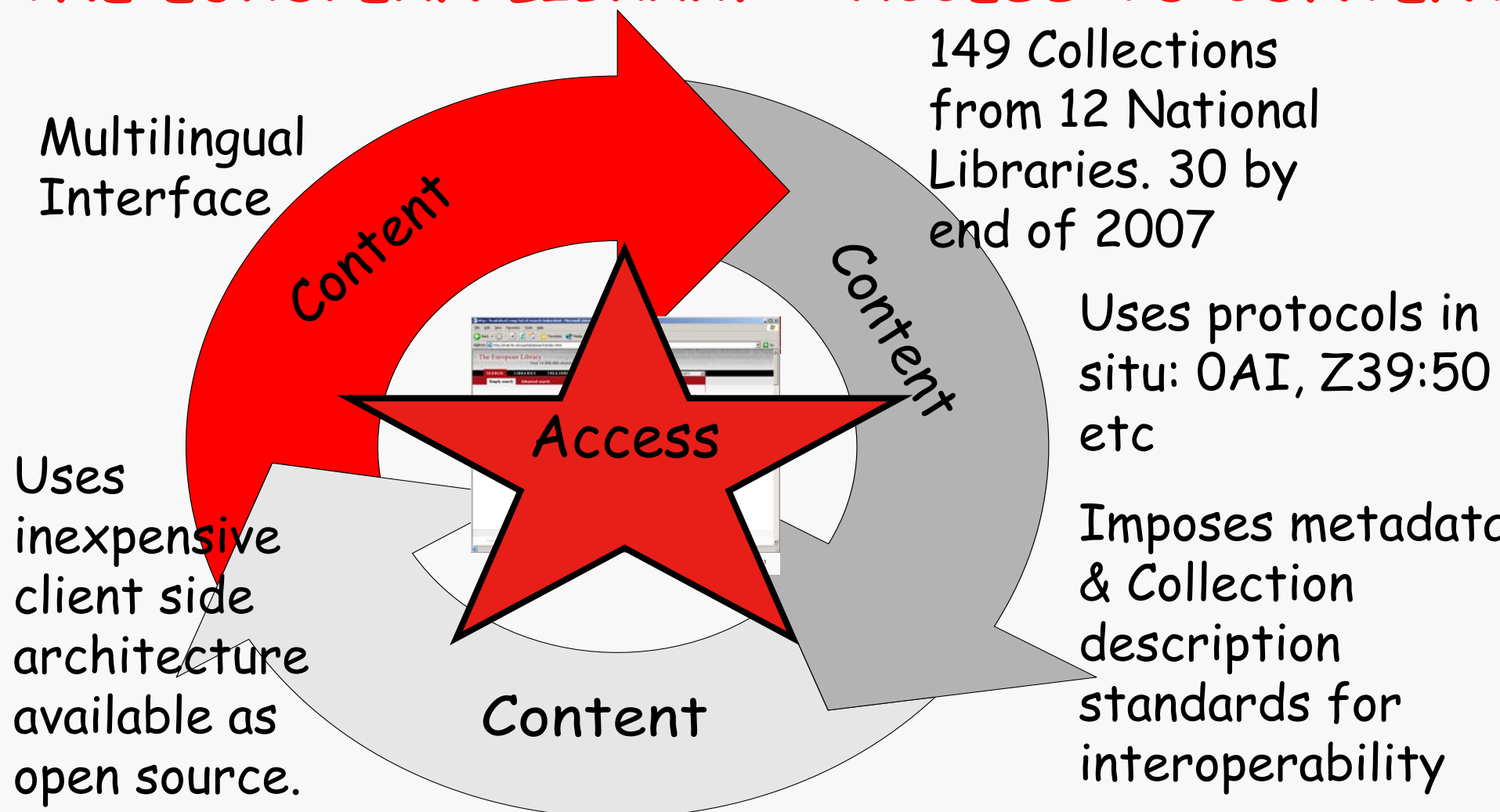
# The European Library's Vision for European Digital Library

