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Collecting, storing and sharing sounds

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The seat of the Fonoteca in Lugano

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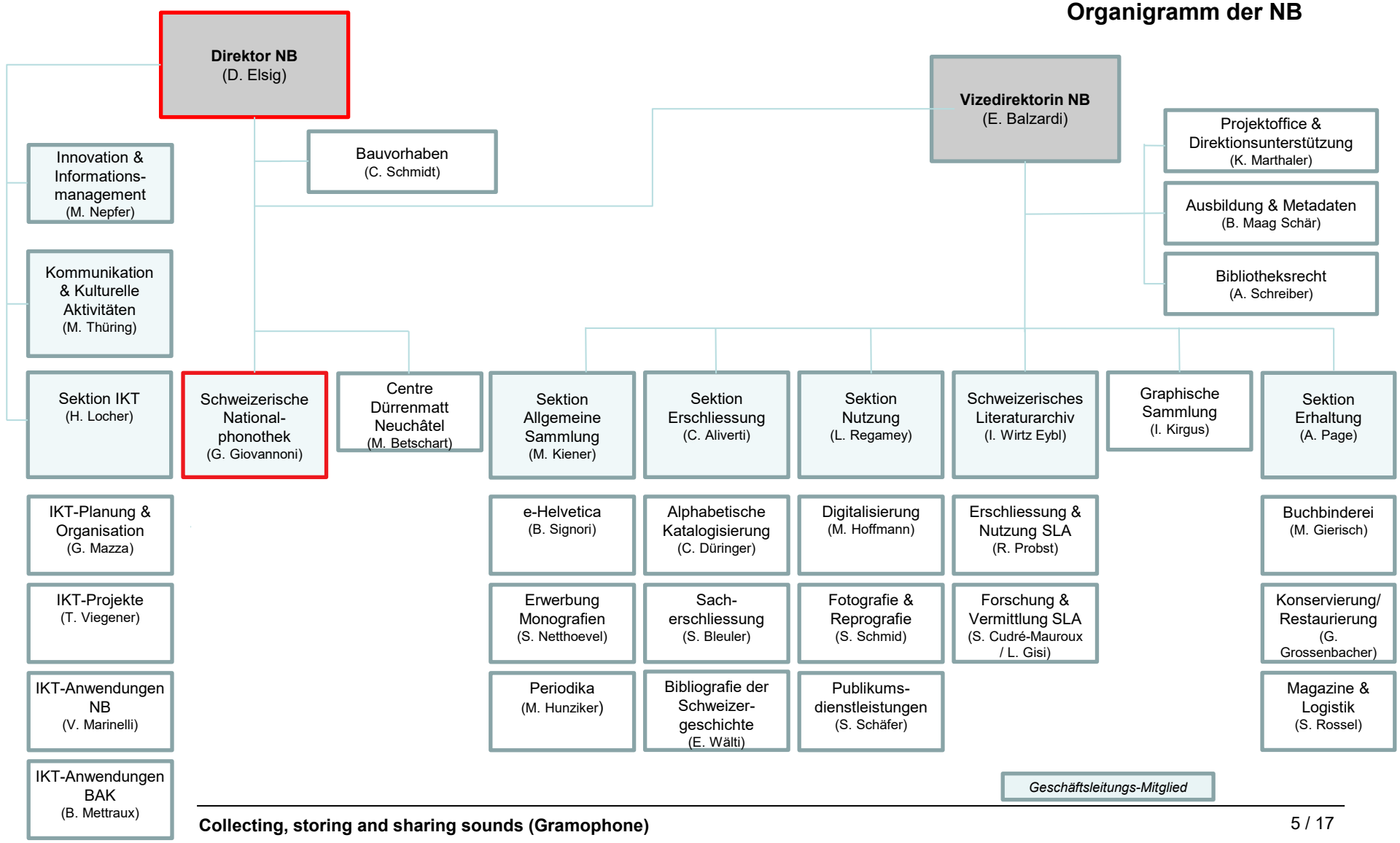
La Fonoteca nazionale svizzera – The Swiss National Sound Archives

- 18 May 1987 – Establishment of the Foundation «Schweizer Landesphonothek»
- 1 January 2016 - Integration into the Swiss National Library (Federal Office of Culture - Department of Home Affairs)
- 24 employees (19.2 FTE)
- 5 main sectors (classical, jazz, folk, rock-pop, speech)

