

#### The role of E-ARK in meemoo's ingest 10 years of E(-)ARKiving

#### Today's (story) arc

Who is meemoo?

A bit of context

Our search for a SIP

Introducing the 'meemoo SIP'

Ingest SIPs into our archive

Lessons learned & way forward



#### meemoo's service provision



Digitisation, digital archiving and management of archival materials



Make content accessible and usable



Actively gather and share expertise on digital archive operations



Advise on digital heritage processes



# Collaboration

**182 content partners (CP)** in culture, media and government



#### **Content partners in different sectors**



# In figures





objects in our archive system > 540,000

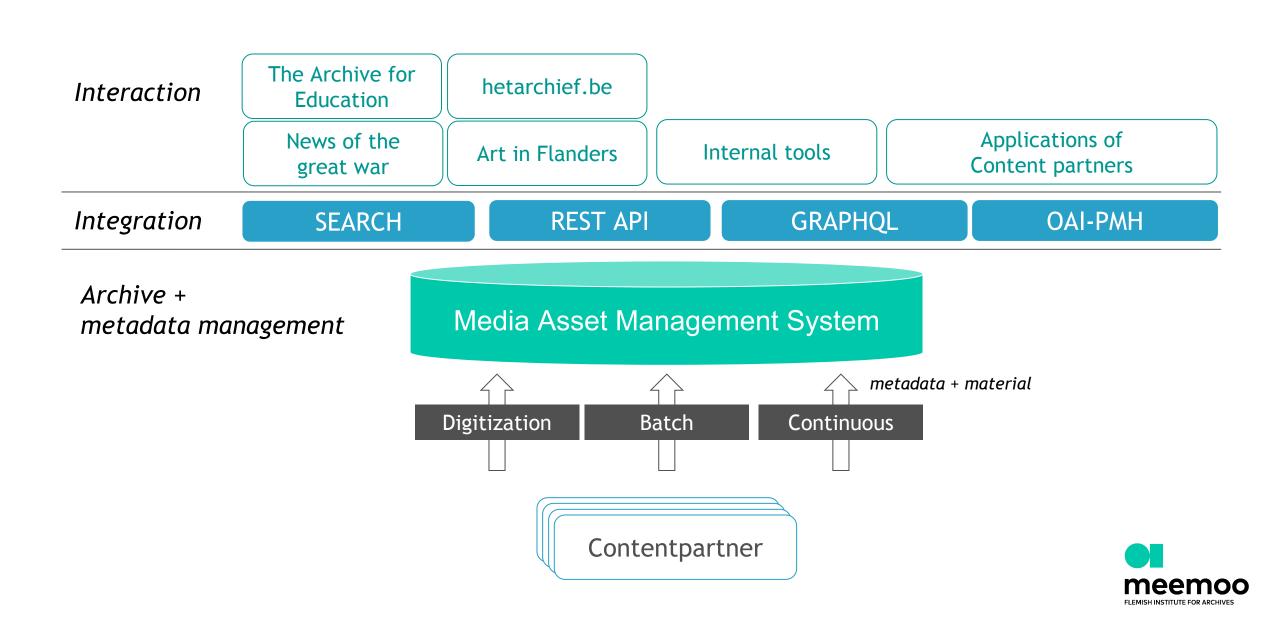
audiovisual carriers transferred to our archive system



