

## Press Release

### Swiss public records offices single out FAST LTA archiving solution

5 **Five Swiss federal archive offices commit their arcun project to the hard disk-based solution from the Munich storage experts – presented at the 8th European Conference on Digital Archiving (ECA) in Geneva**

10 **Munich, April 26 2010** – FAST LTA, the Munich experts in digital, hard disk-based archiving, is now a partner to KOST (“Coordinating Center for Long-Term Archiving of Electronic Documents”), a joint venture of the Swiss Archives, in its project on the centralized provision of secure and economical storage of its digital archives. Data from the five cantonal and municipal archives participating in this project are now being stored centrally, redundantly and unalterably. The storage experts are presenting this cooperative venture named arcun (meaning “storage” in Romansh, one of the official languages of Switzerland) – together with its Swiss distribution partner Eurebis – at the 8th European Conference on Digital Archiving (ECA) in Geneva this April 28-30, 2010.

20 The arcun project has four Swiss state archives (AG, AR, BS and UR) along with a municipal archive (LU) joining forces for the purpose of jointly acquiring and establishing ample storage space for their long-term archiving needs. Although these parties had previously been hard pressed to find a suitable storage system for their digital data, they now have a uniform, efficient and revision-safe solution in place. In the competitive bidding procedure KOST initiated for this project, the FAST LTA specialists prevailed over four other competitors. In commenting on why FAST LTA came out far ahead of all the other bidders, Martin Kaiser, KOST Project Manager, confirmed: “The FAST LTA storage system is an economical and reliable solution as an alternative to archives using conventional local storage systems or local IT service providers. Concentrating on a uniform solution ends up giving the archives synergy at so many levels. The WORM Adapter specially developed and integrated by FAST LTA also guarantees against hardware-level data loss due to misconfigurations or administrative errors.”

35 With its own technology, specifically developed for superior long-term archiving, FAST LTA provides all the necessary archiving hardware. The archiving system runs on a software which was developed by KOST together with the participating archives while direct data traffic has been enabled between these archives and FAST LTA. KOST manages the specifications, audits and collections for the solution as a whole.

40 Reiner Bielmeier, FAST LTA Business Manager, contributed his own thoughts on the KOST project: “Our storage technologies have been certified multiple times over and are not only being used in the healthcare sector, by public authorities and small to mid-sized companies in all branches of industry as an alternative to less suitable archiving media. Demand is also growing from various national as well as municipal archives. The members of KOST were looking for an archiving solution that would be

as easy to operate as a file server and allow the archives to save their data in multi-redundant, unalterable and revision-safe form. And that's exactly what we do! From Day One, our long-term archiving solutions were conceived for that very purpose.”

- 45 The technology employed is based on the scalable, energy-efficient Silent Cubes archiving solution Swiss distributor Eurebis is presenting at the 8th European Conference on Digital Archiving (ECA) in Geneva this April 28-30, 2010.

Technical information about Silent Cubes can be found at [www.silentcubes.com](http://www.silentcubes.com)

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