

# The EHRI Project

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# Organization of the Project

# European Holocaust Research Infrastructure

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- **Transnational organization** (archives, libraries, museums, research institutions) → **partners** across Europe, Israel and the United States
- Coordinated by the [NIOD Institute for War, Holocaust and Genocide Studies](#) (Amsterdam, Netherlands)
- Status:
  - **Permanent organization** (2018)
  - **ERIC** ([European Research Infrastructure Consortium](#)) by **January 2025**
- Contemporary History — Cultural Heritage Science — Digital Humanities

# Missions

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- **Collaboration** on Holocaust research
- Archive **preservation**
- Scattered sources made **easily accessible worldwide**
- **Training** for researchers
- Development of **innovative digital tools** to encourage collaborative research

# Stages & Financing

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Grant Agreement ID: [871060](#)

<a href="#"><u>EHRI-1</u></a>	2010-2015	European Commission (7M €)
<a href="#"><u>EHRI-2</u></a>	2015-2019	Horizon 2020 (8M €)
<a href="#"><u>EHRI-PP</u></a>	2019-2022	Horizon 2020 (4M €)
<a href="#"><u>EHRI-3</u></a>	2020-2024	Horizon 2020 (6M €)

# Technical Aspects

# Tools

- EHRI Portal
- EHRI Document Blog
- EHRI Toolkit



# Tools — EHRI Portal

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- **Online access** to information about dispersed and institutionalized Holocaust-related sources
- Types of information:
  - Reports on **countries**
  - Descriptions of **archival institutions**
  - Archival **descriptions**
- Results can be narrowed down with **filters**
- Setting up a profile on the portal gives **access to additional features**, including contacting other users
- Need help? Checkout the [Portal Manual](#).



# Tools — EHRI Document Blog

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- “[A] space to share ideas about Holocaust-related archival documents, and their presentation and interpretation using digital tools.” ([About](#))
- Blogposts are written by researchers who document their research topics and the digital tools they use.
- Content management system (CMS): [WordPress](#) (open-source)
- Visualizations: [Neatline](#) ([Omeka](#) plugin)
- Metadata: EHRI Document Database (Omeka) → [Dublin Core](#) standards

# Tools — EHRI Toolkit

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- [EHRI Data Analysis Tools](#) repository on the [EHRI GitHub](#)
- Collection of **illustrated instructions guides** to help researchers with digital tools:
  - [Extracting CSV data from the EHRI Search API](#)
  - [Entity Matching](#)
  - [Using OpenCV for Face Detection](#)
  - [Importing tables from websites into spreadsheets](#)
  - [Windows Subsystem for Linux \(WSL\): A convenient way to run Linux tools on a Windows 10 system](#)
  - [Using spatial data in Tableau](#)
  - [Exploratory Topic Modelling in Python](#)
  - [Topic Modelling Experiments](#)
  - [How to capture and reference a webpage in your research using Zotero](#)

# Formats

- EHRI Portal
- DiScholEd App

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# Formats — EHRI Portal

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- **Documents** metadata → [EAD 2002 XML](#)
- **Authority Lists** → [RDF/XML](#)
- **Archival Institutions** metadata → [EAG 2012 XML](#)
- **Authority Sets** → [EAC 2010 XML](#)

# Formats — DiScholEd App

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- Document in LaTeX format
- Document in XSL-FO format
- Document with metadata in PDF format (derived from XSL FO)
- TEI-XML file

# Development & Sustainability

# Project Mediation

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- EHRI [Podcast](#)
- EHRI Document [Blog](#)
- EHRI Newsletter ([mailing list](#))
- EHRI [Conferences](#)

# Training & Events

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- EHRI [Online Course](#) in Holocaust Studies
- EHRI [Seminars](#)
- EHRI [Webinars](#)
- EHRI [Workshops](#)
- EHRI [Fellowships and Summer Schools](#)



# EHRI Online Editions

# Presentation of the Online Editions

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- **Centralized access** to **primary sources of archival collections**
- **Annotated digitized documents**
- **Standardization** of the digitization process of Holocaust-related documents
- Collections accessible to both **researchers and the general public**

# Collections — BeGrenzte Flucht (BF)

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- [Digital Edition](#) published in **2018**
- **Austrian refugees on the Czechoslovakian border in 1938**
- Context : After the annexation of Austria in 1938, Czechoslovakia became one of the most important countries of exile for Jews of Austria. It applied an **increasingly restrictive refugee policy**, which resulted in the blocking of the Austrian-Czechoslovakian border for Jews of Austria.
- Mainly **Czech and Austrian sources**
- Partner Institutions: EHRI, [Future Fund of the Republic of Austria](#), [Jewish Museum](#) in Prague.

# Collections — Early Holocaust Testimony (ET)

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- [Digital Edition](#) published in **2020**
- Context: **Accounts of the persecution of Jews** from the Nazi takeover of power in Germany (1933) to the Eichmann Trial (1961).
- Partner Institutions: EHRI, [Jewish Museum](#) in Prague, [Wiener Holocaust Library](#), [Jewish Historical Institute](#) in Warsaw, [Hungarian Jewish Archives](#), [World Holocaust Remembrance Center](#) (Yad Vashem), [Masaryk Institute and Archives](#) of the Czech Academy of Sciences.

