



National Aggregator for Sound in the Czech Republic

Virtual National Phonoteque

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Outline:

- 1. what the VNF is
- 2. the portal's missions
- 3. how and why the VNF was created
- 4. what the portal contains and offers
- 5. architecture and functionalities
- 6. how we cooperate in the frame of the portal
- 7. plans and visions





The Virtual National Phonotheque (VNF) is:

- a web portal with a specialised database, which provides information about:
 - existence, placement and format of sound records
 - online access without any restrictions
- metadata of sound records on

various media and content



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About the project

Content and objectives of VNF

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The mission of the VNF

- replace never-realized Czech National Sound Archive
- create one portal as an access point to sound
- build a complex information source
- encourage digitization
- start a social dialogue about our coverage gap
- to gain the state's attention





(Virtual) National Phonotheque - Brief history

- Attempts to create a NSA have repeatedly appeared since the 1930s
- late 1990s unsuccessful tenders and return to negotiations
- Still missing:
 - national sound institution = standards, methodology
 - centralised overview of sound collections
 - information overview about digitization





Virtual National Phonotheque starts

- In 2012 Moravian Library Brno held an unprocessed shellac collection
- Built a digitization lab
- Created the 1st certified methodology: selection criteria for digitization
- Created a special database for metadata
- Started connecting various metadata vendors
- Brought about new ideas to fill resulting gaps





VNF in MZK ends...

- 2015 the start of the first period:
 - set a working group, developed a concept, IASA Paris, ...
- 2016–2017 stagnation:
 - lack of work and financial capacity
 - no good will to proceed and to maintain the database
 - disappointment, stress...
 - began to find a new solution = negotiations with other institutions
 - finding a new model for cooperation





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Virtual National Phonotheque - restart

2018 VNF moved to the National Library of Technology in Prague







Why the National Library of Technology?

- National Library of Technology missions:
 - supports projects on a national level
 - support for science and research
 - connects academic, public and private spheres
 - provides services without barriers
 - experienced in IT technology
 - operates the central repository, accessible by anyone
 - good will \bigcirc





Virtual National Phonotheque - vendors

- connects various metadata vendors (libraries, archives, record companies, private institutions, individuals)
 - **25 suppliers**
 - approximately 500 000 records
 - suppliers should guarantee the quality of their records
- first new vendor after 2 year break
- dealing with new vendors throughout this year:
 - Czech Radio Sound Archive
 - Music information Centre
 - New Phonograph project = National Museum







Virtual National Phonotheque - IT solution

How it works:

- free open source software (VuFind)
- using SOLR, Record Manager
- harvested data (mostly via OAI-PMH), based on MARC 21
- deduplication of imported/displayed records
 - 1 record more vendors one representation
 - access information
 - links outside









Why the VNF is unique?

- the one union catalogue of sound in the Czech Republic
- not only music, but oral histories, radio broadcasts, sound, etc.
- not only a catalogue, but a place for listening:
 - playback of selected items (in accordance with copyright!)
- enrichment of "bibliographic" records with active links:
 - to digitised version
 - into e-shops
 - to the owner's website
 - \circ to other related websites



