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Launch of a new portal containing the digital collection of the Banco de España's Library

The Banco de España makes its **institutional repository**, a new portal containing the Library's collection in digital format, available to researchers and users in general.

When launched, the repository will provide access to 2,182 documents, **including a selection** of volumes that are of particular interest due to their historical value, importance or rarity. The volumes that are already available include **historical legal documents** which reflect how economic activity was regulated in the past, and **historical publications** relating to the activity of the Banco de España and its predecessors, from the time of the Banco de San Carlos.

In the coming months, the aim is to increase the number of available documents until they account for at least a third of the more than 16,000 printed volumes and manuscripts housed in the Banco de España.

The repository allows for full-text searches of documents and to retrieve within them references to persons, institutions, places or quotations. In addition, digital documents are in the public domain and may be used by any individual or institution. This project will also allow for the Banco de España's digital collections to be added to other projects, such as **Europeana** or **Hispana**, which give researchers access to the world's cultural heritage.

As well as the digitalised volumes in the historical collection, the repository will also contain the Banco de España's current publications, which will gradually be uploaded onto this new system. Access to the Banco de España's institutional repository will be unrestricted and free of charge from any internet-connected device.

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