Import from DB to XML:

php bin/console doctrine:mapping:import --force AcmeBlogBundle xml

Create PHP entities from XML:

php bin/console doctrine:mapping:convert annotation ./src

Generate Get-ers and Set-ers:

php bin/console doctrine:generate:entities AcmeBlogBundle

How to Use the Serializer

<http://thomas.jarrand.fr/blog/serialization/>

<http://symfony.com/doc/current/cookbook/serializer.html>