



# GIVE – newspaper digitization

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Description of the materials

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## 1. 1. Introduction

In August-November 2021, the non-profit organization Flemish Heritage Libraries, commissioned by meemoo and in collaboration with participating preservation institutions, carried out the first phase of this project, namely selecting the titles that were eligible for digitization.

These titles had to meet a number of selection criteria: it had to be a newspaper that was published in Flanders or for a Flemish target audience and that had not yet been digitized. The focus was on vulnerable newspapers with an urgent need for digitization.

The selected and approved titles have been analyzed by the preservation institutions in order to obtain an estimate of the material condition of the newspapers, as much as possible at page level. The basis for this was the data in Abraham - Catalog of Belgian Newspapers, a database of the Flemish Heritage Libraries in which the newspaper holdings of almost a hundred storage institutions in Flanders and Brussels are included.

## 2. 2. Content partners

The newspapers to be digitized are spread over 8 repositories in Flanders. The project is led by meemoo and the Flemish Heritage Libraries. They carry out this project in collaboration with the content partners:

Name of the content partner	Estimated titles	Estimated pages
ADV N	30	40.000
Amsab-ISG	14	85.000
Bibliotheek Hasselt Limburg	6	50.000
Erfgoedbibliotheek Hendrik Conscience	7	115.000
KADOC	16	105.000
KU Leuven Bibliotheken	1	115.000
Openbare Bibliotheek Brugge	2	5.000
Universiteitsbibliotheek Gent	2	115.000
<b>Total</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>630.000</b>

Tabel 1: overview of the content partners and estimations

### 3. 3. Analysis

In the first project phase, the participating storage institutions made an inventory of their newspaper titles to be digitized. For the selected newspaper titles, a few physical parameters were determined per series, such as the number of available editions, the size in pages, page size, etc. The condition of the material and the binding method were also mapped out.

For this material analysis, 64 titles to be digitized have been identified, accounting for approximately 90,000 editions and 550,000 pages. This analysis therefore represents approximately 87% of the estimated total pages to be digitized and would be representative of the total size of approximately 630,000 pages.

For examples of the physical parameters, we refer to appendix 5 '**Nature and Condition of the Carriers Photo Bundle**'. This contains photos that should allow the tenderers to form a correct judgment about the carriers and to verify the terms used in the description of the material.

## 1. 3.1 Binding method

When we look at the way the titles are stored, we notice the following situation:

Bindwijze

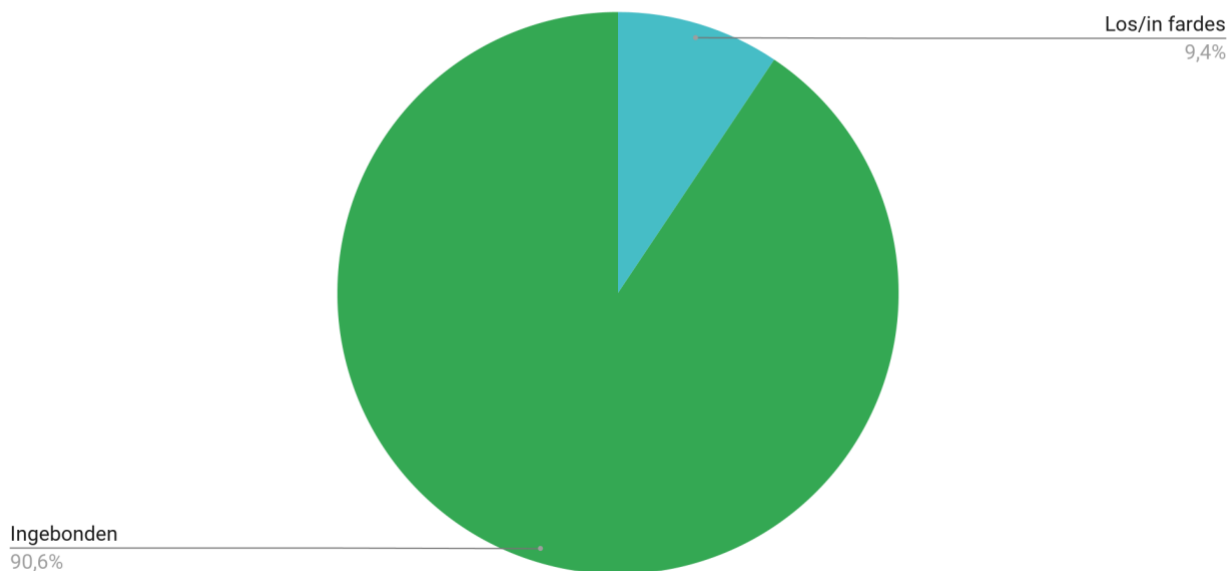


Fig. 1 – packaging of the newspapers

Loose newspapers: 9,4%

Bound newspapers: 90,6%

## 2. 3.2 Physical condition of the newspapers

The condition of 840 bindings has been mapped by the content partners:

### Staat van de band

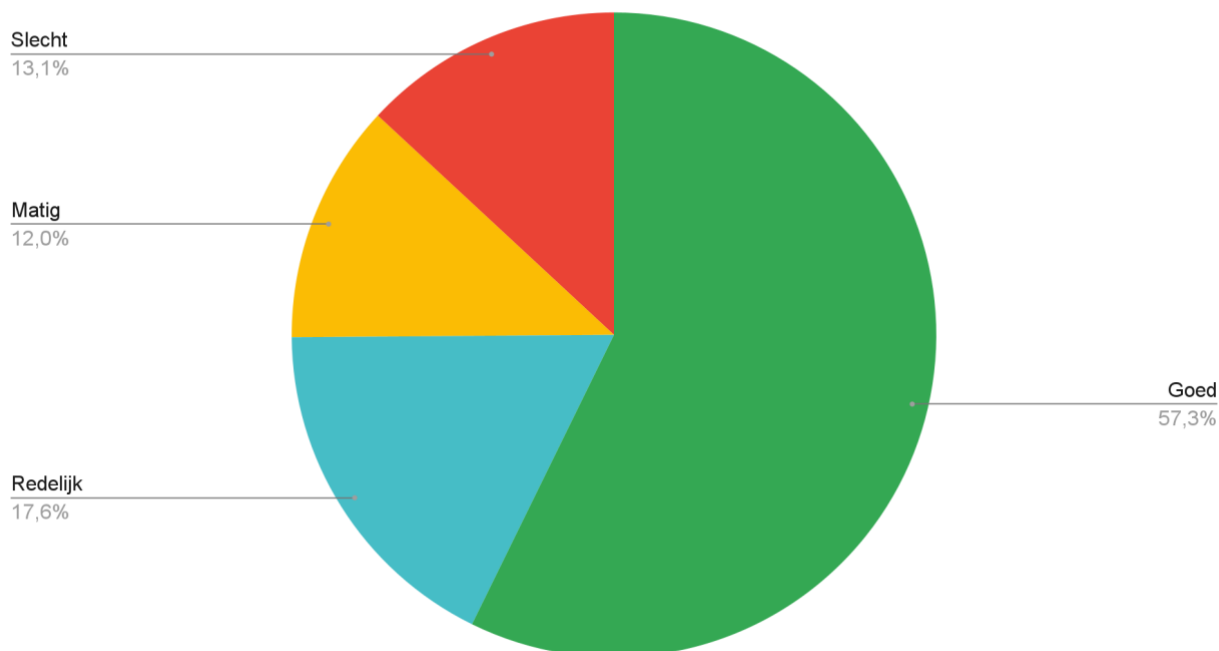


Fig. 2 – Condition of the bindings

- Good: 57,3% of the bindings
- Reasonable: 17,6% of the bindings
- Poor: 12,0% of the bindings
- Bad: 13,1% of the bindings

Explanation condition:

- Good: no damage, or damage that does not worsen with normal handling
- Reasonable: damage that does not worsen with careful handling
- Poor: damage that does not worsen with very careful handling
- Bad: Damage that could worsen even if handled with the greatest care

More than 99% of the bindings can be opened 180°.

