What is QED – the portal for sources and editions at MWS?

With the portal for sources and editions (QED) qed.perspectivia.net, the MWS offers its researchers the opportunity to publish digital collections of sources and editions open access and present them in an appealing way. The portal is built to fully reflect the international, cross-epochal and interdisciplinary research at the MWS institutes. By creating a scalable platform based on standardized procedures and open source tools, a sustainable and future-oriented software solution for the presentation of digital sources and editions in the MWS is provided. The QED platform is currently in the test phase with three pilot projects. It is based on the customizable MyCoRe framework using the same technology as our long-standing publication server perspecitvia.net.

Who can publish their data on the QED-portal?

All MWS researchers can publish their research data resulting from editorial projects on the QED platform. It is a specially configured repository for basic digital editions which have explicitly no funds available for a dedicated digital edition project. The data need to be submitted in TEI-XML (DTABf) with all the necessary metadata. At the same time - after early consultation with the MWS DH team - project-specific, tailor-made solutions for edition projects can be developed. This must be included in the project budget and depends on the capacities of our external service provider (VZG (gbv)).

Why should I publish my digital sources and editions on the QED-portal?

The QED-portal increases the visibility and reusability of your scientific work. The portal offers a cross-project search, various forms of presentation of the published material and export options in established exchange formats (TEI-XML in accordance with DTABf). This also ensures the possibility of harvesting from higher-level search infrastructures.

The free service (for all MWS institutes) includes:
- the operation of the platform by the service provider VZG (gbv),
- the presentation of TEI (DTABf) documents including images (manuscripts, archive material),
- the presentation of associated metadata (usually included in the TEI header),
- the assignment of persistent identifiers per document (DOI assignment and management),
- sustainable, long-term provision,
- the cataloging of publications at volume level in perspectivia.net (and thus the findability in BASE and relevant catalogs)

How do I get my data into the QED-portal?

Inquiries about new edition projects can be sent from all MWS institutes to the following contact address: fdm-perspectivia@maxweberstiftung.de
Further information can be found in the MWS RDM-Handbook (only in German available for now).