ELDORADO
– ELECTRONIC DOCUMENT TO EVERYBODY!

– THE RENEWING SYSTEM OF LIBRARY SERVICES –

Several and in many ways outstanding projects of year 2014 became known under the name of ELDORADO. The complex, digital system of service that supposed to configure the integrating modules of new or more precisely renewing library services have arrived to the end of the preparation period.

At the end of the spring of 2014, the national library tendered for the development of a national, electronic document-sending system. This meant that the library committed itself to create such a uniquely

The ELDORADO, supported by the EU, under the TÁMOP-3.2.4.B-11/1-2012-0002[1] tender identification number, is the development of a complex digital service system, with the aim to secure electronic access to documents from collections of libraries, regardless of their copyright and digitization status. ELDORADO is an acronym that stands for National Archive and Document-storage for Electronic Documents and Services.

The objective of the ELDORADO (its former name was National Electronic Document-sending System) according to the 30/2014. (IV. 10.) EMMI decree[2], is

complex service, which will be a trailblazer even on international level, and it meant that the complete national library system, most probably, will be renewed. This initiative is uncommon also in the sense that it is much larger than the usual tender executions, because besides the so-called traditional elements (preparation of development study, instrument acquisition, system planning and development, etc.) it involves also cooperation with book-industry stakeholders; motivation of a comprehensive cultural collaboration; as well as the creation of an appropriate legal environment, including close cooperation with the legislators.

a task of the National Széchényi Library, and it is the following:

„8. § (2) in order to accomplish the emphasized objective the following basic tasks pertain to the national library in accordance with Kultv. 61. § (4) […]

b) The national document sending system will be connected to the National Document-Providing System, in the frame of which

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[1] TÁMOP-3.2.4.B-11/1 „Knowledgedepo-Express" – broadening and development of national library services in order to support education and training – the contractor of the tender is the National Széchényi Library.

[2] c.f. 30/2014. (IV. 10.) EMMI decree about emphasized objectives of the national museum, the national specialist museum, the national library, the national specialist library and the national university library.

ba) will provide electronic versions of copyrighted material

bb) will take into account the limitations regarding the service of the electronic documents, as well as

bc) will execute the electronic document-transaction instead of the libraries, based on an agreement [...]"

The pioneering pursuit will include the offering of copyrighted material in electronic format (see point ba) of the decree). Also, its sphere of service is very wide: from electronic copy-sending through online reading to electronic borrowing. The copyrighted material will be accessible in accordance with the copyright stakeholder permission, provided with DRM-protection.

The legal service of older, out of commerce publications is supported by state of the art, automated process of legal clearing, while that of copyrighted works that are in market, is secured by license managing tool used by the copyright stakeholders. ELDORADO is different from the present national library systems first of all in that, that it aims directly the user: we do not necessarily have to be a library reader in order to use it. Anybody can use the system, who has access to internet, including users across the borders.

ELDORADO is more than a common catalog, although its searchable database of monographic publications is based on the Hungarian National Common Catalog [MOKKA]. It has particular functions which exceed the frames of common catalogs, for example, it makes possible digital content-providing, supported by infrastructure and system that follows the complete process of work; offers solutions to the process of legal clearing, making accessible the legal service of the copyrighted digitized materials. Thus, it provides relief to libraries and through the „single service environment" is a good source of saving of resources: human resources, energy-investment, time and money).

The digital age made possible to the wide public the easy – faster and simpler than the previous – access of information. The aim of the digitization process of the public collections is to make accessible the objects of the cultural heritage to as many users as possible, supporting thus the creativity of the society, and to contribute to the development of a cultural identity, which is based on collective education and the sharing of spiritual values. ELDORADO wishes to contribute to these noble aims and to assist the evolution of culture and science through the support of the creative application of information[3], in accordance with international tendencies.

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[3] c.f. ELDORADO – an intelligent system in the service of creativity. – Delivered at: the 46. Peripatetic session of the Hungarian Librarians Association, Sopron, July 18, 2014.