user accounts at The Archive for Education at end of 2022-2023 academic year

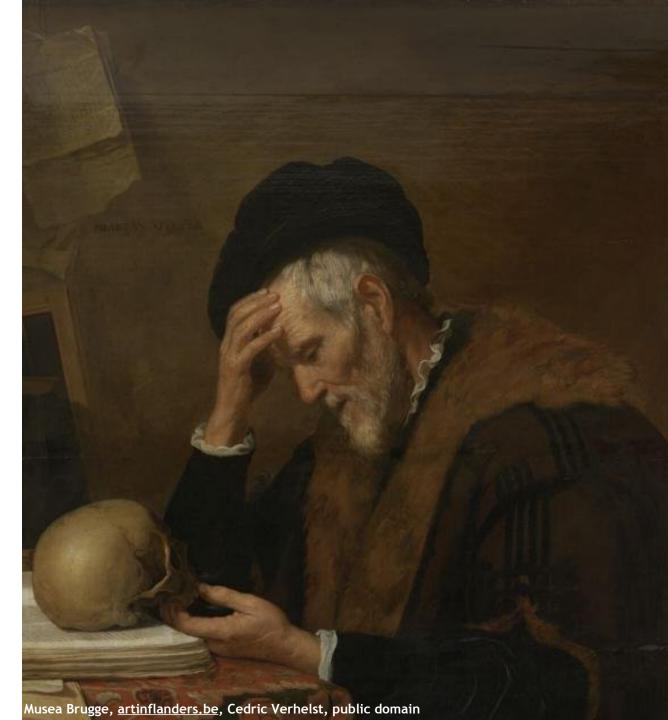


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# A bit of context

how we came to the realization that we needed a SIP



### First SIP practice in Digitisation



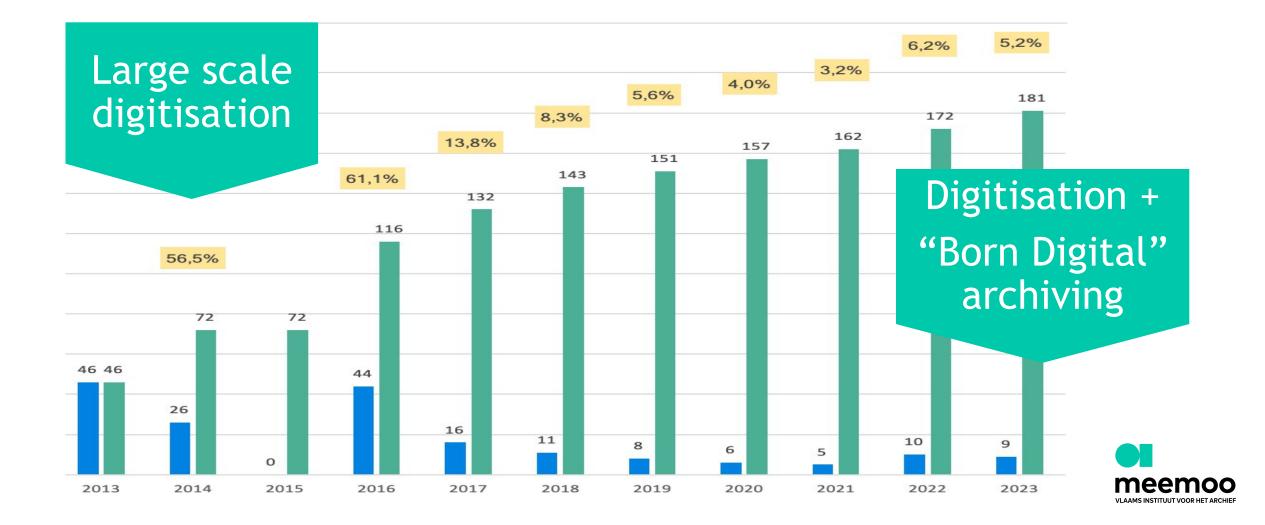
Digitisation via **external digitization companies** 

Manageable & simple packaging rules

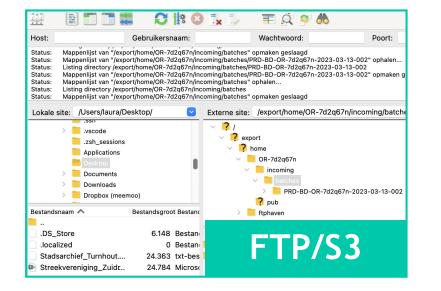
Vendor-imposed SIP (with a descriptive metadata twist)



