THE CROATIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES AND ARTS and DIGITALIZATION

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- primarily a ‘learned society’
- has 35 research units throughout the country, the greater part of which deal with research disciplines or subdisciplines in SSH
At present the document entitled *The Strategy of the Croatian Academy* is being finalized.
During the consultations conducted for the ‘Strategy’ all 35 research units (which also include the main library and archives) were asked to outline their strategic priorities.
90% of the research units emphasized the necessity of digitalization
What does this mean in the context of the Croatian research landscape?

- the digitalization stressed primarily refers NOT to publications, but historical documents, collections of different kinds, potential archival data, etc.
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Many of the research units have expressed their wish to be included in DARIAH-HR

Croatia is not a member of CLARIN
It can be deduced from the materials received that the researchers in the various research units are not always very well informed about DARIAH or Europeana.
Challenges for the future

- the need to **educate** researchers on Paneuropean IR-s, or in a wider context on Digital Humanities
- the need for a higher level of **coordination** and **collaboration** between the research units themselves, as well as their connections to the Croatian Academy Library and Archives
- the need to raise the awareness of the necessity for ensuring **visibility** in all aspects of SSH and develop those visibility mechanisms that would promote both research results (books, monographs) as well as archival data in the widest sense of the word
THANK YOU!