DART-Europe: a short introduction

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DART-Europe: background

• Began in 2005
• Supporting the management, discoverability, re-usability and preservation of Europe’s electronic research theses
• A partnership, primarily of consortia and national libraries
• Governed by a Board of Partners
• Working closely with LIBER
Open access e-theses: why?

- Make the very latest research available to others
- Highlight the work of early-career researchers
- Showcase research groups and universities
  - increase the impact of academic institutions
  - stimulate academic and industrial collaborations
- Public visibility helps to discourage plagiarism
- Opportunity to disseminate supplementary data sets, models, multimedia, etc.
The DART-Europe E-theses Portal

- A discovery service for open access, research-level electronic theses
- Metadata harvested from European Universities and aggregators
- One-stop discovery and access
- http://www.dart-europe.eu
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Histoire

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PRATIQUES NOTARIALES ET HISTOIRE ECONOMIQUE
DART-Europe E-theses Portal: facts and figures

As of 24 June 2010:
• 161,666 open access theses
• Theses awarded by 280 Universities
• Contributors in 18 European countries

Flags of countries contributing to the DART-Europe E-theses Portal:
DART-Europe Portal: benefits

• For data contributors
  – helps to raise visibility of Universities and consortia
  – easy participation

• For thesis authors
  – added exposure for work
  – helps to introduce early-career academics to open access and to copyright issues

• For researchers
  – single discovery venue
  – OA means that discovery leads straight to delivery
DART-Europe: other activities

• European Working Group of NDLTD
• Exploring digital preservation of e-theses
  – pilot project with the KB
• Content partner in *Europeana Libraries* proposal
  – making open access theses discoverable through the Europeana Portal
How to participate

• Contribute thesis metadata
  – Very easy!
  – Or contact info@dart-europe.eu

• Join the DART-Europe Partnership
  – Sign the DART-Europe Partnership Agreement
  – No costs!
  – All Partners entitled to join the DART-Europe Board
  – Contact info@dart-europe.eu
Further information

- Portal
  - http://www.dart-europe.eu

- More about DART-Europe
  - http://www.dart-europe.eu/About

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- Thank you