Open Access

Main initiative in **Open Access** (OA) in Estonia:
- Consortium of Estonian Libraries Network (ELNET)
- Cooperation with EIFL (Electronic Information for Libraries)

The research project "Development of research and innovation policies 2011–2015 in Estonia" is aimed at the analysis of the current situation in the field of Estonian research, including intellectual property, financing research, etc., and giving recommendations. The UTL contributes to the programme by analysing the topic of open access.

To support the Open Access movement in Estonia, the UTL participates in the European Commission 7th Framework Programme project OpenAIRE.
- 5 Open Access repositories listed in the DOAR (http://www.opendoar.org/find.php)
- 22 Open Access journals listed in the DOAJ

Enabling Environment:

The activities to advocate open access principles have so far been carried out by the University of Tartu Library (UTL). The UTL strongly supports open access principles, provides general information about OA and organises events of the International Open Access Week.

The Estonian Research Information System (ETIS) is a national register which aggregates information on R&D institutions, researchers, projects and research results. The ETIS also serves as an intermediary for the submission of applications and reports.
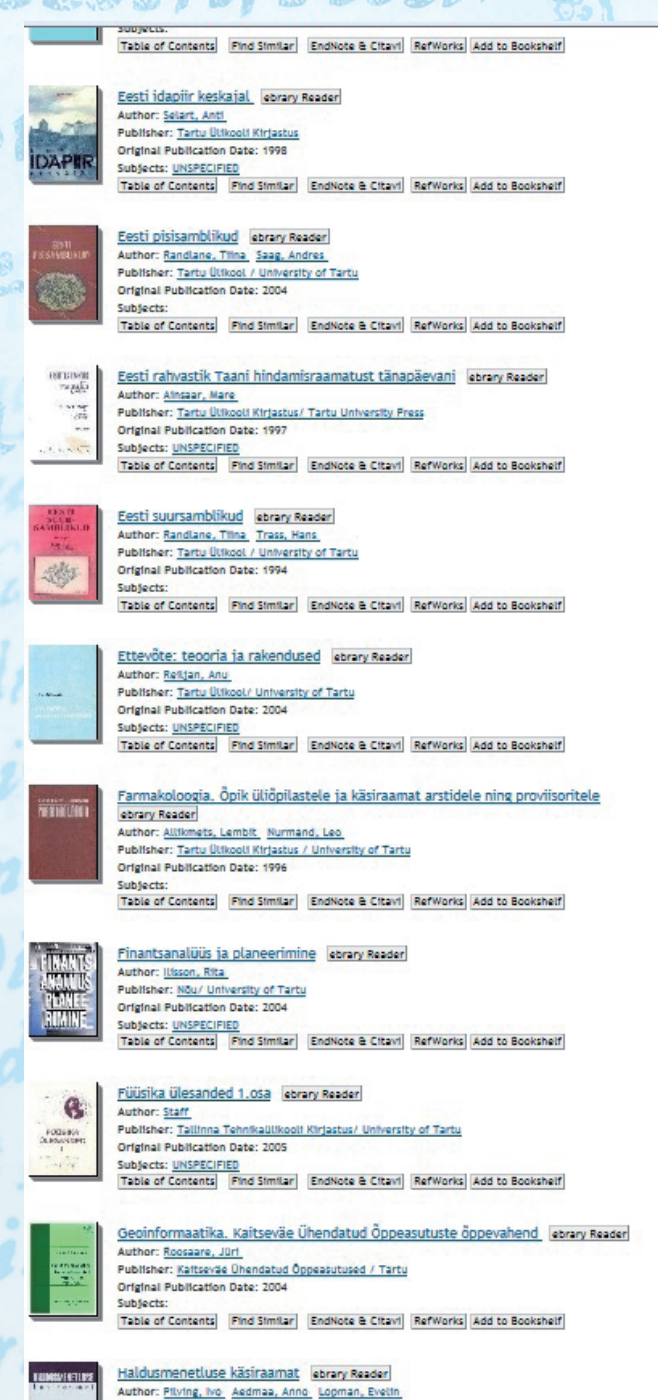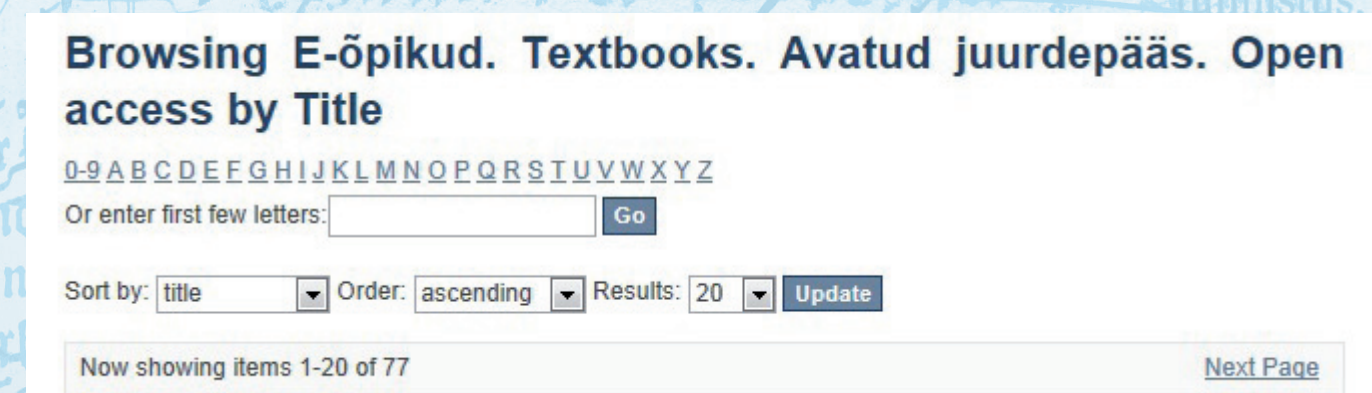
Estonian e-textbook collections

Tartu University Library's (UTL) native language university digital book collection (ebrary platform) began in November 2008 as a response to the lack of access to necessary Estonian textbooks.

