

## CollEx

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### **Facts:**

<b>Name of the project:</b>	CollEx (Collections d'excellence, infrastructure documentaire de recherche initiée par le ministère de l'Enseignement supérieur et de la Recherche)
<b>Country:</b>	France
<b>Type of participants:</b>	French Academic and Research libraries
<b>Start year:</b>	2014
<b>Time span:</b>	2014-2020
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### **Description:**

The CTLes is the only repository library in France. It is a public body operating with an independent legal status. It was created by the Ministry of Higher Education and Research in 1994 to provide remote storage for Academic and Research libraries located in Paris or in the Île-de-France Region. In addition to that, the CTLes has the responsibility to conduct with partners' shared preservation programmes.

The total storage capacity of the facility is 76 km and it is dedicated to store exclusively printed material (monographs, serials, theses and dissertations). The purpose of shared preservation programmes is to maintain exhaustive, available and extensively identified printed serials collections in various academic fields. Therefore, the responsibility of preserving each collection is shared with CTLes' partners.

The first and oldest programme is related to Medicine which involves 27 Academic and Research Libraries. It is an ongoing programme since 2004 and nearly 10.000 periodicals have been already identified and processed; remaining data processing is expected to be ended next year. Two linear km or 290 m<sup>2</sup> have been moved, representing 150.000 periodical issues.

Another programme running since 2013 is in the field of Performing Arts. It involves 5 Academic and Research libraries located in Paris and the surroundings. So far, nearly 400 periodicals have been identified in this programme. Since the beginning of 2014, the French Ministry of Higher Education and Research is developing CollEx, a programme designed to enhance national Centers of Excellence spread all over the territory with the aim of identifying and building comprehensive collections for delivery and preservation. In this specific context the CTLes' mission shifted from a regional level to a national one. These programmes are to be implemented with other actions fostered by CollEx (collections mapping, document delivery service et cetera).

In order to fulfill this mission, the CTLes is developing partnerships with university libraries settled in different regions of France: up until now, we are working with Lille 3 University Library and Poitiers University Library.

Simultaneously, the CTLes is launching shared preservation programmes in new fields such as Philosophy, Physical Education and Sports, Geography and Urban Planning.

We are developing and enhancing collaborative tools in order to pool initiatives within our network: A collaborative work platform that provides information relating to the needs and intents of our network

libraries and a specific database that centralizes any information about periodical collections, including gaps, physical state for a collection, holdings of any participant in the programme as well as the institution that holds the responsibility for maintaining and preserving the whole collection.

The key challenges of the project are to achieve shared preservation programmes' implementation within a time frame of 5 years, to promote cohesion and coherence with national archiving programmes and, at a national level, shared preservation programmes should be hinged on documents' availability (interlibrary loan) and on pooled acquisition programmes.<sup>5</sup>

### Financing:

**Funding Body:** Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Research  
**Funding:** CTLes specific service dedicated to shared preservation programmes: 3 full-time employees (annual wages: EUR 138.000)  
 Potential savings due to project (e.g. by saving of space): Saving of space due to a preservation programme is 7 m = 1 m<sup>2</sup> (fixed stacks).

### Outlook:

The next steps of the project will be to extend shared preservation programmes to multiple academic fields, to develop collaborative work with partners not exclusively belonging to the higher education sector, and to develop partnerships at a European level with other repository libraries, as well as within other national programmes.

### GEPA

Contribution by Santi Balagué I Linares (GEPA facility manager)

### Facts:

**Name of the project:** GEPA Cooperative repository (at CSUC: Consortium of Academic Services of Catalonia)  
**Country:** Spain; Catalonia  
**Number of participants:** 14 (until 2014)  
**Type of participants:** University and academic libraries  
**Start year:** 2008  
**Time span:** Ongoing  
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### Description:

As a result of the collaboration between five entities – University of Lleida, Lleida, Department of Culture, Department of Universities and CSUC – GEPA was founded in 2003, the facility was created in

<sup>5</sup>Patte, B. and Baraggioli, J.-L. (2014). The CTLes, France: a Case Study of Best Practice in Collaborative Storage <http://www.liscom.org/postContent/fullPaper/P%20P1%203%20CTLes.pdf> (as of: 15.12.2014).