

TRANSKRIBUS, SCANTENT and DOCSCAN = Transcription of manuscripts made easy!!!



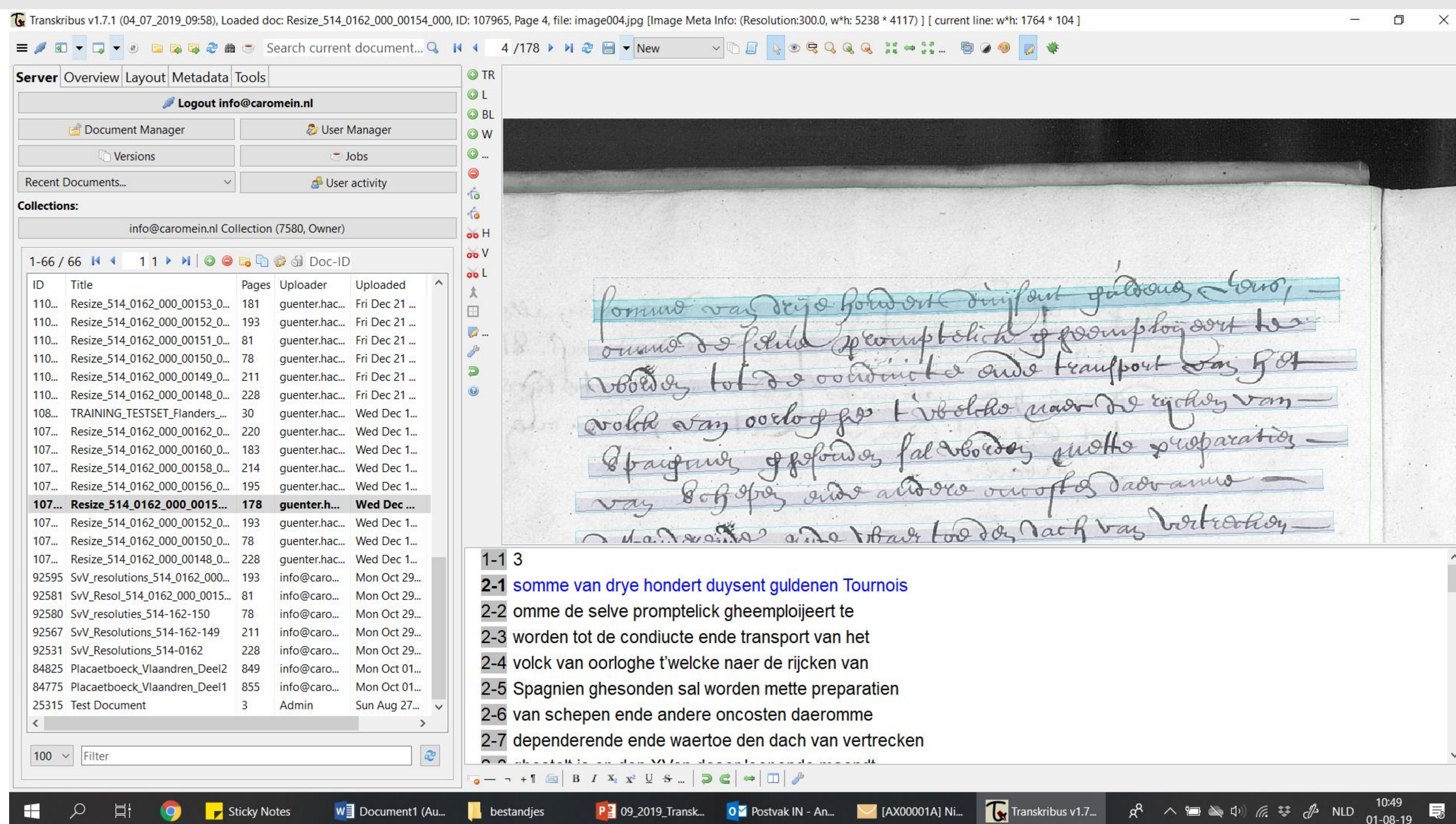
Transcriptions with Transkribus

Transcription is a 'monk's job'. It is fundamental in our work to be able to work with handwritten texts, but transcription is time consuming, and thus we as researchers have to question the costs versus return. What if the computer could assist and take over this time consuming task?

Transkribus is an automated recognition, transcription platform that enables OCRed search in manuscripts. Starting from a sample of trained texts, a model is trained apply HTR (Handwriting Text Recognition) to the rest of your documents. This results in a Character Error Rate– by one hand – between 5 and 10%, meaning that the manuscript is correctly transcribed from 90 to 95%.

It enables character recognition where you can identify specific keywords, using Transkribus' keyword spotter, allowing you to go over your texts much quicker, map patterns and changes in texts across time.