Nice, December 5, 2005

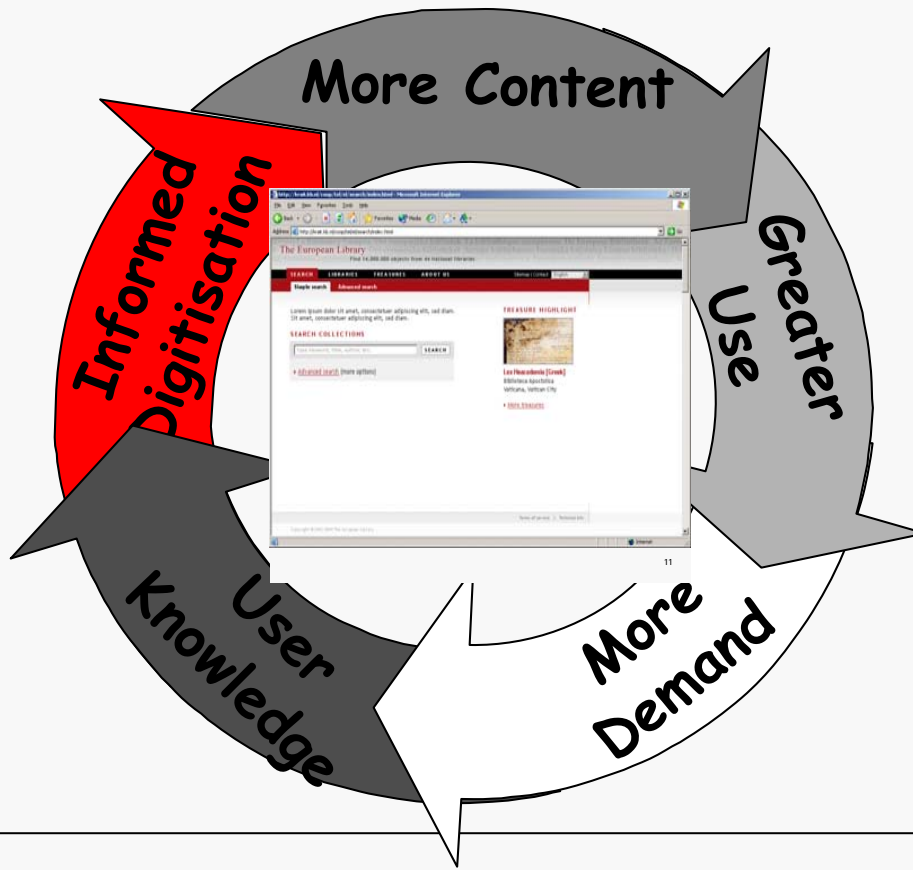
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# THE EUROPEAN LIBRARY = ACCESS TO CONTENT



But to do so it needs more content to be digitised.....



The European Library has 80% of the available digital content

Most is digitised or born digital catalogue and collection records.

Under 10% of the digitised material is the image or the item itself.

SEARCH

Enter a title, an author, ...

SEARCH



On start up you search in the [default list of collections](#).

For more specific results [choose your own collections](#).

▶ [Advanced search](#) (more options)

Browser support

This website currently supports Internet Explorer 6.0+(pc), Firefox 1.0.2+(pc/mac) and Mozilla 1.7.8/Netscape 7.2+(pc/mac). Opera and Safari are currently not supported. Extended browser support is under development.

