

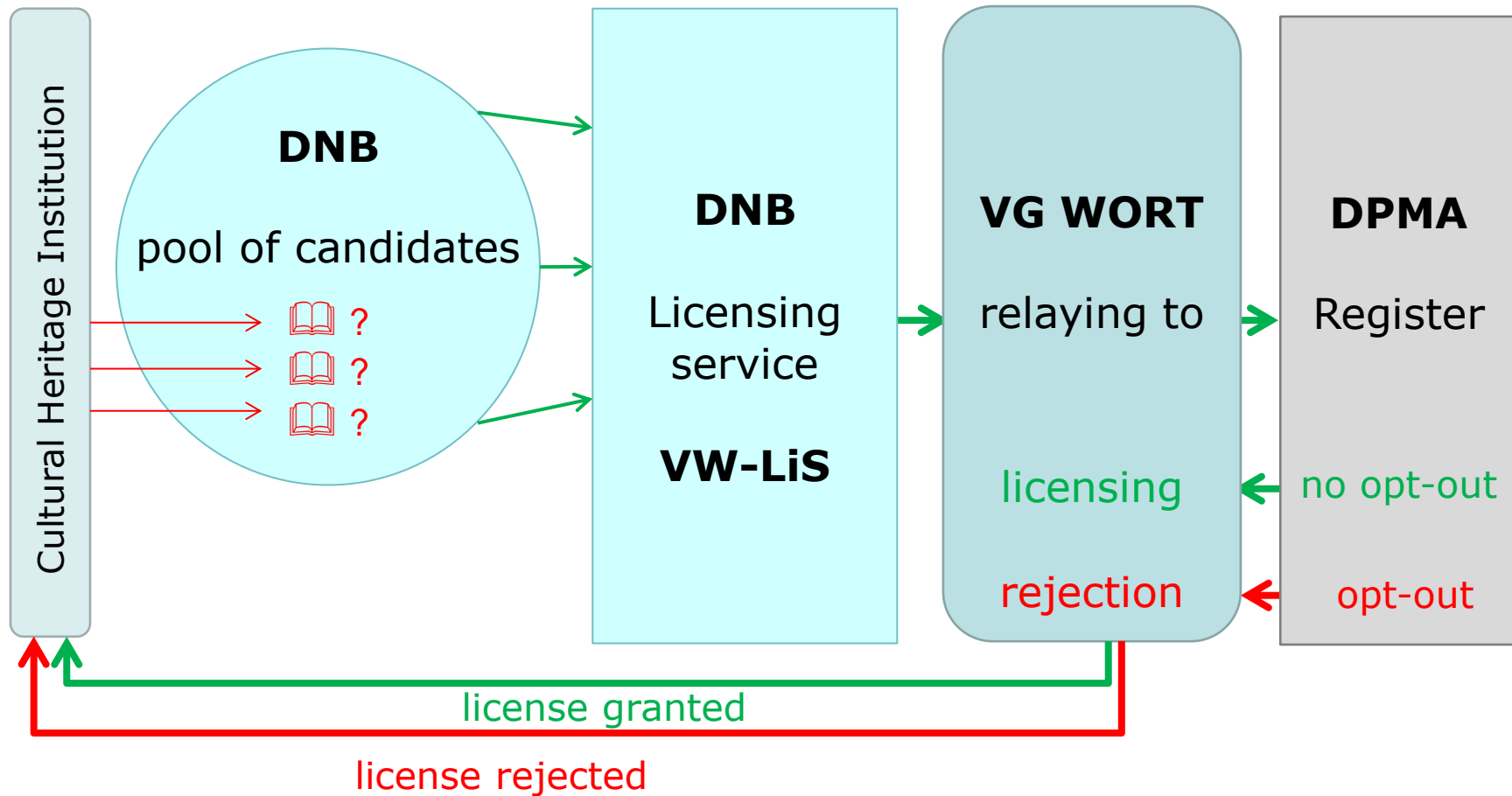
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# German National Library Licensing Service for Out-of-Commerce Works (VW-LiS)

