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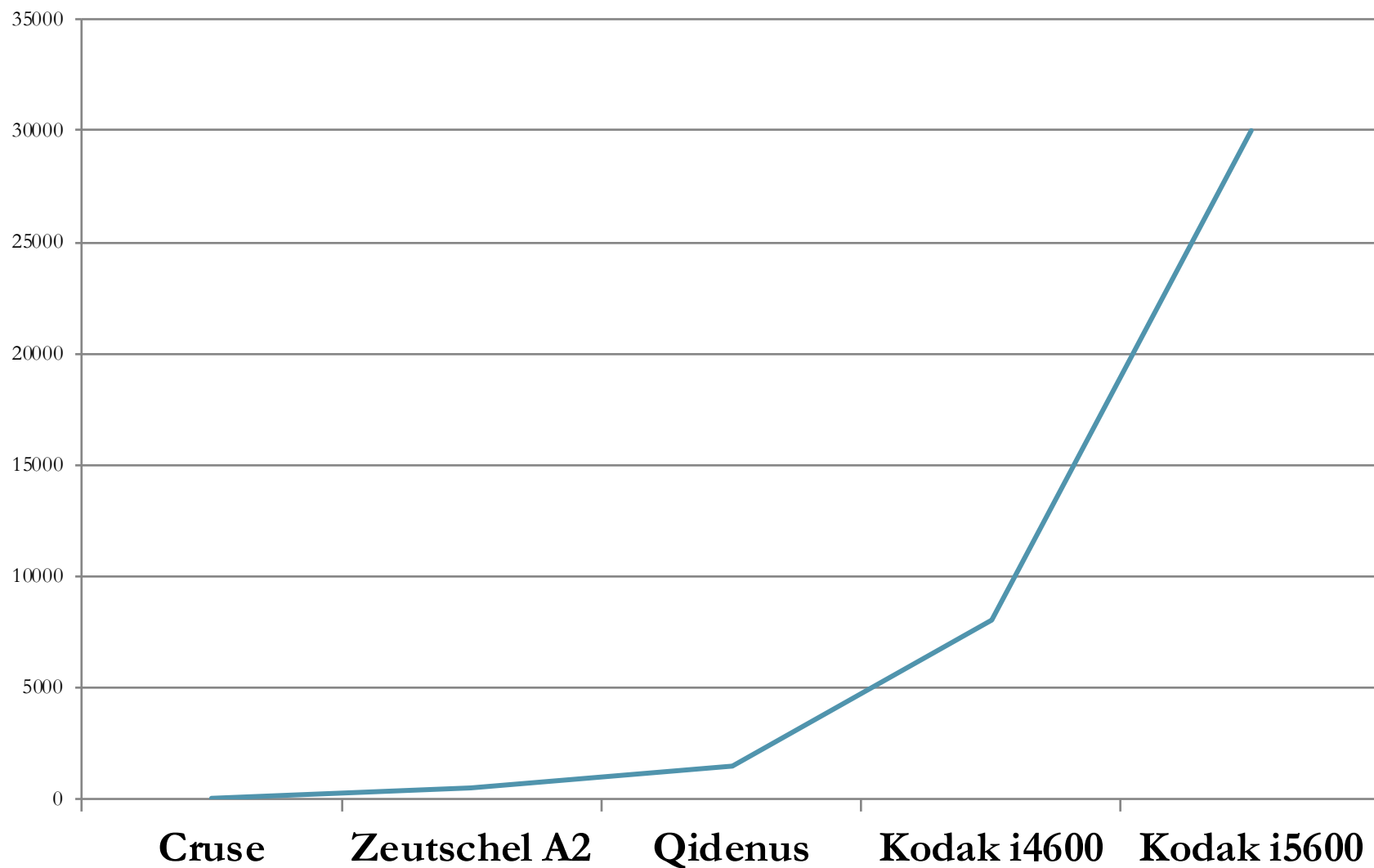
72 million pieces of information

