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The preservation of Lithuanian documentary heritage by digitization and its accessibility via the Internet

- 8.600 titles of Lithuanian films
- The number of films stored in the Archive constantly grows
- Archival films show the development of Lithuanian cinema since the second decade of the XX century till nowadays

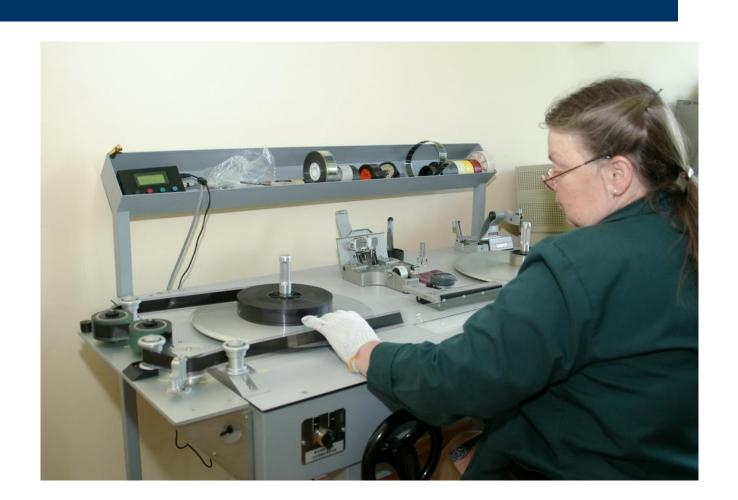
- Poor film tapes condition difficult to screen old films
- Few people can visit the Archives and use its documents during working hours

- What films should we digitize and make accessible via the Internet
- The publication of films can be restricted by the copyright laws
- Public domain after 50 years from the production of films

- Digitize and transfer to the Internet 1.000 titles of Lithuanian documentaries, created in 1919-1961
- The collection of Lithuanian chronicles from 1919-1940, newsreels from German occupation time, the documentaries created in Lithuanian Film Studio and Lithuanian Television in 1946-1961, the newsreels "Soviet Lithuania" and "Lithuanian Pioneer"

- Oriented towards the researchers as well as the broader general public
- Film watching some kind of leisure spending form
- The digitization will safeguard the unique films content

The end of 2010 – the new equipment for film tapes preparation to digitization









- Implemented in Lithuania for the first time
- Prepared all 1000 titles for the digitization by now

- The beginning of 2011 the new digital storage facilities
- The equipment for digital storage and Internet access
- Equiped with modern air conditioning, fire extinction and monitoring systems

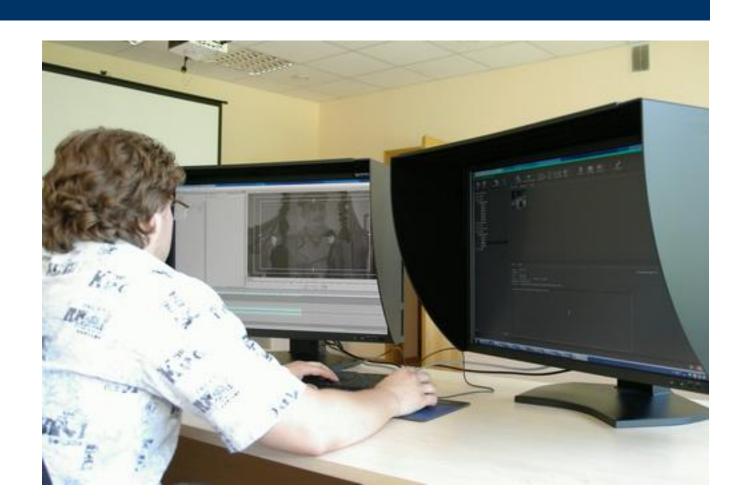




- May 2011 the new equipment for films digitization
- Film digitization equipment is the only one in Lithuania and Baltic States