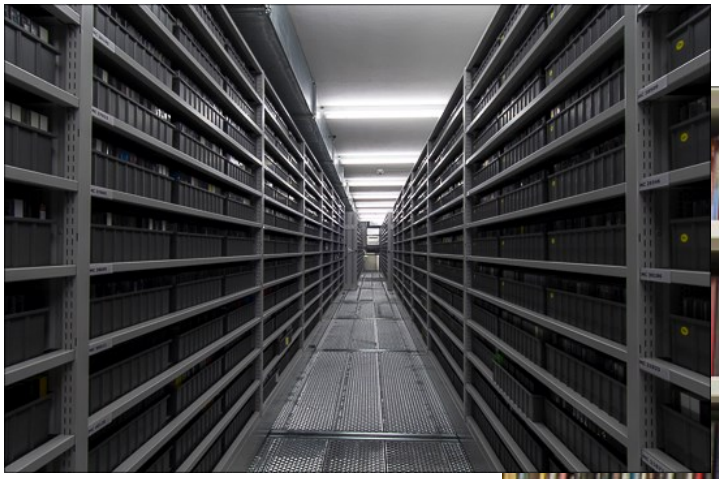
Organigramm der NB

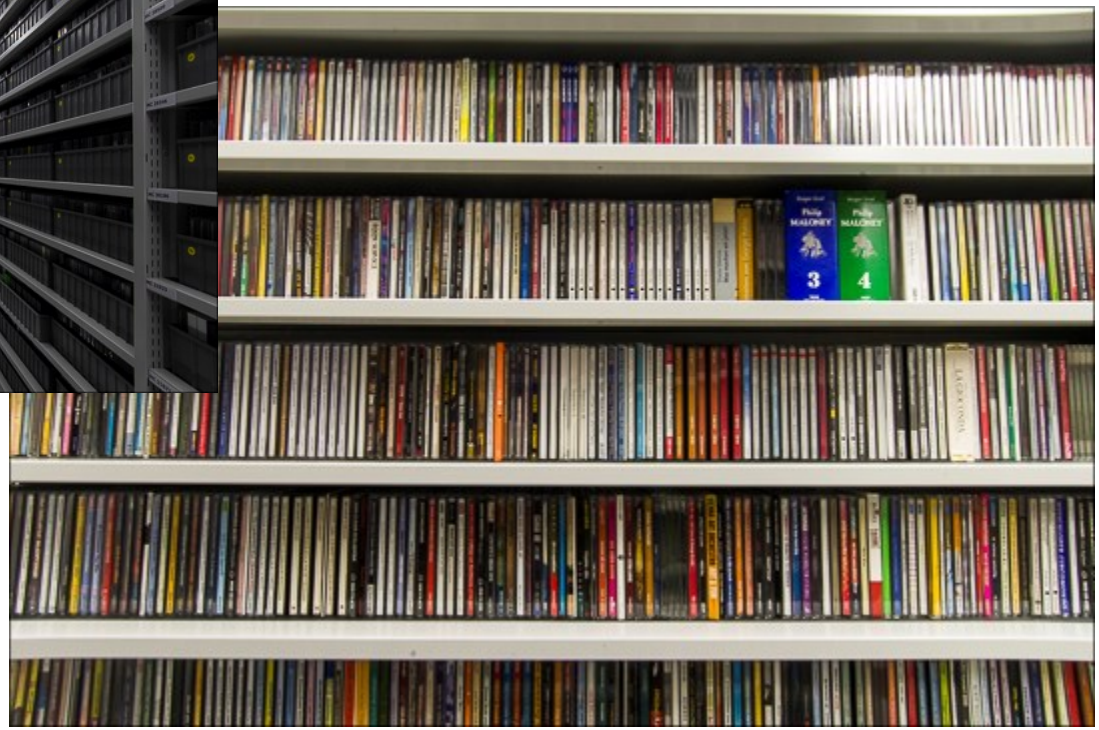


The mission and the main activities

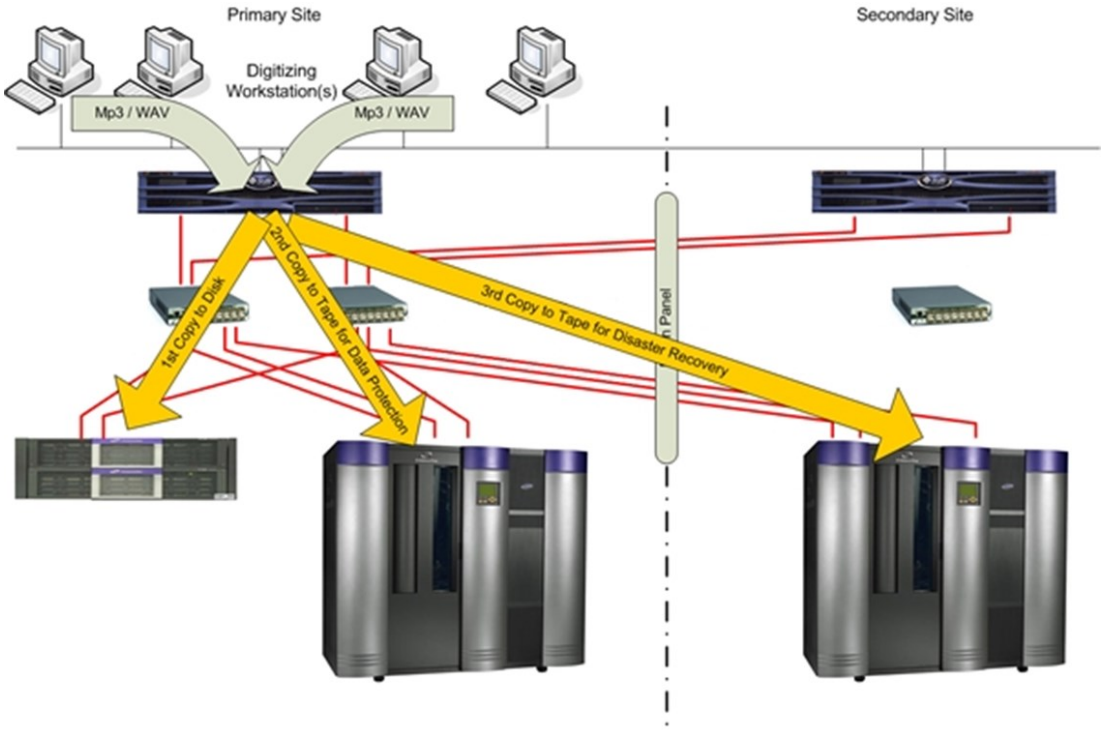
- The FN collects and stores "the sounding cultural heritage of Switzerland"
- The FN collects Helvetica
- Documentation of the objects
- Digitization
- Archiving (analogue and digital)
- Dissemination