- Digitizing at the NAF began in 1999
- Digital Archives (**www.arkisto.fi/digi**) was opened in 2004
- In the beginning the work advanced slowly: digitizing first million images took four years
- Today we digitize some 600 000 – 1 000 000 images each month
- At the moment the Digital Archives contain some 72 million images from 1316 onwards
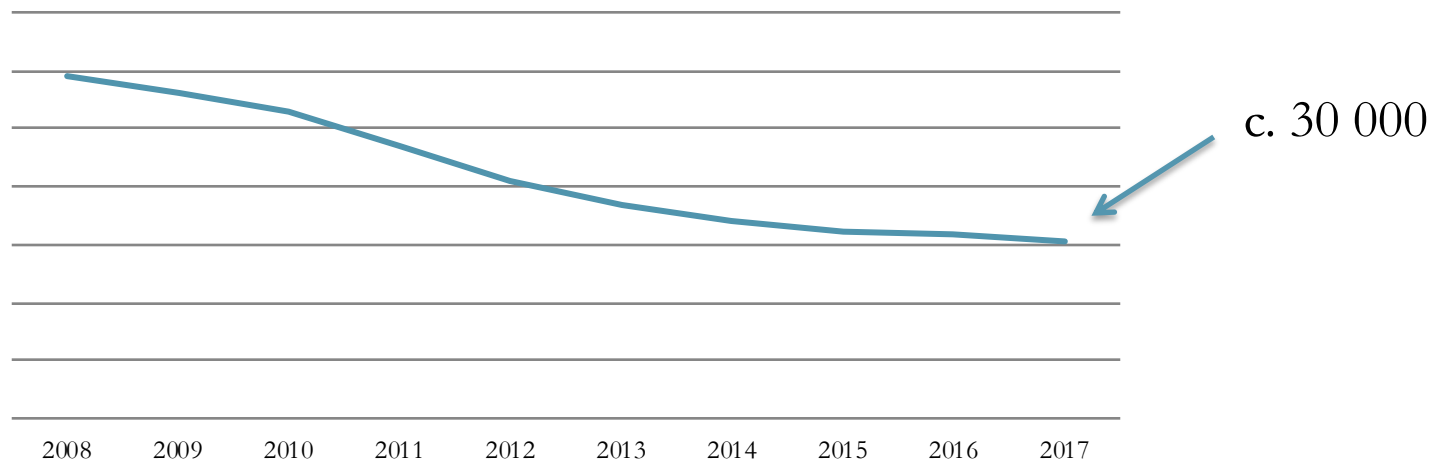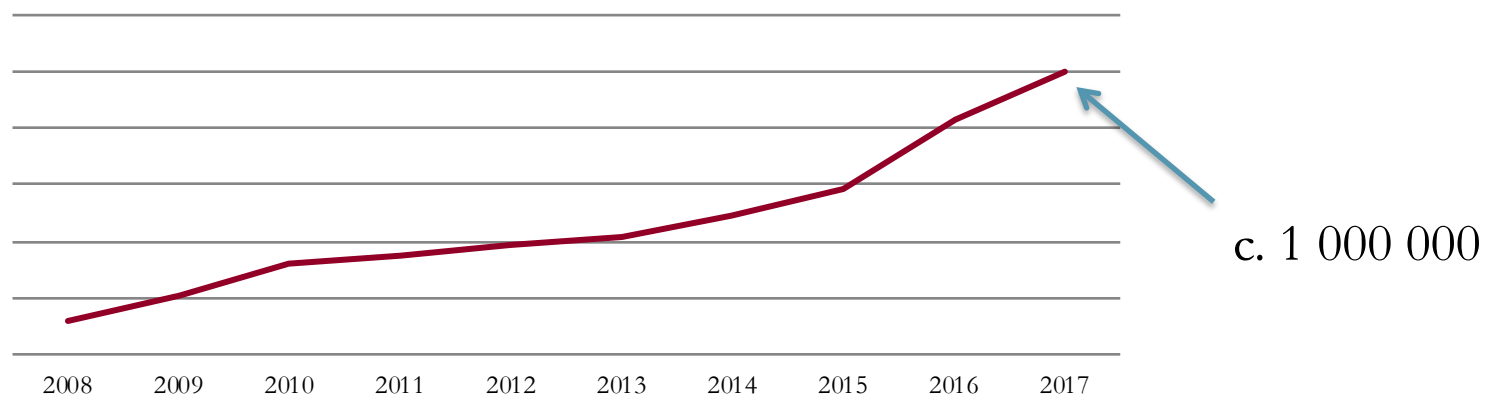
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Number of onsite visits 2008-2017