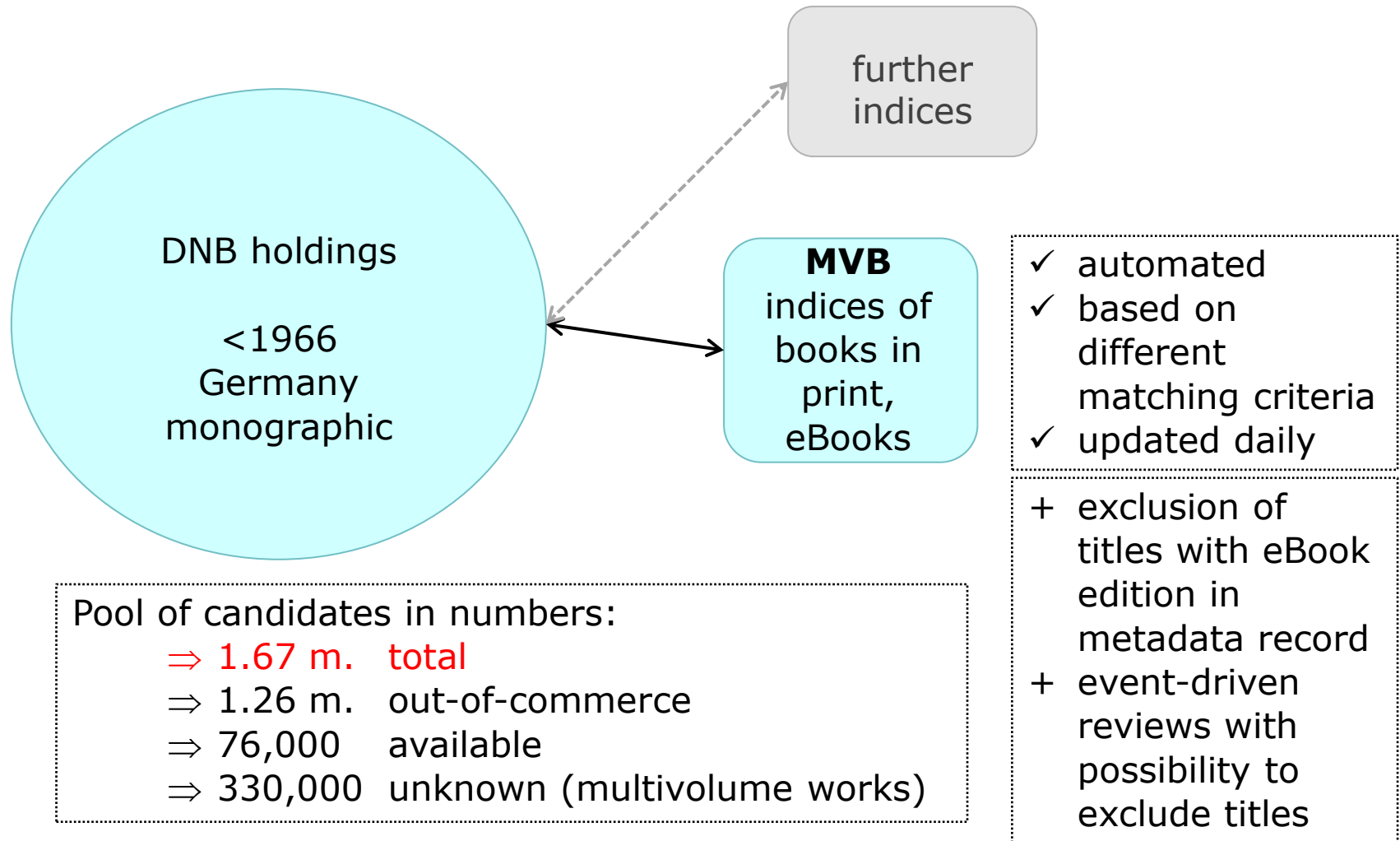
# German legislation on (orphan and) out-of-commerce works

- New law came into force on January 1, 2014
- For literary works, also with visual parts, out of commerce, and published before 1966 in Germany
- Libraries, archives, museums and educational institutions
- Noncommercial purposes
- Public register of Out-of-commerce works
- Right holders can object
- Remuneration
- „One-stop shop“

# Workflow VW-LiS



# Pool of candidates



## Next steps

- Extend pool of candidates (multivolume works; works not in DNB holdings (pre-1913))
- Documentation and quality management
- Periodicals
- Deal with ethical/ legal questions regarding mass release of works online

