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The beginning of everything

- Inaccessible sources
- Remote places
- »Hidden libraries«
- Open minds
»As it is not possible to bring the books to the places where you find the technical devices necessary for digitization, then let us bring technologies to where the ancient books are housed!«
The Traveller TCCS 4232

The Traveller and its inventor Manfred Mayer, Graz 2005/06
Previous experiences

Rich experiences in Eastern archives and libraries

(e.g. Yerevan, Diyarbakir, Sofia, Ohrid, Tirana, ...)

A privileged year of works in Zadar archives
Digitization is everything else but taking pictures.

It demands reflection, strategies, and the orientation according to standards.
Special studies
»MobiDig« – a new effort

- Educational programme
- Consortium of European partners
  - Austria
  - Bulgaria
  - Italia
  - Portugal
  - The Netherlands
Unrecorded

200,000 volumes

- unknown
- not inventorized
- not visible anywhere
- not accessible
Small and »minor collections«
We, too, want to participate in the big movement of digitization!

What would we need?

How could we proceed?

Where could we get help?
"MobiDig« gives orientation

- Providing a handbook for beginners
- Developing a Learning Management System
- Training for multipliers
The areas covered

- Processes of digitization
- Selection of objects
- Hardware questions
- Software solutions
- Training courses
- Copyright questions
Change of paradigm