Interested in learning more? Join us during the open Workshop on 5 November from 8.30 – 11.30am as part of the English Literature Bachelor's 3rd year course Digital Literary Studies. Please register here → <https://webappsx.ugent.be/eventManager/events/DigitisingtheHumanities>



The Scantent is a useful aid to scan documents with your phone (especially with the Android DocScan-app)

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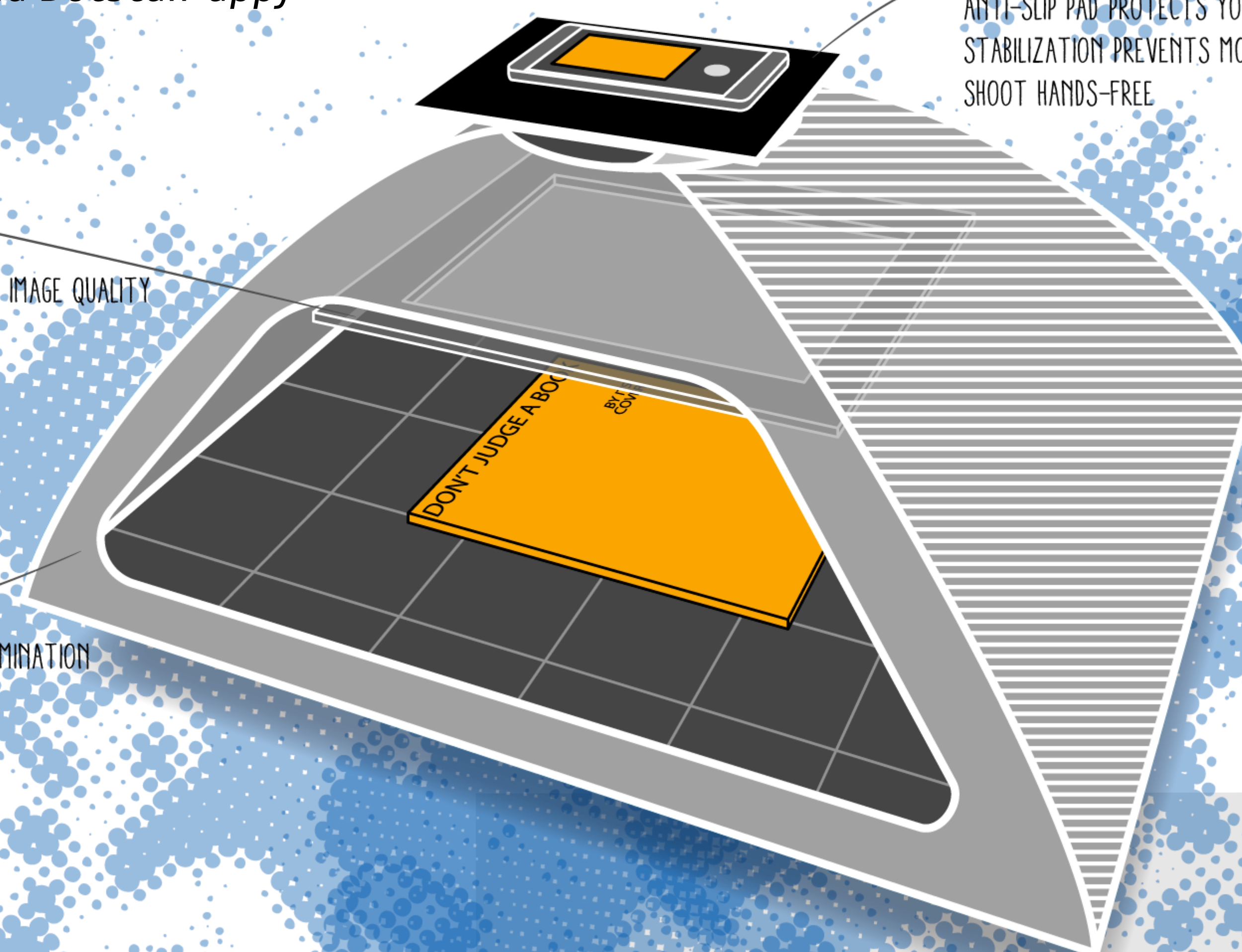
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Bringing transcriptions together – Transcription Network BE/NL

This joint effort from Dutch and Belgium institutions is (soon to be) launched to gather transcriptions and photo's of archival material in Dutch. These could be used to create more generic models to be able to decipher texts more quickly or build models for specific eras. If you happen to have or know people who have transcriptions in Dutch from any period, do not hesitate to contact Annemieke who can inform you further.

The Dutch National Archive will support this project with a part-time coordinator that will assist with facilitating the use of automatic transcription softwares and platforms for any research using Dutch language manuscripts.

Workshops and training will also be coordinated through the Dutch National Archive.

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