Physical archives





Digital archives



Some figures

- **Collection**
  > 600.000 sound carriers (CD, LP, MC, HR, BD, etc.)
- 6.000.000 titels (tracks)

- **Growth**
  20.000 media per year,
  - of which approx. 1.000 are new productions
  - approx. 20.000 from old collections

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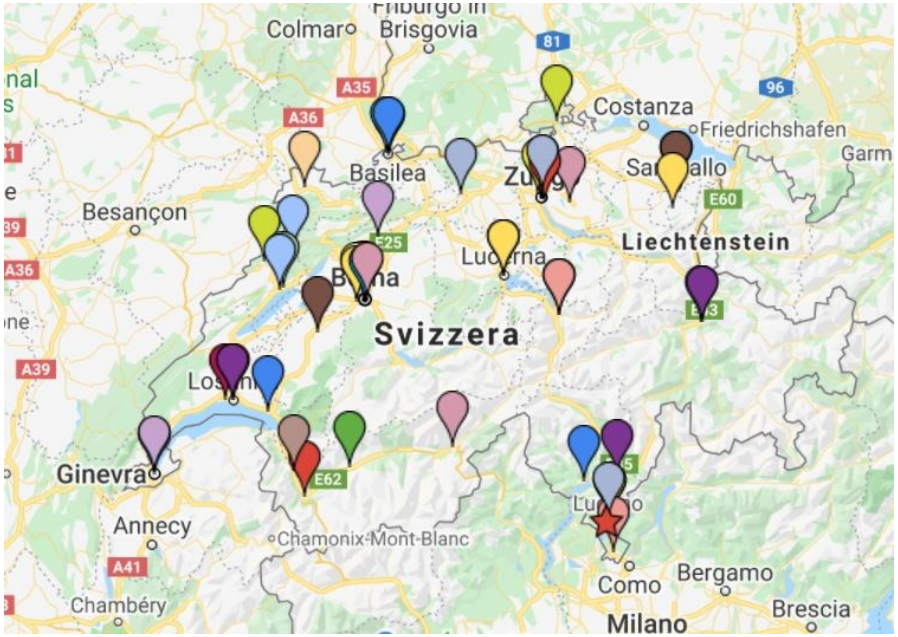
- **Online catalog**
  - 300,000 sound carriers cataloged
  - 2,500,000 audio documents
- **Available online to listen**
  - 90'000 sound carriers digitized
  - 700'000 audio documents
- **Website and database requests**
  - 36'000'000 pages viewed (2'000'000 visits)
  - 17'000'000 database requests

The Gramophone project

- A project of the Swiss National Sound Archives
- It aims to safeguard and enhance historical sound recordings
- Cylinders and 78rpm records

Listening points network

- Most sound documents are protected by copyright laws



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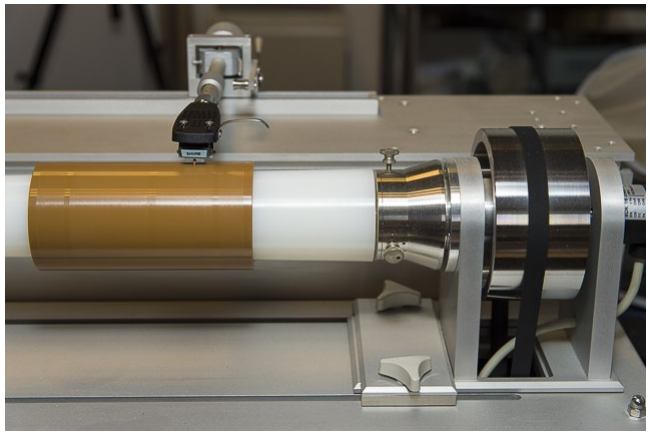
- Those sound documents that are more than 70 years old could be copyright-free
- Public domain

The Gramophone project

- Conditioning, copying

The Gramophone project

- Restoration of the sound



- More than 600 historical recordings are online

The Gramophone project

- More infos on www.fonoteca.ch

Questions?

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