#### Rise in number of partners



#### Influx of digital collections



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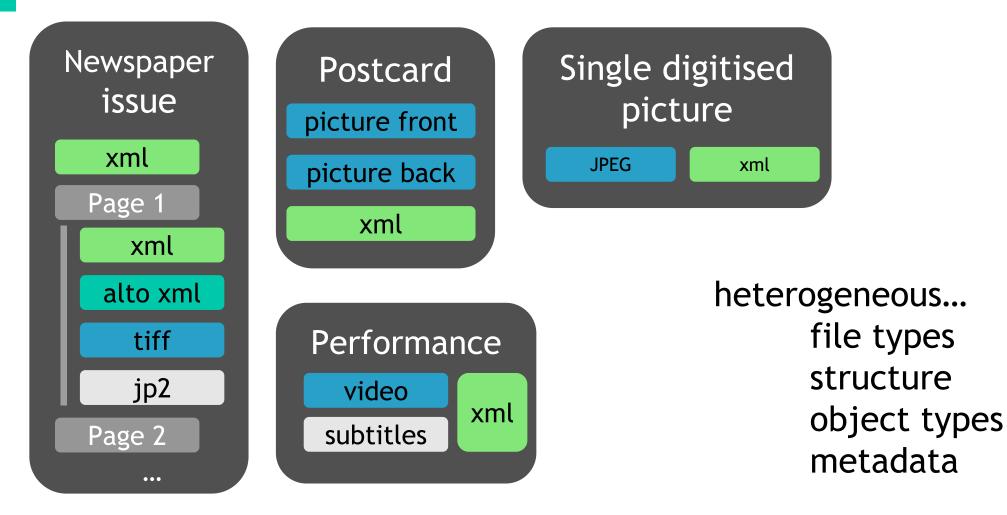
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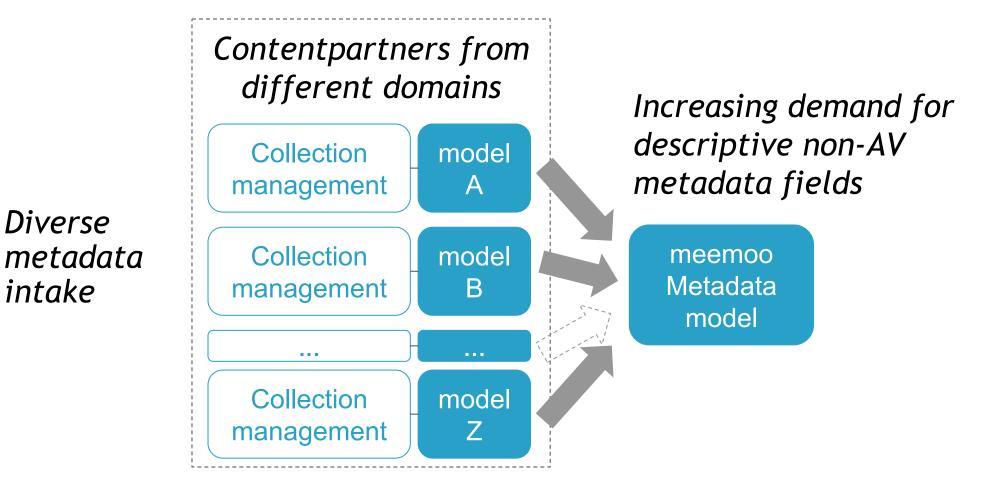
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#### More complex object structures



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#### More heterogeneity in metadata





### Mitigation strategies (sort of)

Divide digital influx into different workflows

New vendor-specific SIPs for e.g. newspapers

Providing custom services via project manager

All of this works (kind of), but increases complexity and overhead



# Setting sail for a (new) SIP

how we came aboard the (E-)ARK



Musea Brugge, artinflanders.be, Dominique Provost, public domain

# Requirements

A new uniform SIP design should ...

have a formal and mature specification

be embedded in standards

be technologically aligned with the **media and cultural heritage** sector be **flexible and extensible** 



# **Options we explored**

|          | Standards | Specification | Mature | Verbosity | Community<br>support | Sector<br>alignment |
|----------|-----------|---------------|--------|-----------|----------------------|---------------------|
| RO-Crate |           |               |        |           |                      |                     |
| PCDM     |           |               |        |           |                      |                     |
| BagIt    |           |               |        |           |                      |                     |
| E-ARK    |           |               |        |           |                      |                     |



# Closing the E-ARK and meemoo gap

Flexibility can lead to complexity, esp. with not very tech savvy partners

Need for more rules wrt. to object structure, but mostly descriptive metadata

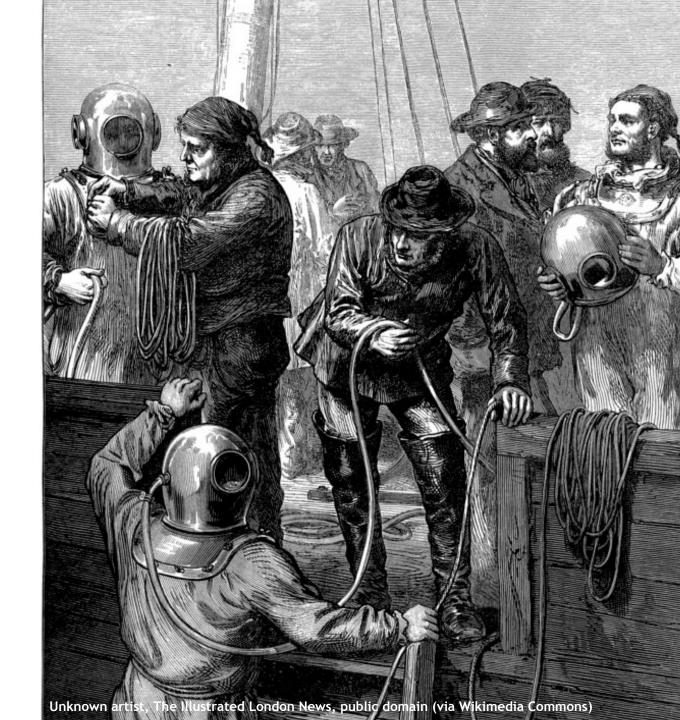
Translate E-ARK spec into our own meemoo SIP specification

