



Experience: Using eArchiving for preserving databases

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First there was a challenge ...

- **First attempt:** converting content from databases to content specific "self-documented" XML structures
- **Second attempt:** Structured (native format) data exports
- **Third attempt:** "just use XML or CSV" ☹️

Result: we gained an understanding of what is worth preserving, but there was no clear path how to support that in an easy way

Our learning process

- Evaluating different approaches
- Internal pilots using SIARD
- E-ARK project: Case Studies with other (more experienced) archives
- New internal SIARD-pilots using "lessons learnt"
- Into the "ingest-service" portfolio since Jan 2023

Working with Case Studies

- Preserving database using SIARD:
 - CS1: Experiences with workflows and documentation practices
 - CS2: Experiences working with large databases and their preservation

What we got

Networking and best practices

Network of database preservation professionals

One tool to handle (almost) everything

SIARD based workflow and service portfolio

Technical guidelines, possibilities and limitations

Documenting and validating practices

Collection of best-practice for documenting and structures

Thank you