### 3. 3.3 Physical condition of the paper

The condition of the paper in terms of acidification and damage is:

#### Staat van het papier

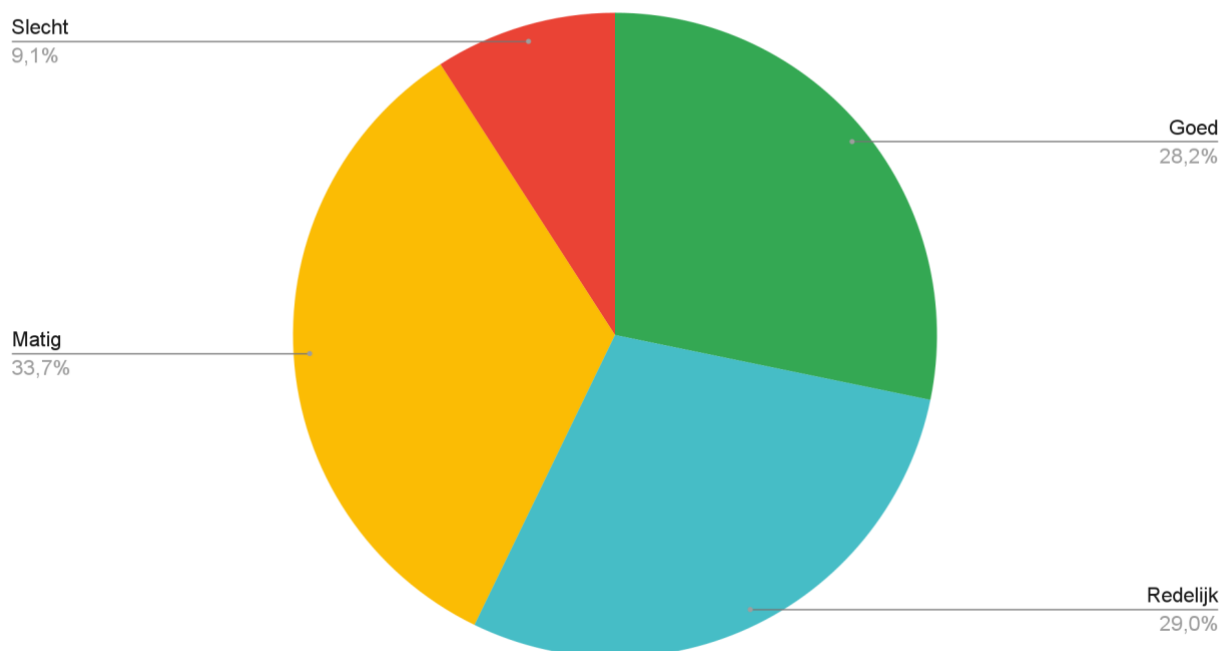


Fig. 3 – condition of the paper

- Good: 28,2% of the paper
- Reasonable: 29,0% of the paper
- Poor: 33,7% of the paper
- Bad: 9,1% of the paper

Explanation condition:

- Good: paper has little or no acidification or damage and is not damaged by normal handling
- Reasonable: paper has slight acidification or damage and does not sustain additional damage with careful handling
- Moderate: paper has moderate acidification or damage and will incur minimal collateral damage with very careful handling
- Bad: paper has a lot of acidification or damage and also sustains additional damage when handled with the greatest care



## 4. 3.4 Dimensions

The sizes of the newspapers are indicated on the basis of the dimensions of one page in cm. For each title, the largest and smallest size is stated. If there are no notable variations in size over the years, only the largest size is listed. If the content partner has provided further explanation about the dimensions, this will be mentioned under 'Comments'. The dimensions of approximately 14 titles are not yet known but will fall within the largest and smallest dimensions below.