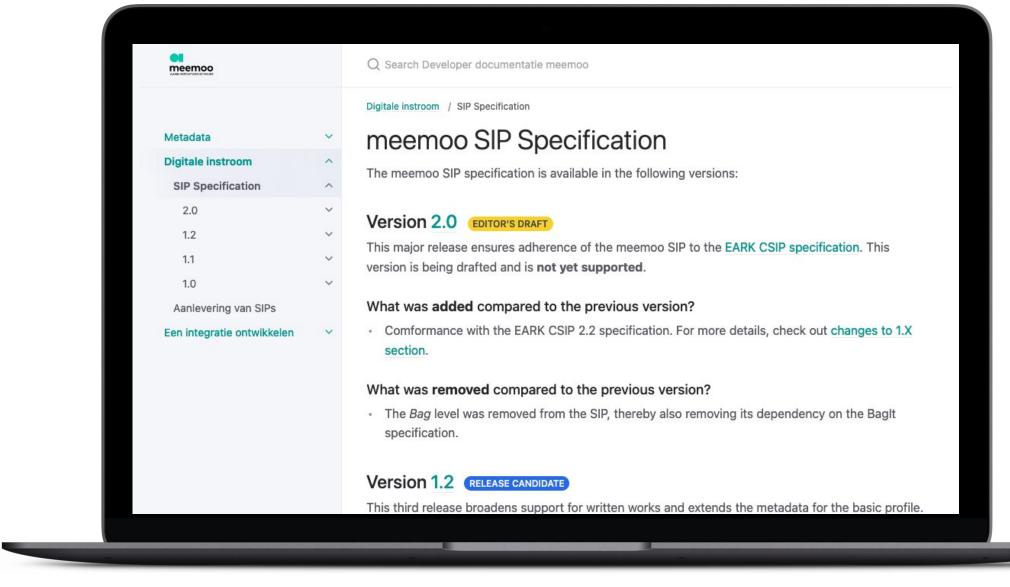
- `terminology` + `core concepts` sections
- narrowly following the hierarchical structure
- conceived the concept of 'content profiles': additional use-case driven constraints, often domain or material specific