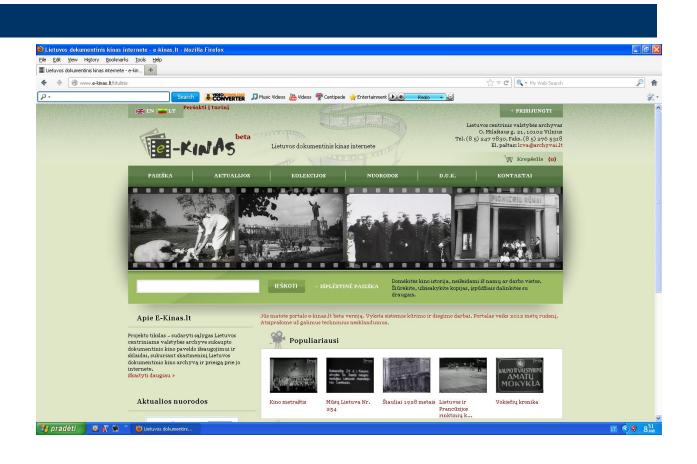


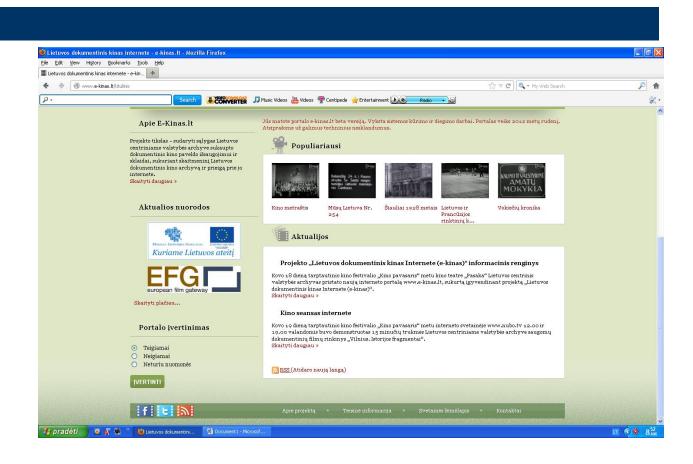


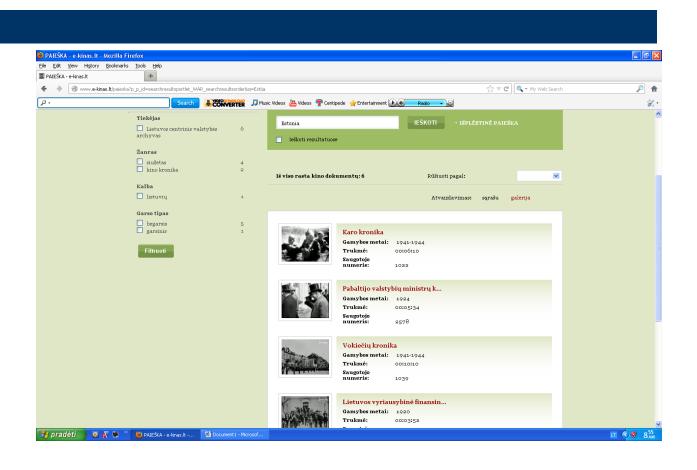
The new European standards – "CEN 15744:2009 Film identification – Minimum set of metadata for cinematographic works" and "CEN 15907:2010 Film identification. Enhancing interoperability of metadata. Element sets and structures"

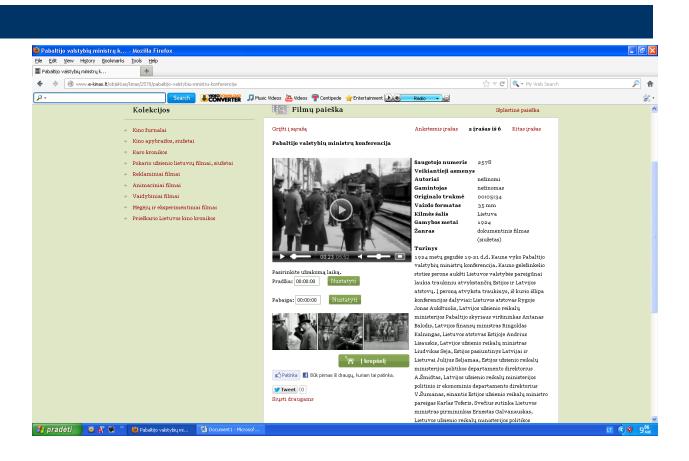
- The part of Lithuanian documentaries heritage will be in the virtual space
- Digital content will cover about 250 TB it would be 22 millions of high resolution photos
- The possibility to search digitized films and their metadata in Lithuanian and English, to watch these films or to order digital films copies

- The implementation of the project will not end as we planned
- The Internet website <u>www.e-kinas.lt</u> is already created
- 100 titles of films with their descriptions in Lithuanian and English









Thank You for the attention!

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