



# 50 years of European Documentation Centres Achievements and challenges for the EDCs' work in the 21<sup>st</sup> century



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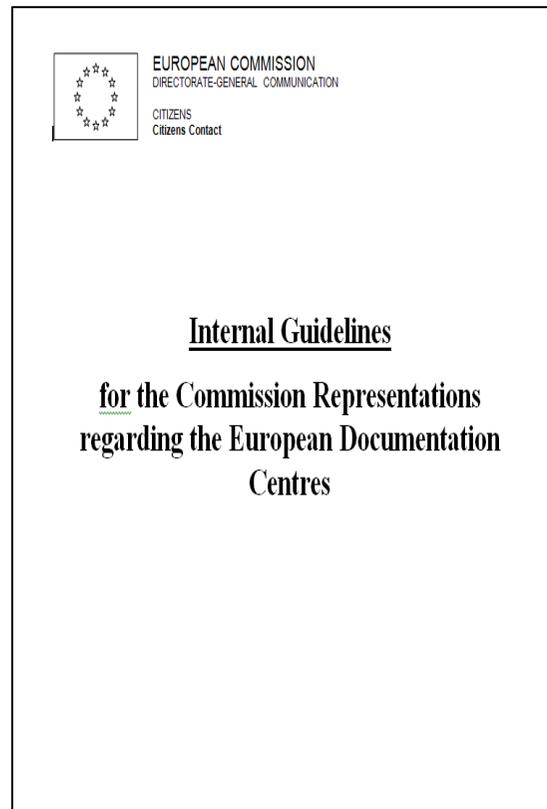


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## Achievements and challenges

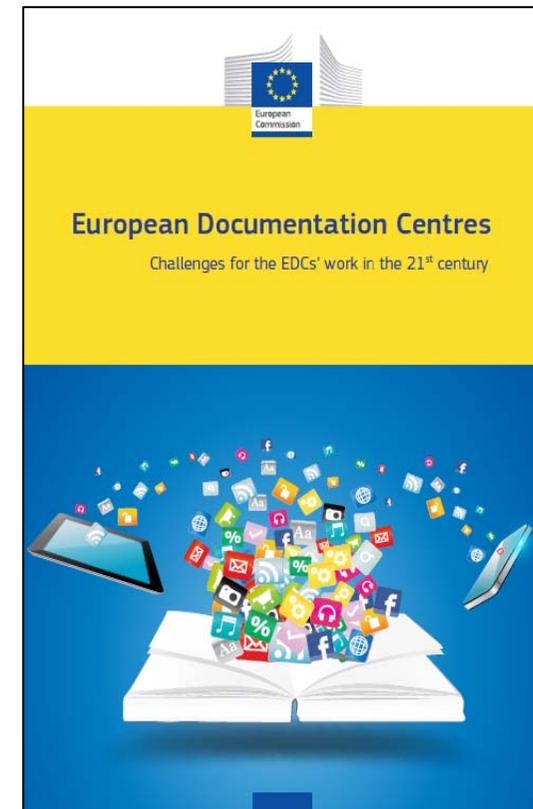
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Achievements

Challenges

Looking forward



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# Achievements...

- Management of complex documentary collections and development of considerable EU information expertise to the benefit of many students, researchers and others
- People
- Development of a transnational network / national networks
- Evaluation



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# Challenges

## Function...

- crucial education network
  - active information relay
- comprehensive documentation collection
  - focus of European expertise
- or... irrelevant empty shell?



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# Challenges

## Users ...

- Students / researchers in our home institution
- Students / researchers in the wider region
- Wider community – citizens and other stakeholders



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# Challenges

## Relationships ...

- Host organisation
- European Commission
- other EU Information Networks



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# Challenges

Why do EDCs exist?

Would we be missed if we were abolished?

Need to adapt to evolving circumstances

‘access rather than ownership’

‘creating impact from information’

Resource constraints



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# Looking forward

## Raising our profile

## Networking

## How – Why?...



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# Cardiff EDC

Alongside offering an Enquiry Service and Information Literacy training...



## Events

## Internship Programme



## ESO

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## Social Media





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**Thank you**

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