#### A (deep) dive into the 'meemoo SIP'

how we put it in a Bag only to remove it afterwards





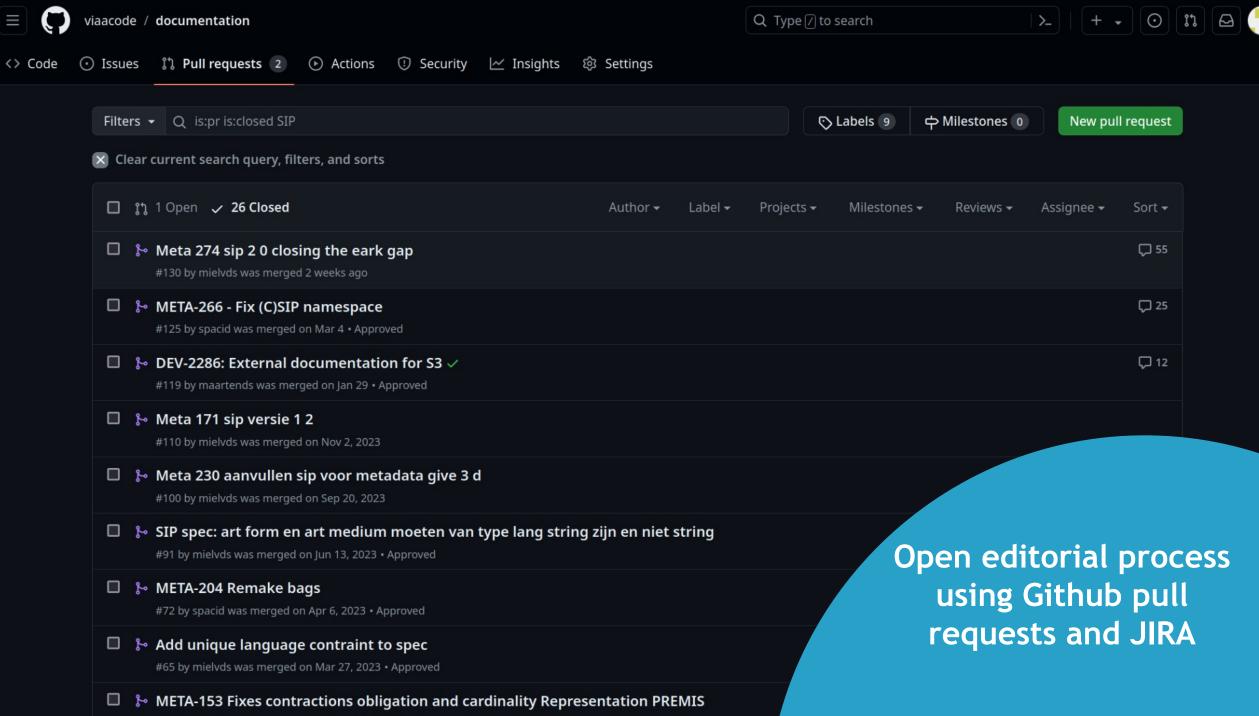


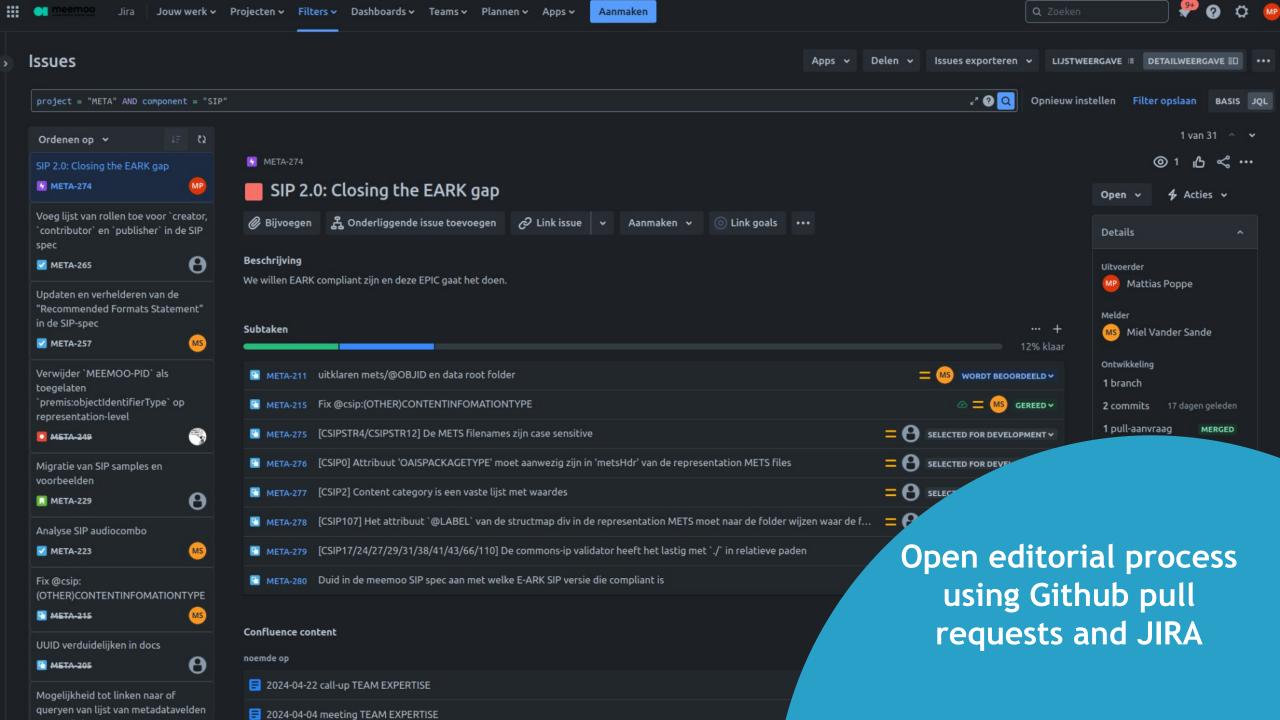
https://data.hetarchief.be/id/sip/

# **Content profiles**

|                                       | 1 Intellectual Entity<br>1 Representation<br># Files | <pre># Intellectual Entities # Representations # Files</pre> |                  |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|------------------|
| Limited metadata<br>(DC + schema.org) | Basic  |  |                  |
| Bibliographic metadata<br>(MODS)      |  | Bibliographic  |                  |
| High-level metadata<br>(schema.org)   |  |  | Material artwork |
|                                       |  |  | meemoo           |

