

DIGITALIZATION AND FORMAT CONVERSION AT BDP

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INTRODUCTION



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Historical Archive of the Banco de Portugal

The Historical Archive collects, preserves and disseminates documentation of interest for the history of the Banco de Portugal and supports related research.



oldest document
6 sep 1579



heaviest book
14,5 Kg 

documents bearing witness to the life of the Banco de Lisboa and the Banco de Portugal



since
1821



+8000
photographs



3145
architectural drawings



20 378
online catalog records



275
consultations in 2017

1898
documents viewable online



WHY DID WE EVOLVE?



At Banco de Portugal, we have embraced the **digital era** as an opportunity to expand our horizons in **preserving history**



The **digital age** archiving allows us to convert and safeguard our collections in a **secure, accessible, and long-term** digital format



It enables us to bridge the past with the present, making historical materials easily accessible to future generations



Benefits of embracing digitization:

- **Preservation**
- **Access**
- **Searchability**
- **Global reach**

OUR COLLECTIONS



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OUR COLLECTIONS



Photography

- Over 8.000 catalogued photos
- Photos taken through Banco de Portugal's history
- Banco de Portugal's buildings (mainly Agency network)
- Significant events (100th, 125th, 150th anniversaries)
- Board members and prominent personalities



Architectural drawings and engineering diagrams

- Architectural plans of Banco de Portugal's buildings
- Engineering drawings
- Over 3.000 documents ready to be consulted



OUR COLLECTIONS



Faro



Évora

Why?

BP-COLFOT: PHOTOGRAPHY COLLECTION (1905-2007)



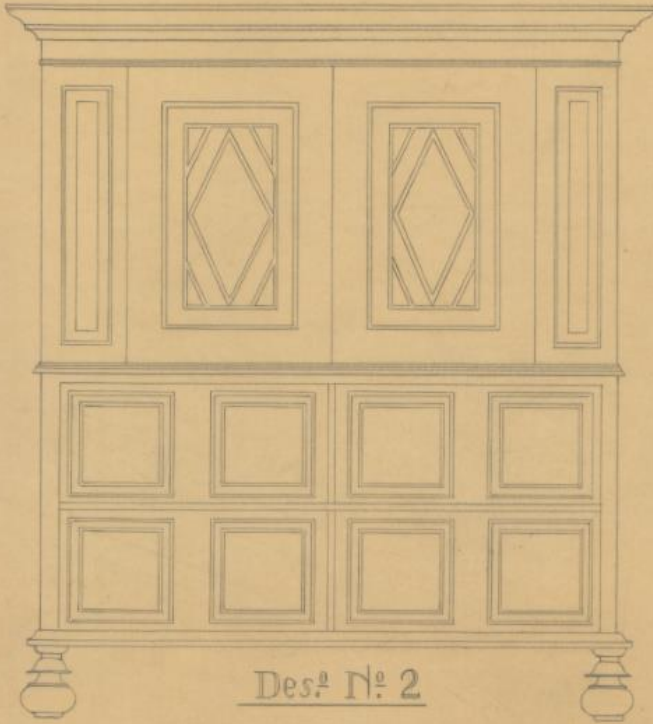
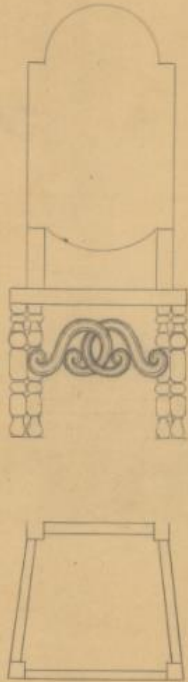


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10/10/2010 - 10/10/2010

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Escala 1:10

DIGITIZATION PROJECTS AND STRATEGIES



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PHOTOGRAPHY DIGITIZATION



Project goals

- **Digitization** of 3.700 photos (1.545 slides & 2.155 prints)
- Photos dated from the early 20th century to the 1980's
- Facilitating **access** and **dissemination** while **preserving** the original quality
- Each photo converted in three files:
 - **16-bit TIFF** file with provided metadata
 - **TIFF** file without compression with provided metadata
 - **JPEG** compressed file for network or internal use



ARCHITECTURAL DRAWINGS & ENGINEERING DIAGRAMS DIGITIZATION



Project goals

- **Digitization** of 2.811 documents from this collection
- Facilitating **access** and **research** while preserving the original **size and scale**
- **Preserving** the original documents composed of delicate materials and high degree of deterioration
- Digitization and image treatment exclusively within the Banco de Portugal's building, due to the confidential nature of some documents
- Each document:
 - Includes a **full border** to ensure full document coverage
 - Inclusion of the **scale ruler** to preserve the original document's size