## Use of VW-LiS

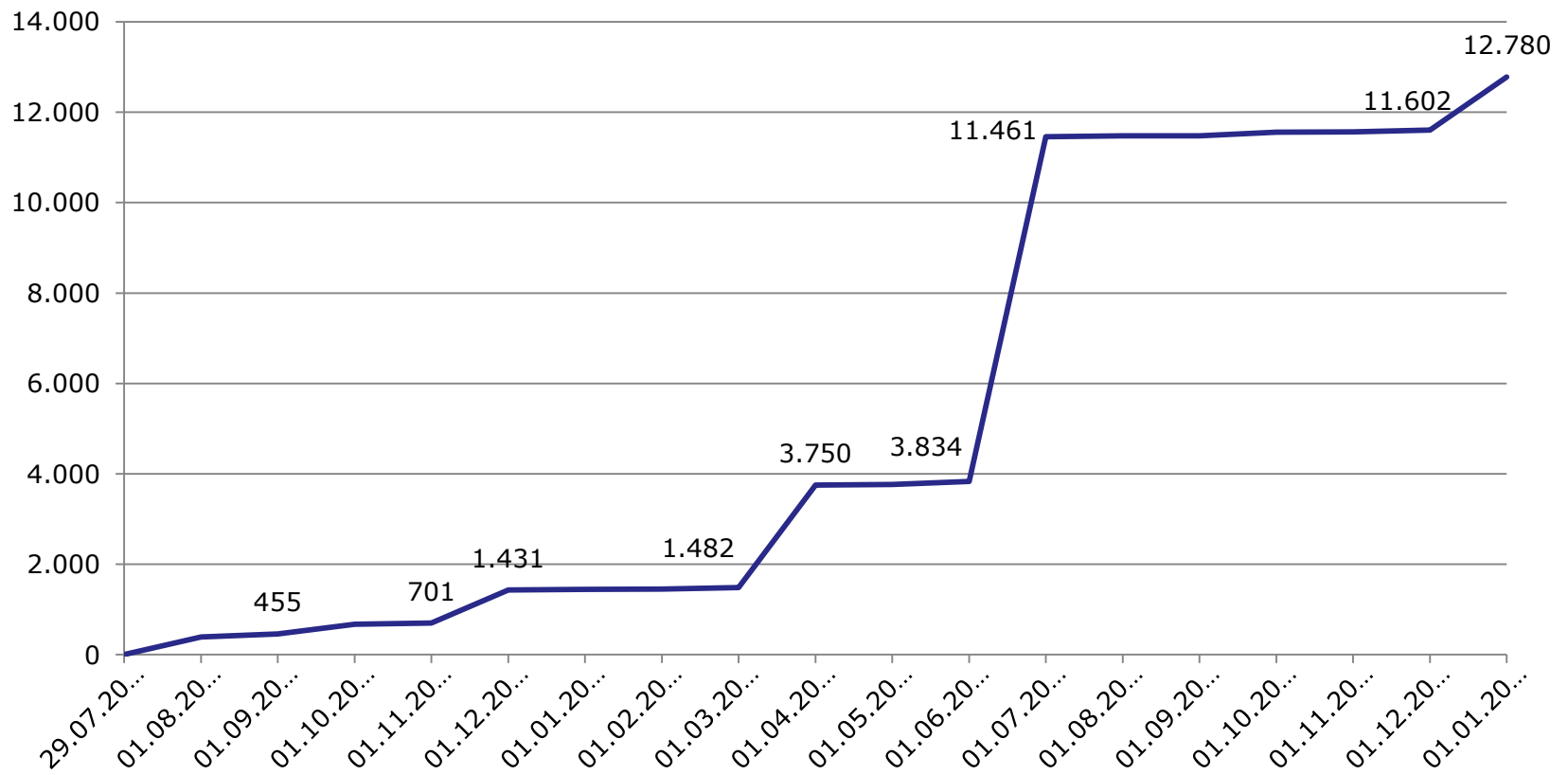
Registered for VW-LiS so far:

- 32 cultural heritage institutions
- state and university libraries, DNB

Reasons for licensing:

- content-related (projects, special collections)
- requests by library users (digitisation on demand)
- common goal: increase availability of 20th century material

# Licences Aug 2015 - Jan 2017



## More information

In English: <https://www.dnb.de/EN/vwlis>

In German: <https://www.dnb.de/vwlisfaq>

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