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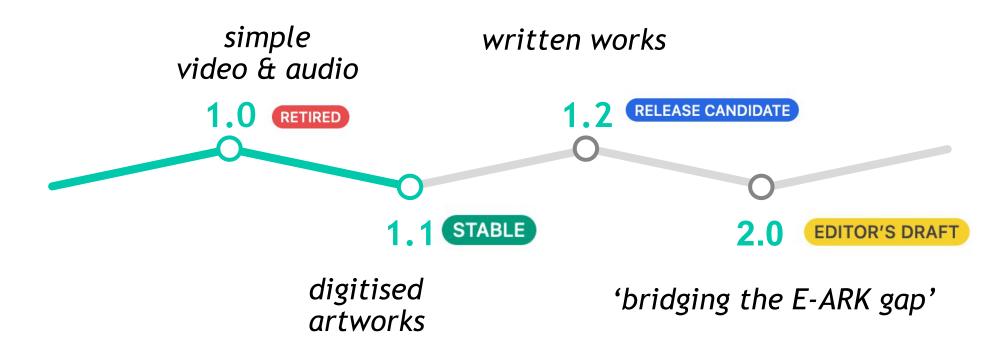




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| EDITOR'S<br>DRAFT    | This version of the specification is still being developed.   |
|----------------------|---|
| RELEASE<br>CANDIDATE | This version of the specification is ready for <i>public review</i> and <i>implementation</i> . The text can still undergo changes and meemoo does not give any guarantees that material can be supplied in this way. |
| STABLE               | This version of the specification will no longer change and has been fully implemented. Meemoo guarantees that material supplied in this way can be archived.   |
| DEPRECATED           | This version of the specification is outdated and will no longer be supported in the future. Its use is not recommended by meemoo.  |
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## Versioning





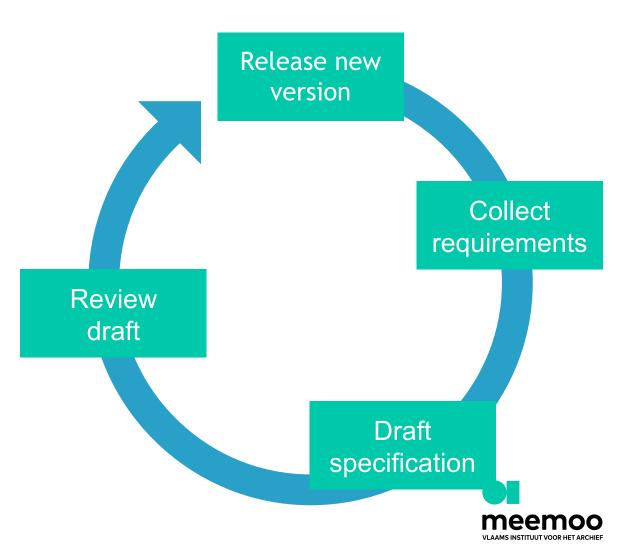
#### Move editing & versioning into governance