# Collections — Diplomatic Reports (DR)

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- Digital Edition published in **2021**
- Context: **Reports on the persecution and murder of European Jews** during the Second World War. Documents written by the diplomatic staff of (temporary) **allies, opponents and neutral countries**, and countries **under German occupation**.
- Reports from Denmark, Italy, Japan, United States
- Expected Additions: Reports from Hungary, Slovakia and Sweden
- Partner Institutions: EHRI

# Collections — Die Nisko Deportationen 1939 (NISK0)

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- [Digital Edition](#) published in **2023**
- Context: From October 1939, the Central Office for Jewish Emigration **deported thousands of Jews to Nisko am San (Poland)**. The majority of them ended up in the Soviet Union, where their traces were lost. The documents come from various countries and are both **testimonies of the victims and of witnesses**. The edition aims to **cast a light on the fate of the deportees** in this region.
- Partner Institutions: EHRI, [Documentation Centre for Austrian Resistance](#), [National Fund of the Republic of Austria for Victims of National Socialism](#), [Future Fund of the Republic of Austria](#), Federal Ministry Republic of Austria: [Social Affairs, Health Care and Consumer Protection](#)

# List of References

# On the Project

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- About the project: <https://www.ehri-project.eu/about-ehri>
- Project stages overview: <https://www.ehri-project.eu/project-overview>
- Video on the project's missions: [https://youtu.be/HR\\_R0SSMWz0](https://youtu.be/HR_R0SSMWz0)
- Deliverables for EHRI-1 & EHRI-2: <https://www.ehri-project.eu/ehri-deliverables>
- Deliverables for EHRI-PP: <https://www.ehri-project.eu/deliverables-ehri-pp-2019-2022>
- Deliverables for EHRI-3: <https://www.ehri-project.eu/deliverables-ehri-3-2020-2024>
- European Commission Financing: [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/de/MEMO\\_16\\_146](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/de/MEMO_16_146)
- Horizon 2020 Financing: <https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/871060>
- NIOD website (project coordinator): <https://www.niod.nl/en>
- Resource on ERIC:  
[https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/strategy/strategy-2020-2024/our-digital-future/european-research-infrastructures/eric\\_en](https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/strategy/strategy-2020-2024/our-digital-future/european-research-infrastructures/eric_en)



# On Institutional Partnerships

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- EHRI-1 Partners: <https://www.ehri-project.eu/partners>
- EHRI-2 Partners: <https://www.ehri-project.eu/ehri-partners>
- EHRI-PP & EHRI-3 Partners: <https://www.ehri-project.eu/consortium>
- Documentation Centre for Austrian Resistance: Resistance: <https://www.doew.at/english>
- Federal Ministry Republic of Austria - Social Affairs, Health Care and Consumer Protection: <https://www.sozialministerium.at/en.html>
- Future Fund of the Republic of Austria: <http://www.zukunftsfonds-austria.at/>
- Jewish Historical Institute: <https://www.jhi.pl/en>
- Jewish Museum in Prague: <https://www.jewishmuseum.cz/en/info/visit/>
- Hungarian Jewish Museum and Archives: <https://www.milev.hu/?lang=en>
- Masaryk Institute and Archives of the Czech Academy of Sciences : <https://www.mua.cas.cz/en/institute-111>
- National Fund of the Republic of Austria for Victims of National Socialism: <https://www.nationalfonds.org/home>
- Wiener Holocaust Library: <https://wienerholocaustlibrary.org/>
- World Holocaust Remembrance Center: <https://www.yadvashem.org/>

# On the Online Editions

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- EHRI Online Editions: <https://www.ehri-project.eu/ehri-online-editions>
- BeGrenzte Flucht: <https://begrenzte-flucht.ehri-project.eu/>
- Early Holocaust Testimony: <https://early-testimony.ehri-project.eu/>
- Diplomatic Reports: <https://diplomatic-reports.ehri-project.eu/>
- Nisko: <https://nisko-transports.ehri-project.eu/>

# On the Digital Tools

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- EHRI Portal: <https://portal.ehri-project.eu/>
- EHRI Portal Manual: <https://training.ehri-project.eu/unit/7-ehri-portal-manual>
- Introductory video on the EHRI Portal: <https://youtu.be/IUFqR7l5qW8>
- EHRI Document Blog: <https://blog.ehri-project.eu/>
- Documentation on WordPress: <https://wordpress.org/>
- Documentation on Omeka: <https://omeka.org/>
- Documentation on Neatline: <https://neatline.org/>
- Documentation on Dublin Core: <https://www.dublincore.org/specifications/dublin-core/dces/>
- EHRI Project GitHub: <https://github.com/EHRI>
- Toolkit repository: <https://github.com/EHRI/ehri-data-analysis-tools>

# On the Formats

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- Documentation on EAD 2002 XML: <https://www.loc.gov/ead/>
- Documentation on RDF XML Syntax: <https://www.w3.org/TR/rdf-syntax-grammar/>
- Documentation on EAG 2012 from the APEX Project:  
<http://apex-project.eu/index.php/en/outcomes/standards/eag-2012/tag-library>
- Documentation on EAC-PCF: <https://eac.staatsbibliothek-berlin.de/>
- Documentation on LaTeX: <https://www.latex-project.org/help/documentation/>
- Documentation on XSL-FO: <https://www.w3.org/wiki/Xsl-fo>
- TEI Guidelines: <https://tei-c.org/release/doc/tei-p5-doc/en/html/index.html>

# On Development and Sustainability

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- Podcast: <https://www.ehri-project.eu/ehri-podcast-for-the-living-and-the-dead>
- Newsletter: <https://www.ehri-project.eu/ehri-newsletter>
- Conferences: <https://www.ehri-project.eu/ehri-conferences>
- Seminars: <https://www.ehri-project.eu/ehri-seminars-0>
- Webinars: <https://www.ehri-project.eu/ehri-webinars>
- Online Course: <https://training.ehri-project.eu/>
- Workshops: <https://www.ehri-project.eu/ehri-workshops-0>
- Fellowships and Summer Schools: <https://www.ehri-project.eu/Research>