ONLINE PORTAL



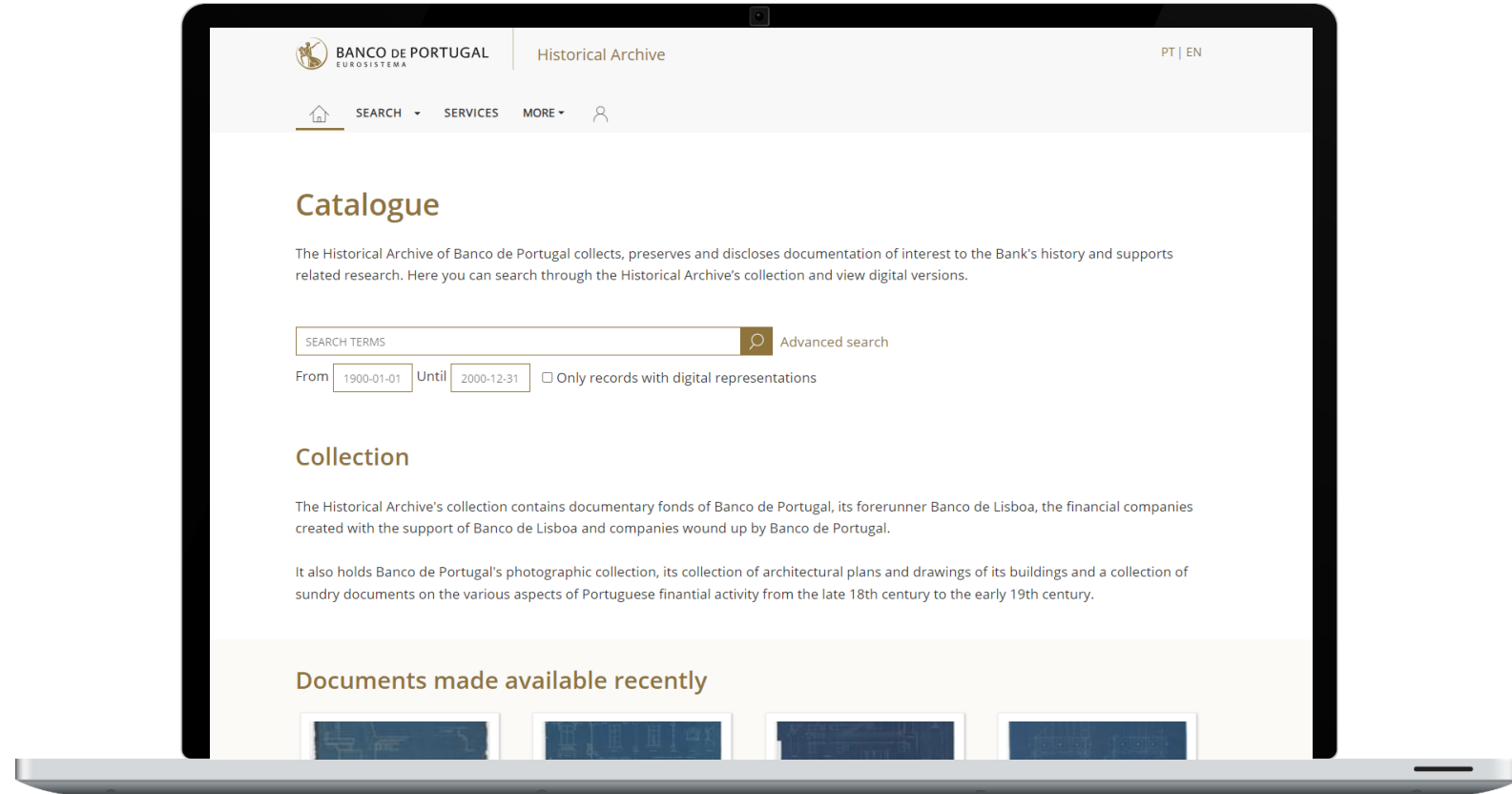
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ONLINE CATALOGUE

PHOTO COLLECTION



ARCHITECTURAL DRAWINGS COLLECTION



<https://www.bportugal.pt/arquivo/>

DISSEMINATION PROJECTS



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INTRANET ARTICLES – COLLABORATION WITH THE MUSEUM



Um testemunho do combate à “peste negra”

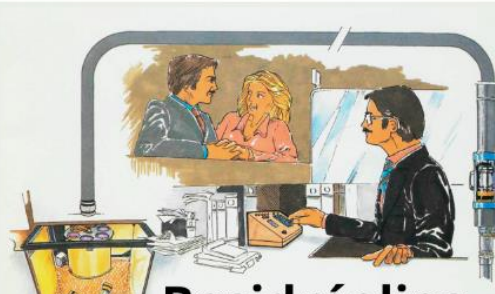
12 agosto 2022



Autoclave
À descoberta do nosso património

À descoberta do nosso património: Os “Besidróglios”

29 julho 2022



Besidróglios
À descoberta do nosso património

À descoberta do nosso património: A balança que pesava o ouro e a prata usados para cunhar moeda

26 agosto 2022



Do Convento à Praça da Liberdade, as fotografias contam a história da Filial

21 abril 2023



À descoberta do nosso património: a Burra

06 abril 2018



A Burra
À descoberta do nosso património



À descoberta do nosso património: a Minerva

05 junho 2018



ONLINE EXPOSITION – 200 YEARS OF BANCO DE LISBOA



Visite online a exposição comemorativa do bicentenário do Banco de Lisboa

13 dezembro 2021



No âmbito das comemorações dos seus 175 anos, o Banco de Portugal inaugura hoje uma exposição *online* para assinalar o bicentenário do seu antecessor: o Banco de Lisboa. Viaje connosco até à primeira metade do século XIX e fique a conhecer a história do primeiro banco criado em Portugal Continental e o seu impacto na fundação da nova estrutura económica e financeira do País.



NEXT STEPS



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Future projects and initiatives:

- Continuous photo digitization process
- Expositions featuring documents in different formats
- Collaboration with the Museum
- Virtual tour of our archives

THANK YOU



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