# Dancing the real and the virtual; the production and preservation of intangible cultural heritage

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### **RICHES**

# Renewal, Innovation and Change: Heritage and European Society

The impact of digital technologies on dance











# **Europeana Space**

Spaces of possibility for the creative re-use of Europeana's content

**Best Practice Network** 







# Research Methods

Both projects have involved fieldwork including interviews, case studies, surveys, prototype development and the creation of virtual distributed performances to investigate the methodologies of making performances, of how the work is received, and how it is documented and enters (or not) our records of cultural heritage.

# **Exploration/proposition**

- Rethinking the body in performance: the corporeal/material/mediated/constructed body/subservient/multiple body
- The work explores and illuminates the role of the machine or system in representing or rendering dance as an embodied action
- Raises the differences in terminology and understanding in language between artists and scientists/technologists









#### Images of cultural heritage







United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization



Intangible Cultural Heritage







# The E-Space network

29 partners; 13 countries

SMES, cultural bodies, memory institutions, broadcasters, national cultural agencies, centres of excellence in multidisciplinary research

including Universities





# Scope and overarching objectives

- To increase and enhance the use and re-use of digital cultural content by creative industries, with a special focus on the use of Europeana, by delivering a range of resources and instruments to support their engagement.
- To create new opportunities for employment and economic growth in the creative industries; jobs, money, growth.

# **Pilots**

- 1. Interactive (Europeana) TV
- 2. Photography
- 3. Games
- 4. Open and Hybrid Publishing
- 5. Museums
- 6. Dance

## **Dance**

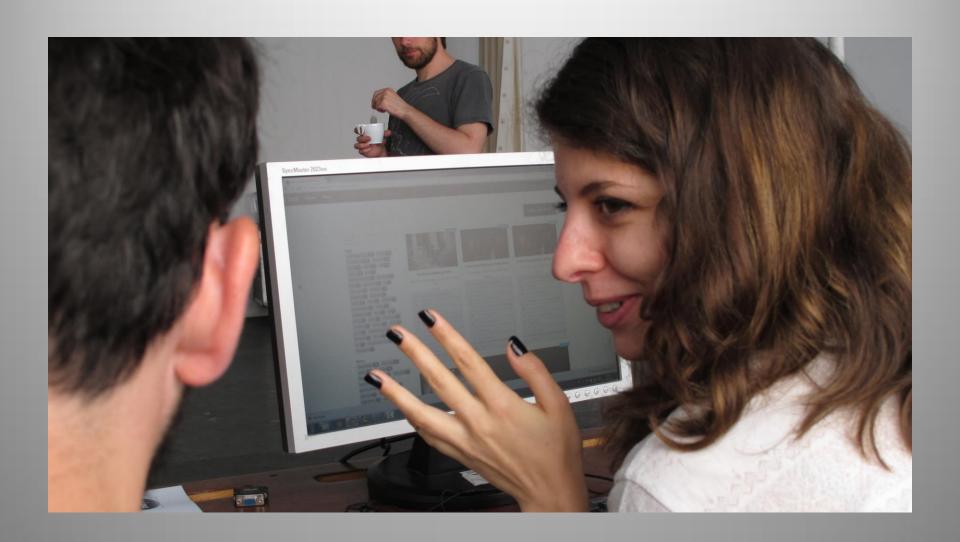
Objective: to create a general framework for working with dance content and the metadata accessible through Europeana through the production of two innovative models of content re-use:

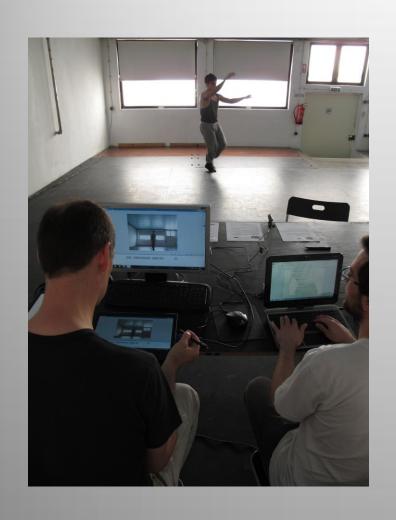
- **DANCESPACES** for leisure, teaching and learning, to share and explore dance content;
- DANCEPRO for professionals and dance researchers, for multi-modal annotation of dance in real time.



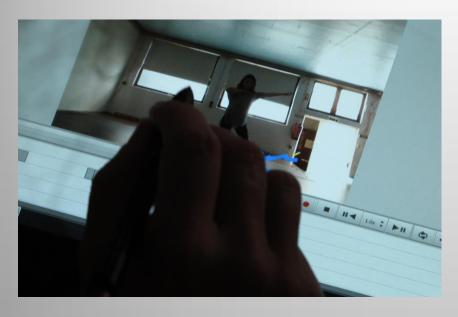
Film – DanceSpaces

• Film - DancePro













Project websites and blog:

www.europeana-space.eu

www.digitalmeetsculture.net/projects/europeana-space/

Twitter: #Europeanaspace

http://www.riches-project.eu/index.html

http://www.riches-project.eu/virtual-performances.html

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