Title	Abraham-ID	CP-code	Estimated number of pages	Hight (max.)	Width (max.)	Hight (min.)	Width (min.)	Remarks
De Vlaamsche hoogeschool	<a href="#">c:bnc:1651</a>	ADV N	380	37	27			
Het vrije woord	<a href="#">c:bnc:1747</a>	ADV N	608	43	30			
De vlinder	<a href="#">c:bnc:1748</a>	ADV N	200	41	29	32	23	
Ieders belang	<a href="#">c:bnc:1749</a>	ADV N	60	42	29			
De voorpost	<a href="#">c:bnc:1831</a>	ADV N	1.724	55	36			
De West-Vlaming	<a href="#">c:bnc:191</a>	ADV N	3.816	50	32	47	32	
De vlag	<a href="#">c:bnc:194</a>	ADV N	1.528	54	35	42	32	
De klets	<a href="#">c:bnc:2207</a>	ADV N	60	43	31			
Vader Cats	<a href="#">c:bnc:2410</a>	ADV N	372	41	26			
De Vlaamsche wacht	<a href="#">c:bnc:2802</a>	ADV N	392	39	27			
De klauwaert	<a href="#">c:bnc:2962</a>	ADV N	1.654	59	43	48	35	
De Leie	<a href="#">c:bnc:3006</a>	ADV N	656	43	29			

De Vlaamsche volkseeuw	<a href="#">c:bnc:3307</a>	ADV N	324	55	36	44	30	
Wit en zwart	<a href="#">c:bnc:3523</a>	ADV N	32	44	32			
Internacia	<a href="#">c:bnc:4334</a>	ADV N	552	36	27			
De voorpost	<a href="#">c:bnc:4754</a>	ADV N	64	44	30			
Het spoor voor de Lage Landen	<a href="#">c:bnc:4780</a>	ADV N	320	39	30			
Elckerlyc	<a href="#">c:bnc:504</a>	ADV N	5.900	44	29	31	24	
Signaal	<a href="#">c:bnc:5051</a>	ADV N	4.464	36	27			
Hamer	<a href="#">c:bnc:512</a>	ADV N	576	36	27			
In Vlaanderen, Vlaamsch!	<a href="#">c:bnc:5389</a>	ADV N	46	46	32			
De arbeidsman	<a href="#">c:bnc:6063</a>	ADV N	420	42	29			Many pages are not yet separated from each other
Arbeid en volk	<a href="#">c:bnc:6247</a>	ADV N	768	42	30			Many pages are not yet separated from each other
Rommelpot	<a href="#">c:bnc:644</a>	ADV N	3.264	28	20			
Vlaanderen	<a href="#">c:bnc:650</a>	ADV N	244	49	33	45	30	
De Vlaamsche nationalist	<a href="#">c:bnc:6526</a>	ADV N	96	55	36			
De wereld in...	<a href="#">c:bnc:7931</a>	ADV N	304	41	29			
De straat	<a href="#">c:bnc:9801</a>	ADV N	64	60	45			
De strijdkreet	<a href="#">c:bnc:11438</a>	AMSAB	236	48	35	42	29	
Voor allen	<a href="#">c:bnc:1352</a>	AMSAB	67.000	41	29			
De toekomst	<a href="#">c:bnc:1631</a>	AMSAB	620	62	42	52	39	

