Website www.e-kinas.lt: new possibilities and challenges for re-use of audiovisual heritage

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- Modernized website **www.e-kinas.lt** – introduced by the beginning of 2022
- Part of The Project financed from EU Structural Funds
- Virtual database of all archival films with their metadata
- Possibility to watch films with no copyright restrictions
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The aim of the project – to modernize the activities of the E-cinema information system by creating and developing advanced electronic services based on it, adapting the system to mobile devices and establishing a National Centre of Competence for the Digitization of Audiovisual Heritage.

The equipment for digitization, digital restoration, storage and online presentation of films was upgraded during the implementation of the Project. Currently, LCVA is the only place in Lithuania digitising films in 4K resolution. During the Project, 229 hours of film content stored in the archive was digitized and made available on the Internet, including important events in Lithuania’s history in 1988–1992.

On the updated portal, [www.e-kinas.lt](http://www.e-kinas.lt), users have the opportunity to search for descriptions of all films held by LCVA and view digital images, taking into account the restrictions on copyright. On the updated portal, users have the opportunity to search for descriptions of all films held by LCVA and view digital images, taking into account the restrictions on copyright. The modernized E-cinema information system provides six new electronic services:

- Obtain permission from the copyright holder/administrator
- Order and receive a digital photo of a stop shot
- Organize a virtual exhibition/collection
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- Can scroll through all films
- Can use filters: subject (industry, agriculture, art, international relations, etc.), event or production period, place of the events, original language, media type, colour and sound.
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The information on the copyright
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When a film is on Public Domain or the Archive has its copyrights or the owner gave the permission to publish film, You can watch the film directly on the website.
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• Registered users can save film to their Personal gallery
• Share film and its metadata through social media or send the link by e-mail
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Possibility to search films using timeline
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Films are added to timeline according the period of events depicted
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Films on Map, where films are added according the place of events, using location’s geographic coordinates
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- Can scroll through map, use + and – as in ordinary Google maps
- Can choose the exact location
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One more new possibility for all users – to add metadata
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• If You recognize some people or places or have some new information which is not in the description, You can add it and submit
• The archive employee will check it and if it is correct, will approve and add this information to the metadata
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- New possibilities for registered users
- Two ways to register on the website: by user name/password or using E-government service
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Possibility to use this E-government service for foreign users if there is some agreement made by Lithuania and users country
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- After registering through E-government service – possibility to create account using name and password, and merge those two accounts
- Possibility only to register using only name/password – won’t be able to order payable copies
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Create a clip while watching the film by using Scissors sign
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Possibility to create a frame or snapshot from film by using photocamera sign
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Can create virtual exhibition from items in Personal gallery
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Some e-services that can be ordered directly through the website:

• High definition Digital copy of the film
• Digital copy of still frame
• Permission to use film which is in copyright
• Cinema live
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Some challenges:

- The website itself is totally on cloud.
- All films metadata were transferred automatically from the old system, so there are some mistakes and empty fields.
- Films can be published automatically, but we can’t do this because of the copyright.
- We make English translations by ourselves.
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- The Archive is promised to get some financing from Lithuanian government for maintenance and sustainability of the website
- We are opened to new ideas and thoughts what can also be done and what functionalities could be improved
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Thank You!

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