THE EUROPEAN DIGITAL LIBRARY TREASURES



Four gospels  
National Library of Greece

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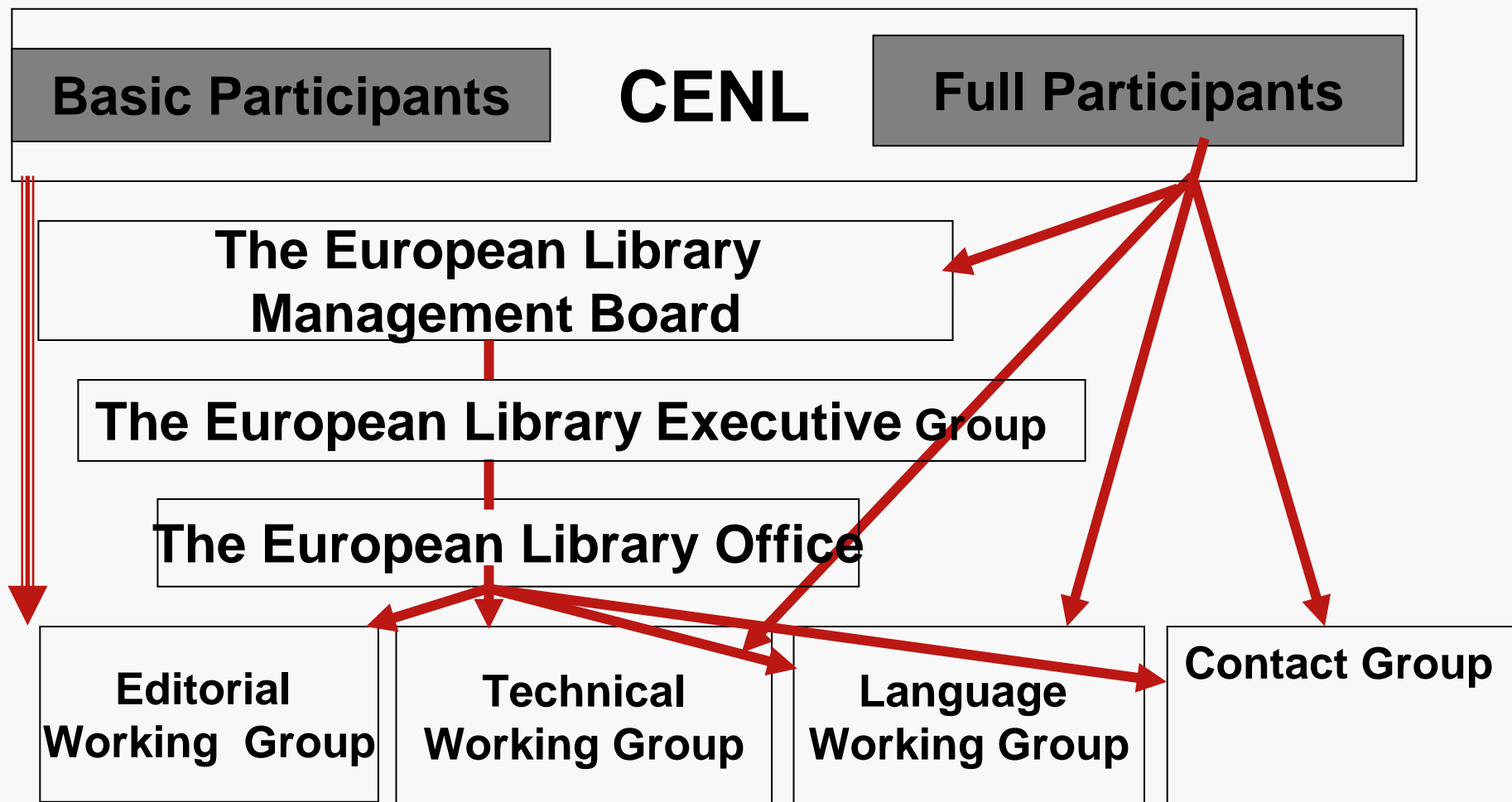
## Vision

"Provision of equal access to promote world-wide understanding of the richness and diversity of European learning and culture."

## Mission

"The European Library exists to open up the universe of knowledge, information and culture of all Europe's national libraries"

## Organisational structure



## Where are we?

- Started as TEL - a project funded by the EU and led by The British Library
- Intended at start to create operational service, so business plan was part of project
- Business model based on ability to pay. Subscriptions reflect library budgets.
- Office set up May/June 2004
- The European Library is live since 17 March 2005
- Release 1.1 went live on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2005.
- Full participants are the national libraries of Austria, Britain, Croatia, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Serbia, Slovenia, Switzerland
- To join January 2006: Moscow, Denmark, Latvia, Estonia
- TEL-ME-MOR
- Access to the collections of 30 of the 45 CENL libraries by end of 2007
- New Content Working Groups

## Some things we need help with.....

- A European Metadata Registry
- Coping with the websites - crawling, indexing
- Increased use of Subject Thesauri - Ontologies
- MACs and other language aids
- Registered users database
- Further user surveys to make improvements according to researched user needs.



Our vision.....

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**Thank you**

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## Our vision.....

To be the model for access, re-engineered with help from DELOS,  
based on user knowledge and a working management structure  
to build on what we have

## Our first response to DG Information Society & Media

Build on what we have!

Fund areas that make it happen and find ways of increasing the  
content

# Thank you

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