Legal deposit and repository library policies in Europe: collection for use or for preservation

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The aim of this paper is to examine the current European policies concerning the preservation of printed documents. Both the legal deposit and repositories are discussed. The results are based on an e-survey that was made at the beginning of the 2012. In addition the use and knowledge organization of these depositories and repositories are discussed. The authors present a model for a European co-operation in promoting the use of lesser used printed documents and for more efficient work processes, as well as, more economical storing. The results of the survey are analyzed in the paper and the suggestions to further develop the national and international policies are based on these findings.