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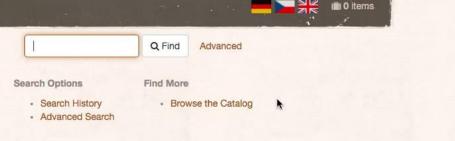
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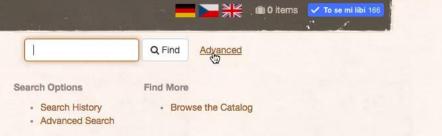
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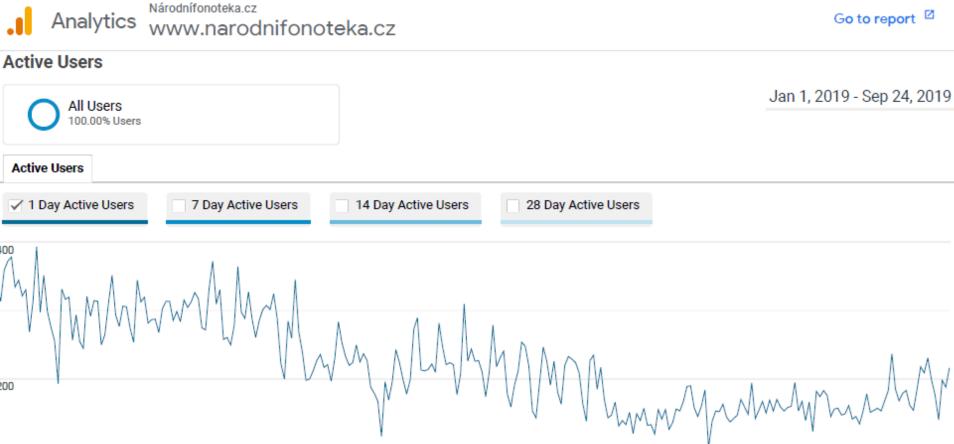
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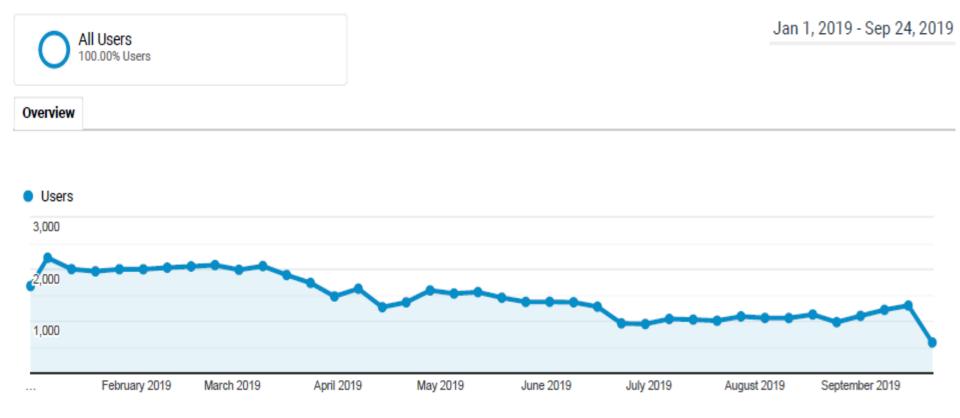


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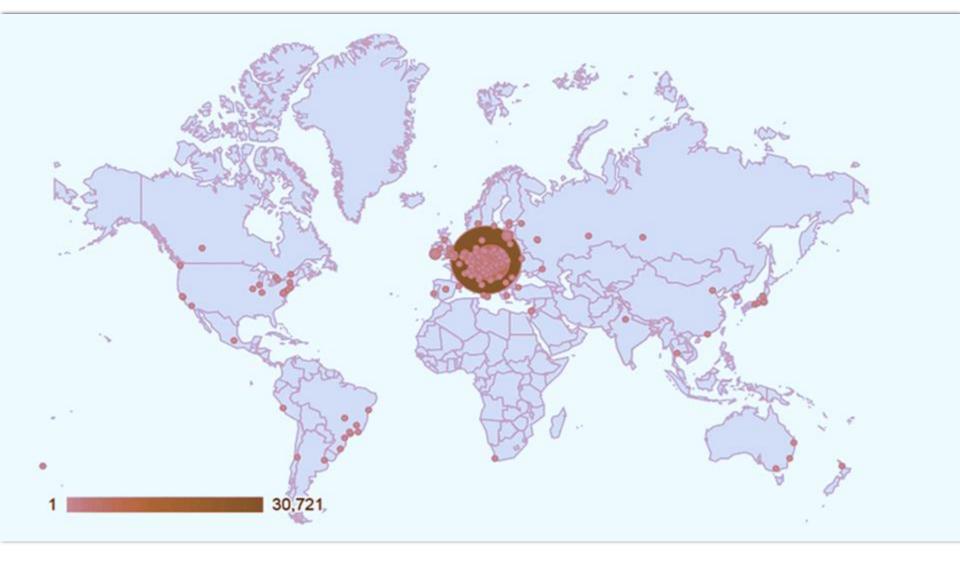


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Audience Overview



Access map to VNF







We gained a grant....

- subsidy program under the Ministry of Culture
- one year project = for 2019
- above all, subsidies for personnel costs
- the team = 10 people (including people outside the library)
- some new functionalities
- main aim = to re-think the role of \
- keep your fingers crossed!







Where we are right now

- trying to build up a new team
- working on a cooperation agreement with National Museum
- finding ways to integrate VNF into NTK infrastructure
- working on a new website structure and design proposal
- starting research into metadata
- finding inspiration abroad
- analysing users and their needs
- brainstorming about future concepts







Our immediate plans

- enrich the content = more suppliers
- involve the biggest owners (Czech Radio, Supraphon)
- extend some user and administration functionalities
- create a unique "reference database" incl. terminology
- know needs of our users and offer targeted services*
- to set new data model for describing metadata





Our questions and ideas

? What could/should be the "correct" role of the VNF portal ?