Release cycle to avoid ad-hoc alterations

Connect with partners, gather input & cover their needs

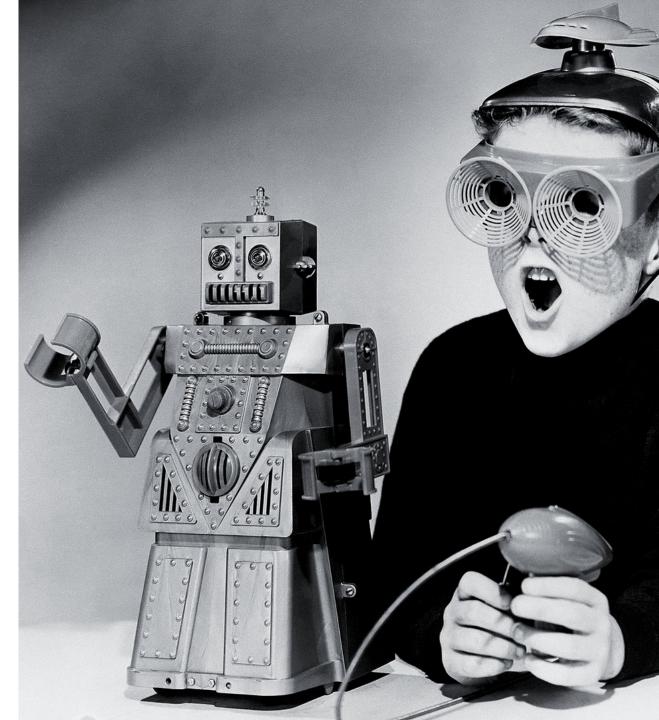
Predictable support for both sides

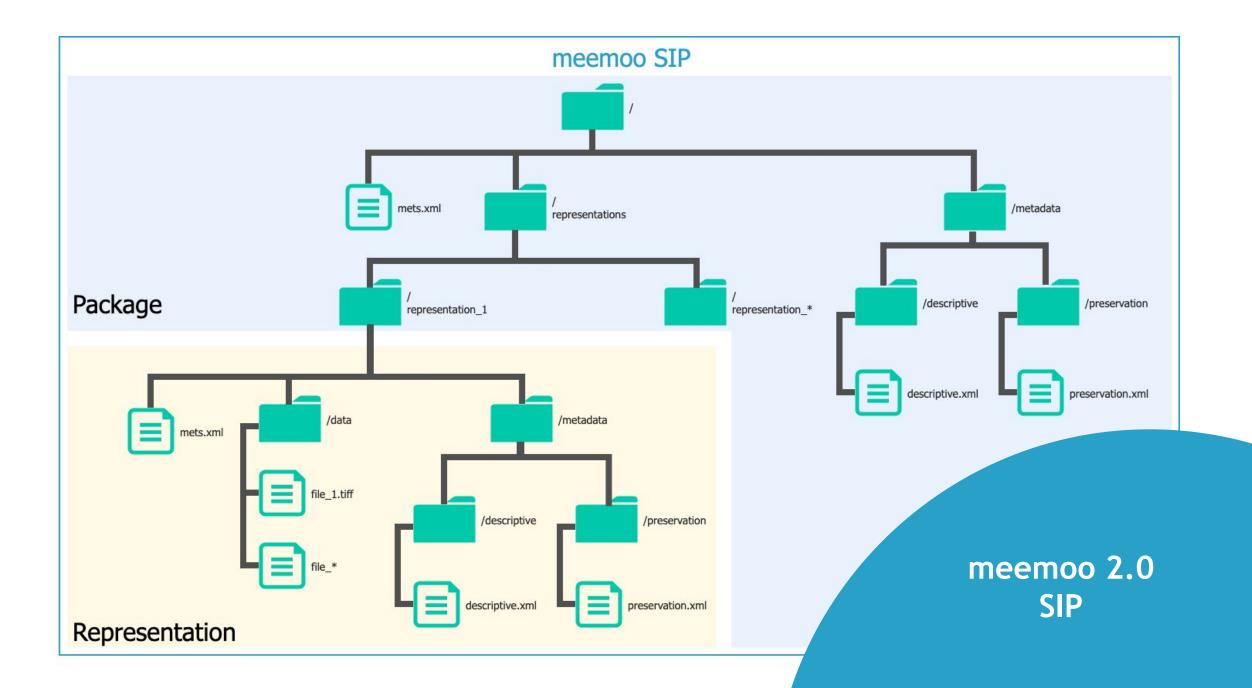
Still ongoing work



#### Ingesting a 'meemoo SIP'

how we transform it to a graph for semantic validation





#### Ingesting a 'meemoo SIP'

Delivery via S3

**BAG** validation

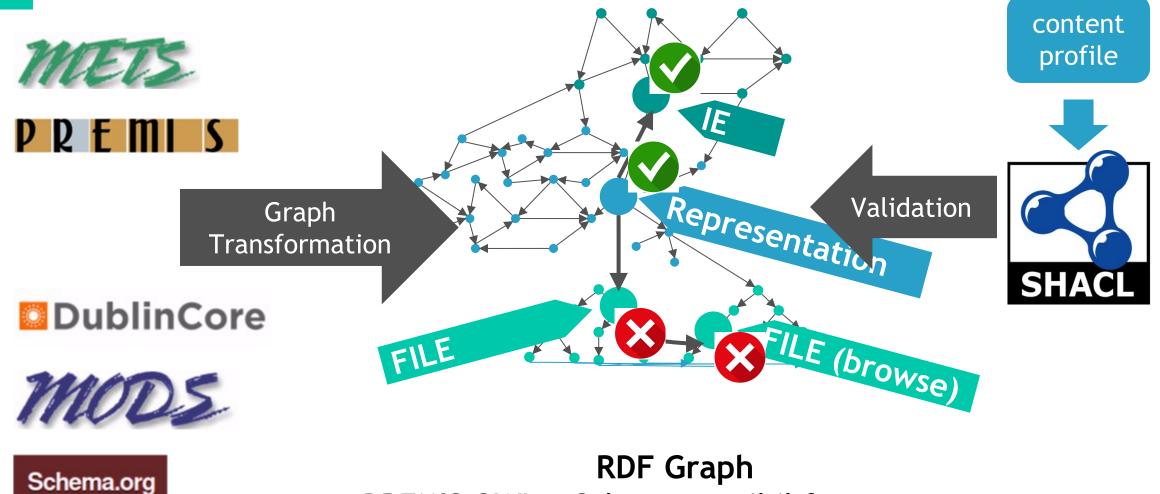
XSD validation

Transform to RDF graph

**SHACL** validation

MAM SIP

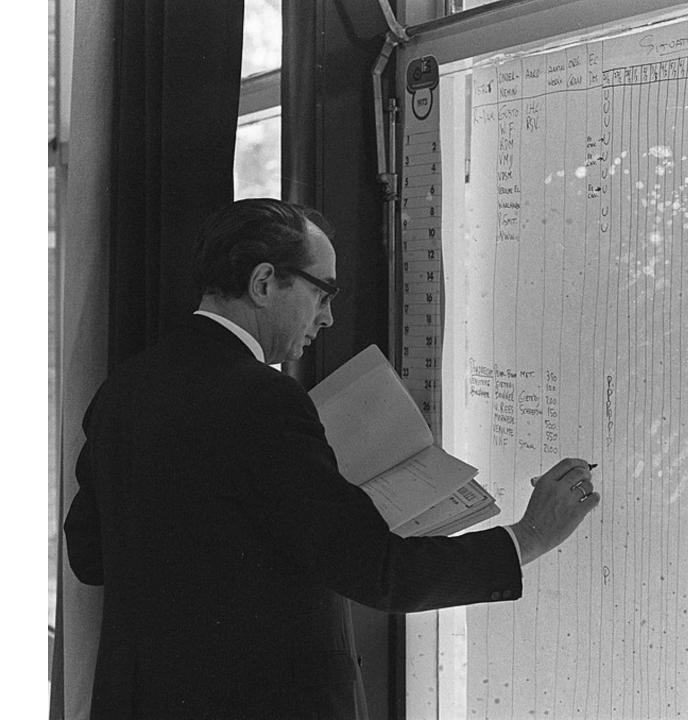
#### Validating the SIP as a graph



PREMIS OWL + Schema.org/bibframe

#### Tides of wisdom

aka lessons learned and the way forward