De volksstem	<a href="#">c:bnc:1670</a>	AMSAB	1.000	62	42	50	37	
De diamantbewerker	<a href="#">c:bnc:1806</a>	AMSAB	1.000	52	36	36	25	
De diamantbewerker	<a href="#">c:bnc:1807</a>	AMSAB	5.580	56	44	41	27	
De voeding	<a href="#">c:bnc:1828</a>	AMSAB	620	49	32			
De arbeider der voedingsnijverheid	<a href="#">c:bnc:1829</a>	AMSAB	212	42	30	30	20	
De werker	<a href="#">c:bnc:2364</a>	AMSAB	2.728	62	53	54	36	Smaller size inserts (various sizes), only a few copies between bound pages
† Kanalje	<a href="#">c:bnc:3771</a>	AMSAB	44	43	28			
De anti-militarist	<a href="#">c:bnc:5232</a>	AMSAB	308	40	30			
De eendracht	<a href="#">c:bnc:8705</a>	AMSAB	4.380	61	42	41	29	
De volksstem	<a href="#">c:bnc:9017</a>	AMSAB	484	43	30			
De onafhankelyke der provincie Limburg	<a href="#">c:bnc:297</a>	BHL	30.000	61	43	41	30	The second half of the newspaper sometimes has fold-out editions. The dimensions are then 47 cm (height) x 39 cm (width, unfolded). 1 out of 65 bands has a size change within the same band.
Aenkondigingsblad der provincie Limburg	<a href="#">c:bnc:381</a>	BHL	9.000	61	45	42	30	Sometimes there are folding leaves.

								Some editions are loose in the binding. Often pages folded inwards. When unfolded, the width is 39.5 cm. from volume. 2, the front page is narrower than the back page.
De Demer	<a href="#">c:bnc:384</a>	BHL	6.000	55	38	47	30	
De toekomst van Limburg	<a href="#">c:bnc:385</a>	BHL	2.000	61	42	54	36	
Gazet van Hasselt	<a href="#">c:bnc:388</a>	BHL	2.000	61	41			
De toekomst	<a href="#">c:bnc:391</a>	BHL	1.048	62	43	43	31	
L'essor colonial, maritime et fluvial	<a href="#">c:bnc:11466</a>	EHC	141	42	31			
L'Escaut	<a href="#">c:bnc:126</a>	EHC	59.368	63	49	54	38	8 of the 82 bundles have a larger size.
De gazet van Antwerpen, Vlaanderen en Limburg	<a href="#">c:bnc:1998</a>	EHC	15.230	59	43			
De landbode	<a href="#">c:bnc:2467</a>	EHC	7.850	43	31	36	26	
Jong Antwerpen	<a href="#">c:bnc:4617</a>	EHC	996	23	16			
La fédération artistique	<a href="#">c:bnc:5300</a>	EHC	18.512	34	26			
L'essor colonial et maritime	<a href="#">c:bnc:902</a>	EHC	13.713	57	42	42	31	1 of the 13 volumes is partly folded.
Het volk	<a href="#">c:bnc:39</a>	KADOC	621	40	29			
De beiaard	<a href="#">c:bnc:437</a>	KADOC	12.272	64	44	42	30	Dimensions vary over the years; measurement was done on a random basis, so any deviations are possible.
Taptoe	<a href="#">c:bnc:5913</a>	KADOC	5.056	38	28	30	22	

De volksmacht [ed. leper]	<a href="#">c:bnc:4964</a>	KADOC	20.400	44	29			
De volksmacht [ed. Leuven]	<a href="#">c:bnc:4976</a>	KADOC	10.400	47	31	45	30	
Journal des petites affiches	<a href="#">c:bnc:915</a>	KUL-BC	112.000	26	35	23	29	
Stad Brugge	<a href="#">c:bnc:2413</a>	OBB	3.800	65	50	60	45	Format change within the same bundle
L'indicateur de Bruges et de la province	<a href="#">c:bnc:2434</a>	OBB	1.378	50	33			
Gazette van Gend	<a href="#">c:bnc:3141</a>	UGENT	80.720	60	45	37	23	
Gazette van Gent en der beide Vlaanderen	<a href="#">c:bnc:6607</a>	UGENT	26.000	60	45			

Tabel 2: Overview dimensions per title