c. 30 000

2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017

Number of visits into the Digital Archives 2008-2017

c. 1 000 000

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Currently over 95 percent of our clients are online

Annual Digitizing Agenda

→ Need-based digitizing
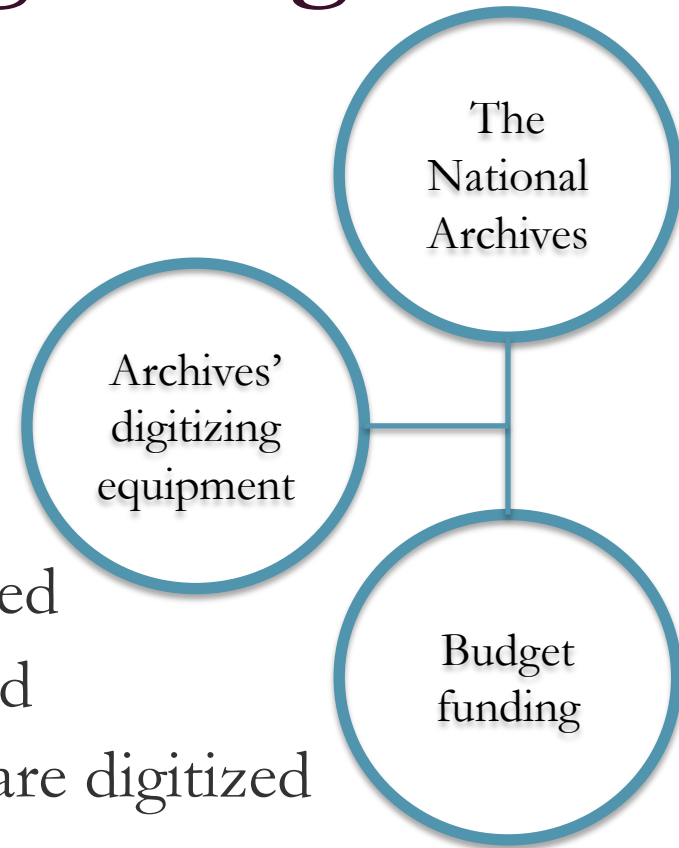
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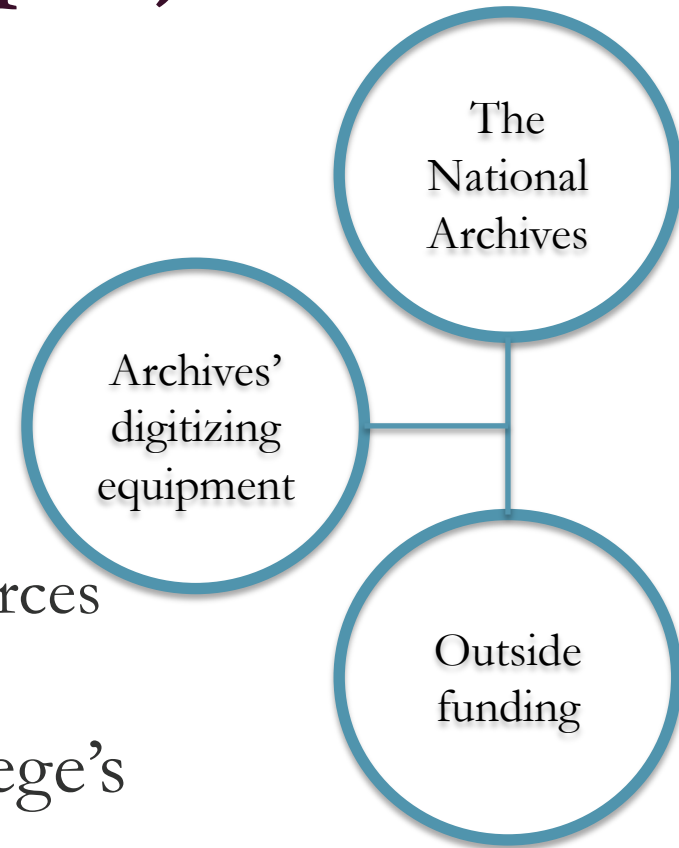
→ Cooperation-based digitizing

