system installed in the most important engineering school in the country, IST - Instituto Superior Técnico. This will be used to promote the concept, and motivate other universities to follow a similar process (several candidates demonstrated already their interest). This cooperation will be open to the 14 public and 10 private universities existing in Portugal, as also to the several hundreds of polytechnic schools and similar (relevant for master thesis). The purpose it to bring to the network as many schools as possible, using the DiTeD assets management system, or others (meanwhile several universities have been developing their own solutions too, or using other existing ones, such as DSpace). In parallel the project will promote two other actions of work, one with the purpose to promote projects for the retrospective digitization of printed thesis, and another one for the normalization of the descriptions (using the Portuguese Cataloguing Rules and the UNIMARC format as references). Finally, it will be given also a special attention to the international cooperation, not only with NDLTD, but also in bilateral actions with other Portuguese speaking countries (especially for the building of virtual thematic collections and dissemination).

This paper presents more details of this project, including:

- An analysis of the actual bibliographic descriptions of thesis in dissertation in PORBASE (subjects and universities)
- A description of the actual practices and experiences with ETDs in the most important universities in the country
- A description of a cooperating program where the National Library will play the role of a centralizing entity, where, taking advantage of the critical mass, specific investments and actions can be performed with relevant savings for all (such as the interfaces for the international cooperation).
- A technical description of the DiTeD system and of its model of interoperation with PORBASE and the other local systems (DiTeD or others), as also a description of how it can be valuable for the creation of this national network for digital thesis and dissertations.

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Abstract: The University of Bergen produces about 650 thesis a year. Bergen University Library is responsible for implenting an Electronic Publishing Support Service. Our main goal is to collect 100% of the theses in electronic format and offer authors to publish online in addition. Since 2001, Bergen University Library has collected daily statiatics about it's ETDs. This poster will try to sum up the results and compared them to the statistics available for paper-based theses. Electronic submission is not obligatory at UiB but over 20% of the students have done it in 2003.