#### Lessons learned

A meemoo-SIP specification is not enough for our partners

- non-technical manuals for creating specific meemoo-SIP
- support in metadata mappings

Information about E-ARK is scattered over websites and specs

- avoidable breaking changes & custom tooling
- too little contact with the E-ARK community



## The way forward

Reducing the complexity of current meemoo-SIP

Bridging the E-ARK gap

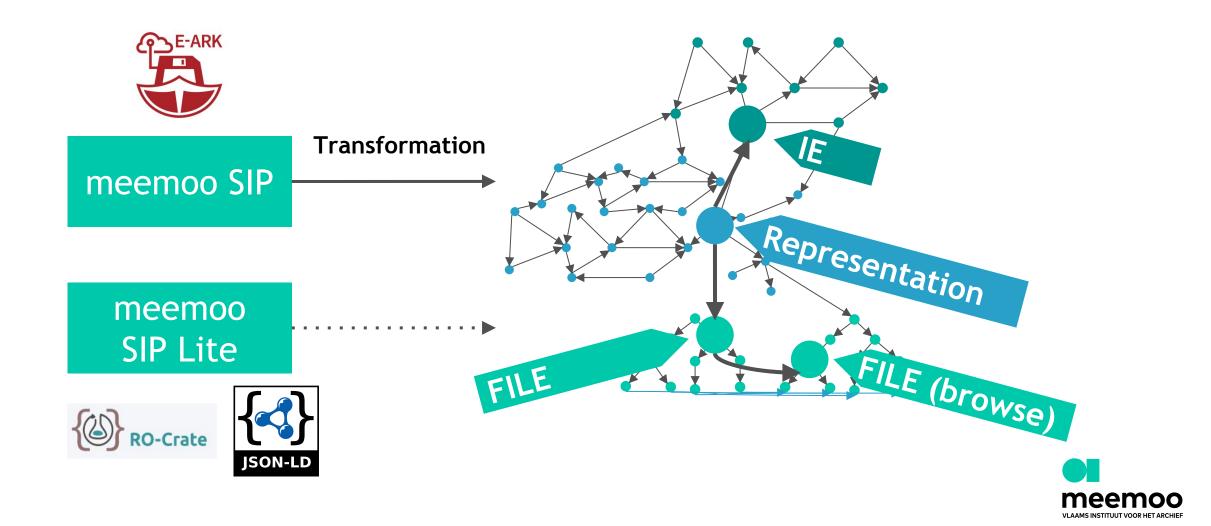
Usage of E-ARK tooling and contributing

Specific documentation for users

Thinking about a SIP lite using JSON-LD



# The way forward (2)



# Thanks for listening!

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