- just data aggregation or more?
- able to ensure unique identification of carriers ?
- to cover all Czech institutions, etc.
- start close cooperation with National Museum and others
- set long-term vision and ensure sustainability
- gain regular support from Ministry of Culture





Beyond this year's project

- expand cooperation beyond the Czech Republic
- attract partners from other countries
- create stable work team
- share experiences, people help each other
- exchangeable work placements, training, workshops
- take part in training the next generation of professionals
- joint effort to preserve cultural heritage
- be a National Sound Aggregator





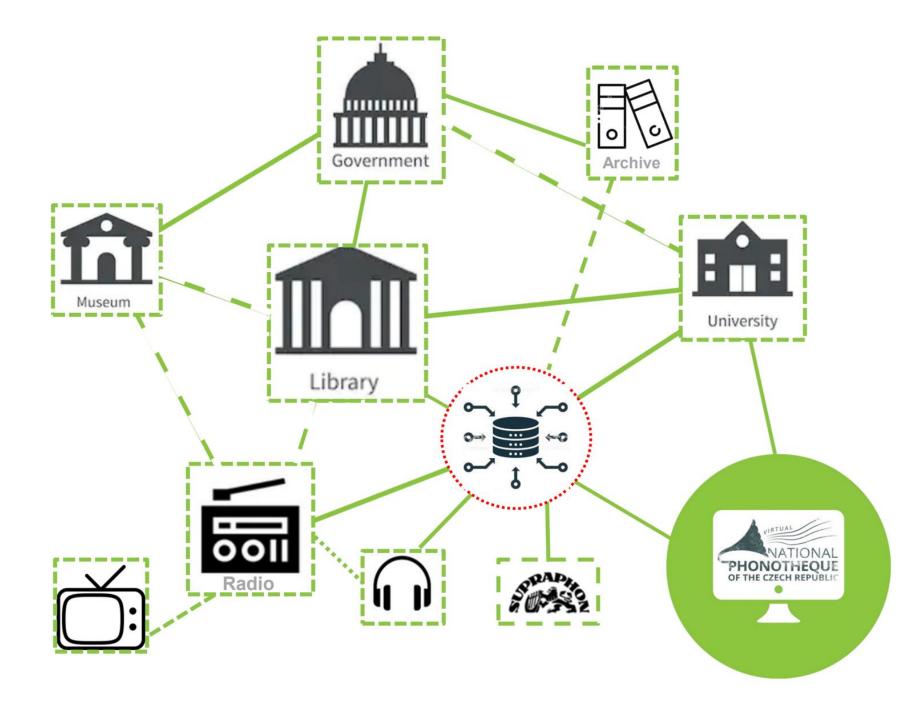
VNF = Czech Aggregator for Sound

- in the frame of the Czech Ministry of Culture projects
- Czechiana as an aggregator for EUROPEANA
 - subsidy from EU: 287 762 918 Kč
 - share of domestic funds: 68 115 041 Kč
 - total costs: 355 877 960 Kč
- to promote a new model for the Czech Republic's representation abroad
- supporting the digitization of cultural content in terms of methodology and processes
- a long-term repository of metadata descriptions and presentation data for cultural objects
- 6 institutions were designated to be "subject" aggregators

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Systém Národního agregátora – Czechiana Národní památkový Národní muzeum Digitalizovaný kulturní ústav objekt * Veřejnost Webový klient Komunikační infrastruktura Digitalizovaný kulturní objekt: Národní knihovna Národní filmový Informace o památkách archiv - Knihy - Obrazy - Videa Agregovaná - Hudba Moravská zemská Národní galerie data Muzejní sbírky Databázový server Datové úložiště knihovna Sektoroví agregátoři Czechiana

EUROPEANA.EU - Evropský portál kulturního dědictví





example of cooperation between NTK + private record company: access to Supraphon Digital Archive

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Supraphon Digital Archive in NTK

Registered patrons have now access to the **complete digital archive** of Supraphon, a Czech record label.

The archive is accessible in NTK building on all devices connected to wifi NTK (NTK-Simple) at archiv.supraphon.cz. You can also use public computers to acces the archive. Earphones are available for loan at the main service desk (2nd floor).

Archive contains

- 100,000 songs
- 55,000 popular music songs
- 30,000 classical music recordings
- = 8,000 folk songs
- 3,000 jazz recordings
- = 5,000 recordings of the spoken word

About Supraphon





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See also





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Thank you for your attention

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