Europe's sound heritage at your fingertips!

Europeana Sounds will open up online access to Europe's rich and diverse acoustic heritage. Hundreds of thousands of sounds dating back to the invention of the first audio recorders are waiting to be discovered and listened to. By creating the European online sounds library we will take the pulse of Europe!

World and traditional music

Soundscapes
Sounds of nature

Oral memories and the spoken word

Languages and dialects

Popular music

Classical music …

Our objectives

- ➢ **Increase the amount of audio content available via Europeana to over 1 million** and improve geographical and thematic coverage by aggregating recordings with widespread popular appeal

- ➢ **Improve their access** by enriching descriptions, developing techniques for cross-media and cross-collection linking

- ➢ **Develop audience-specific sound channels** that will improve search facility, navigation and user experience

- ➢ **Promote the creative reuse of recordings**

- ➢ **Identify and advocate recommendations on how to resolve domain constraints** and improve access to out of commerce audio content, working with music publishers and rights holders

- ➢ **Build a network of stakeholders**: specialists in technology, rights issues, software development and sound archives. The network will expand to new content-providers and mainstream distribution platforms to ensure the widest possible availability.

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