

***An analysis of the future of national
biographical dictionaries***

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Aim of the paper

- **Participate in the debate on the future of national biographical dictionaries**
- **Focus: meaning, personages, scientific structure, public, material format**

Origin of National Dictionaries

- **Biographies of eminent people of the Nation**
- **Building nations: identity**
- **Construction of time and geography of the new nation**
- **Public cultural institutions**
- **Great erudition – extensive biographies**
- **Continuity – non stop – no return**

Sweden (3)	1835	Denmark (2)	1933
Holland (3)	1852	Luxemburg	1949
Austria (3)	1856	Italy	1960
Belgium (2)	1866	Canada	1966
Germany (2)	1875	Australia	1966
UK (2)	1885	New Zeland	1990
Norway	1921	Finland	2002
USA (2)	1926	Ireland	2009
France	1933	Spain	2011

Changes in the XXI Century

- **Choice of the personages**
- **European dimension**
- ***Open innovation*: open editorial structure**
- **Public: different levels**
- **Online edition**

Conclusions

- **Does It make sense a national project?**
- **Who are eminent people today?**
- **Thematic subprojects**
- **Open to academic contributions**
- **Different levels**
- **Online edition**



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