An insight into the diamond open access encyclopedic collections of the Miroslav Krleža Institute of Lexicography

THE MIROSLAV KRLEŽA INSTITUTE OF LEXICOGRAPHY



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76 YEARS OF ACTIVITY

450+ VOLUMES PUBLISHED

30 OPEN ACCESS EDITIONS

400,000+ ARTICLES ONLINE

ABOUT THE INSTITUTE

Founded in 1950, the Miroslav Krleža Institute of Lexicography is Croatia's central lexicographic and encyclopedic institution of national importance.

Mission: to systematize, preserve and communicate scientifically verified knowledge and to contribute to the understanding and preservation of Croatia's natural, historic and cultural heritage.

Over the 76 years, the Institute has produced more than 450 published volumes of reference works (encyclopedias, lexicons, dictionaries, atlases, journals etc.)

DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION TIMELINE

1950 — Institute founded

2008 — Beginning of systematic digitization

2009 — **Portal of Knowledge** enciklopedija.lzmk.hr

2013 — **Croatian Encyclopedia Online** enciklopedija.hr

2014 — **Portal of the Croatian Technology Heritage** tehnika.lzmk.hr

2023 — **Collection of Encyclopedic Heritage** e-bastina.lzmk.hr

2026 — Approx. **400,000** articles from **30 editions** freely available online

DIGITAL COLLECTIONS ECOSYSTEM

Portal of Knowledge
enciklopedija.lzmk.hr

- Since 2023 access point to all major collections
- Unified search engine
- Linked identical entries
- Independent collection browsing
- Full-text search

Croatian Encyclopedia of Technology/ Portal of the Croatian Technology Heritage
tehnika.lzmk.hr

- Simultaneous print and online edition
- Content linked to external sources
- Interoperability with digital repositories
- Atlas of Croatian Technology Heritage (2023)

PORTAL OF KNOWLEDGE

enciklopedija.lzmk.hr

Croatian Encyclopedia
enciklopedija.hr

- Online since 2013
- Based on 11 volume print edition (1999-2009)
- More than 1,000 expert contributors
- Continually updated and expanded
- Up to 50,000 page views daily

Collection of Encyclopedic Heritage
e-bastina.lzmk.hr

- 12 digitized archival edition published from 1954 to 1996
- Topics include medicine, fine arts, forestry, agriculture, seamanship and more
- New digitalization model designed

OPEN ACCESS ONLINE CONTENT INCLUDES

- Scientific journal **Studia lexicographica** (studialexicographica.lzmk.hr)
- **Catalogue of Retrospective Bibliography of Articles** with more than 2 million leaflets (katalog.lzmk.hr)

All collections and additional online content are accessible via the Institute's website: lzmk.hr/e-leks/online-izdanja

CONCLUSION

The Miroslav Krleža Institute of Lexicography has transformed seven decades of encyclopedic publishing into an interconnected open access knowledge ecosystem that improves accessibility, discoverability, interoperability and societal impact of reliable, scientifically verified information.

IMPACT OF OPEN ACCESS ENCYCLOPEDIC CONTENT

KNOWLEDGE DISSEMINATION
Reliable and scientifically verified information accessible to everyone.

KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE BETWEEN ACADEMIA AND SOCIETY
Direct interaction between experts and the wider public.

KNOWLEDGE PRESERVATION
Long-term preservation and visibility of Croatian knowledge production.

KNOWLEDGE NETWORKING
Linking with digital data and collections of other research and cultural institutions.

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