Presentation of CEPIC

Who we are?
- Picture agencies
  ... for photographers, illustrators, videographers
- Historical picture archives
- Museums and Galleries

Which fields?
- Press
- Stock
- Heritage

How many?
- Approx. 900 in 20 European countries
  (national associations and individual members)
- Over 150,000 visual authors in direct licensing
- Network of affiliates all over the world
A vision of the rights data supply chain

Still images

PICTURE AGENCIES

Moving images

Source 1

Source 2

Source 3

Source 4

RRM

Exchange 1

Exchange 2

Exchange 3

Exchange 4

Exchange 5

User

User

User

User

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RRM

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CEPIC
Centre of the Picture Industry
The aim of CEPIC is to provide a long term solution to the specific case of image rights management within the framework of the Rights Data Information (RDI) project proposed by the Linked Content Coalition (LCC). CEPIC intends to support the creation of standards for identification and automated rights management for still images based on the data transformation system and the related ‘Common Rights Format’ (CRF) of RDI.

However, in this context CEPIC emphasizes the necessity to contain and reduce the number of ‘orphan works’ in the domain of still images and to address and possibly solve this key-issue when developing a general ‘Common Rights Format’ within RDI.
CHALLENGES IN IMAGE IDENTIFICATION

High number of « orphans »
(images with seemingly no information)

Control the existence of Duplicates

SOLUTIONS

Visual Recognition Technology

Develop a Universal Identifier Number (UIN) for still images
The rights data supply chain

A photographer, videographer, rights holder, picture agency...

The roles of Source, Exchange and User may be played by the same party. The chain may be of any length or complexity.

Source

A creator or repository of rights data.

Rights data flows along the supply chain, undergoing transformations as needed

Transformations needed to accomplish the RRD schema

Exchange

Making rights data available to data Users.

A party needing information about rights, or an automated license.

User

Shows who owns the rights, gives info about the rights. Users and rightholders could be in touch to close a licensing transaction.

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CEPIC NA’s Members and other external sources...

**Users:**
- ARROW
- CMOs
- Museums
- Libraries
- Publishers
- Authors
- etc.

**Searches by:**
- Author
- UIN*
- Caption
- Keywords
- Reverse...
- Image Search
- etc.

**Sources:**
- Source A
- Source B
- Source C
- Source D
- ……
- Source X

**Reverse Image Search Engine**

**Images Database**

Reverse Image Search

Agency A
Agency B
Agency C
Agency D

Results:
The picture industry is at this time a fragmented industry

All the components and the contents are effectively available within the images industry: CEPIC is putting them together

CEPIC has adopted a “grass root” approach
GRASS ROOT APPROACH

- Using existing systems
- Federate Ids into a « UIN », CEPIC adopted model
- CiR is an exchange but only a registry: will not issue licenses like picture agencies do

CONDITION OF PARTICIPATION

- Have content (pictures, metadata, right information)
- Use Visual Recognition Software
- Propose binary AND text search
PARTNERS

Work Package Head

✓ CEPIC

Technology Partners: Technology-Source ; Rights Data

✓ ALBUM RIS/ THP-Age – Supplier of technology, images and rights data
  → Album (Spain): A recognised Fine Arts, Historical Imagery and movies
    Has developed the Reverse Visual Search engine (RIS) for the still images industry
  → Age Fotostock (Spain, France, USA), administrator of the THP platform with 25 million images, 117
    agents around the world, 500 different collections, 370 agencies, 82,742 photographers

✓ PICSCOUT/ Getty Images - Technology supplier and images
  Picscout: The world leader in Visual Search Recognition, 120 million images in the platform
  Getty Images: Global player, 125 million images, 70 million digitized images, 33 million
  images on-line, 7,500 hours of video etc.

✓ PLUS Rights DataRegistry
  Recognized world leader on images Rights Data Management and licensing expressions
  PLUS is an essential player on any project that requires administering still images standards
Deliverables and other requirements

- Specify and implement Registry
- Specify the scope of rights data services
- Agree mappings
- Design and build user interface
- Ingest, process and query transformer data
- Governance
- ... tbd ...
THANK YOU!

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