Greek Coin Types of the Propontis and Surrounding Regions

Who we are
The Corpus Nummorum Online is a collaborative project housed by the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities (BBAW) and funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG) and the Federal Ministry of Education and Research. The project consortium involves the BBAW, the Münzkabinett Berlin and the Big Data Lab, Goethe University, Frankfurt/Main. Our external partners include international projects, research institutions and museums such as nomisma.org, NUMID, American Numismatic Society, Bibliothèque Nationale de France, Ashmolean Museum, Kunsthistorisches Museum Wien, Pushkin Museum of Fine Arts, National Museum of Transylvania and others.

Our goals
Focusing on historical regions of Thracia, Moesia Inferior, Mysia and the Troas and taking the Berlin collections as a point of departure, our Project aims at building a digital Corpus of ancient Greek coin types. As part of an overarching project, Online Greek Coinage, it uses the principles of Linked Open Data and is open and easily accessible on the World Wide Web. The possibility of internal entry and data import, combined with controlled input by the users, will keep its record up to date. Serving as a reference tool for numismatic and overall historical research, the Corpus Nummorum Online offers protection against theft, thus contributing to the safeguarding of cultural assets.

Our methodology
The data input follows the model developed by nomisma.org, with every object and standardized metadata element receiving a permanent URI (Uniform Resource Identifier). Every database entry provides the standardized description of the obverse and reverse types, attribution, chronology, weight, size, position of dies, provenance, find context and references and is accompanied by an image. For enhanced standardization and identification purposes, a hierarchical iconographic thesaurus is being developed.

Join us!
We are open to collaboration with any research institution, museum or individual who are willing to contribute to this international endeavour with their data and/or expertise.