Currently, the University of Tartu Library hosts two separate Estonian e-textbook collections:
- ebrary platform – limited accessibility (available only for the university members, page-by-page view, no download allowed);
- UTL digital archive DSpace – Open Access.

ebrary platform contains 93 titles, DSpace has 77 titles.

User statistics:
- Highest usage: over 2000 visitors per month
- Highest page views: over 57 200 pages per month
- Highest usage per book: 840 visitors in a month
- Highest page views per book: 22 7000 pages in a month

eBooks on Demand EOD service

EOD stands for eBooks on Demand - a service that offers people the opportunity to order high-quality digital copies of older printed books. The UT Library joined the EOD network to enable library patrons to acquire personal copies of older books that could otherwise be used only in the library to meet their research needs and personal interests. This service is also of great help in protecting and safeguarding rare books that may have been preserved in small number of copies and only at few libraries.

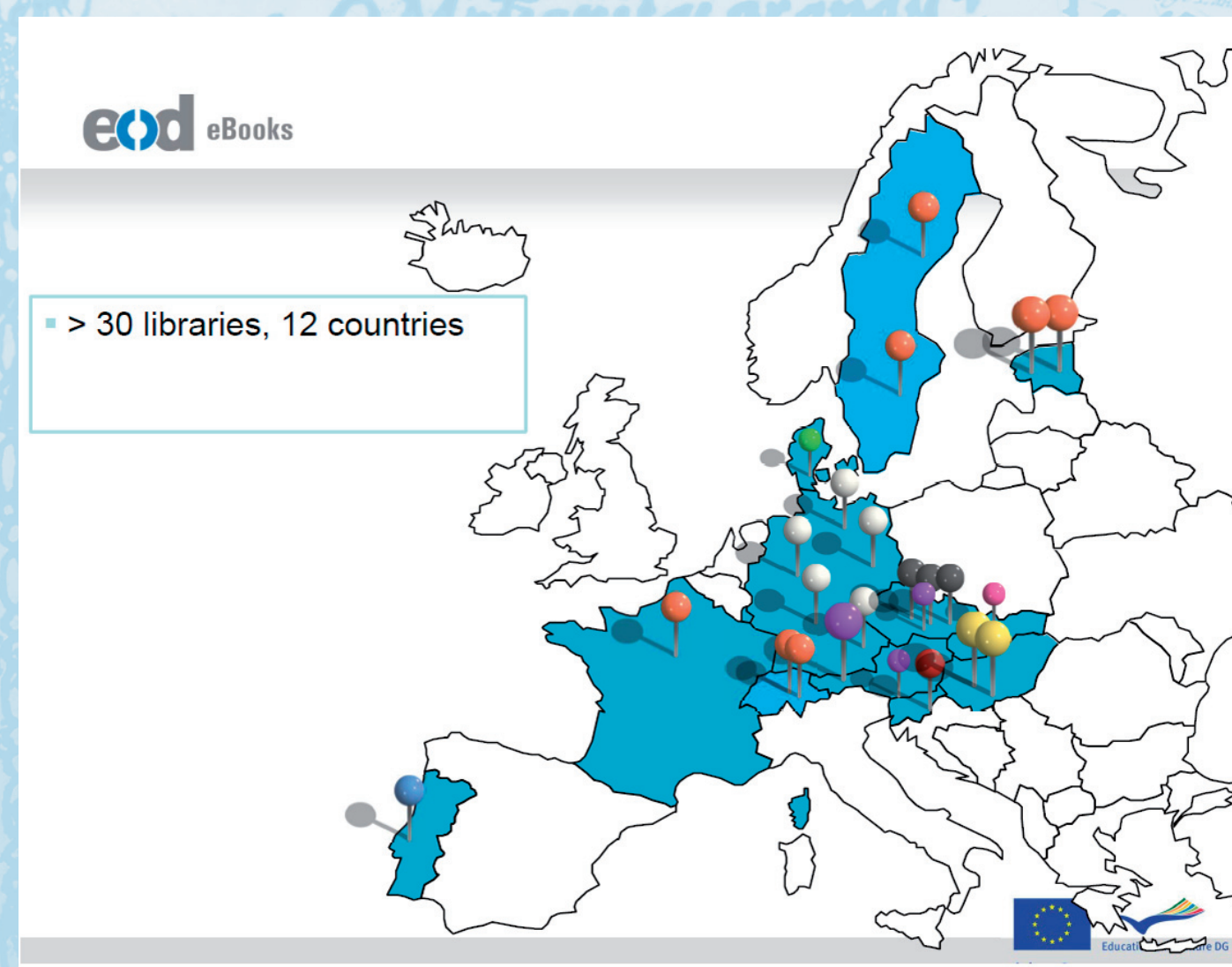The University of Tartu Library joined the EOD network in 2009

Using the EOD service, the UT Library has digitised 113 requested items and delivered them to the end users. The EOD e-books are incorporated into the UT digital archive on DSpace and are thus available for open access.

The already digitised items, as well as books offered for digitisation, can be found via EOD search at http://search.books2ebooks.eu
- > 3 million records online
- ~ 650 individual site visits per day
- search results high up in Google ranking

The UT Library will organize a conference titled "To digitise or not to digitise: copyright, public domain, orphan works and other issues" on open EOD service in Tartu on 6-7 June 2013.

EOD service is today provided by over 30 European libraries from 12 countries and the network is co-financed by the European Commission.

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