1. Need-based digitizing

- Initiators:
  - Users
  - Archives' personnel
  - Statistical data

- Benefits:
  - Most needed documents are digitized
  - Most fragile documents are digitized
  - Most difficult to reach documents are digitized

The National Archives

Archives' digitizing equipment

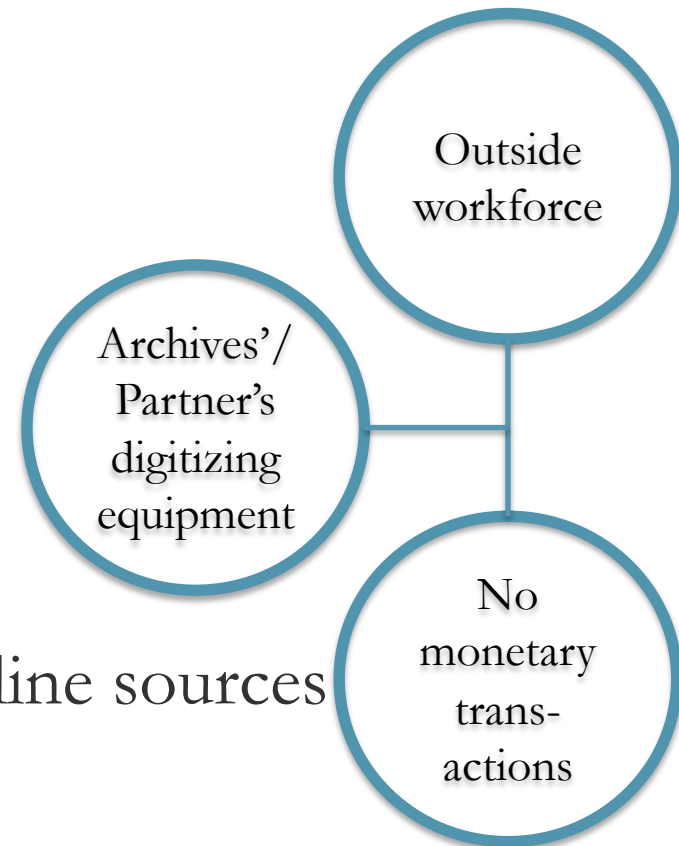Budget funding

2. Paid digitizing projects

- Initiators:
  - Institutions
  - Research projects
- Benefits:
  - Most needed material are digitized
  - Researchers can refer to online sources in their study
- Example: National Defence College's Dissertations

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Outside funding

3. Cooperation-based digitizing

- Initiators and workforce:
  - Active citizen groups
  - Researchers/Research assistants
- Benefits:
  - Most needed material are digitized
  - People can refer to and share online sources
  - Efforts of some benefit all
- Example: Cooperation with Family Search

Outside workforce

Archives'/ Partner's digitizing equipment

No monetary trans-actions

Ground rules and obstacles

- All archival units are digitized completely
- Stabile document formats are preferred

- Only a certain amount of digitizing equipment and other resources are available
- At the moment the material has to be in Vakka (archival database)

Schedule

- Workflow ready by the end of 2018

- First implementations during spring 2019

- We keep you posted! ☺

72 000 000
images

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Thank you for your attention!

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