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Masterpieces of the first 100 years of photography
All photographic processes that forever changed our understanding of time will be documented, from daguerreotype to collodion process to albumen and gelatin silver prints.

Multilingual functionalities for better search and retrieval in Europeana

Architectural images, landscapes, cityscapes, paintings, sculptures, archaeological sites to illustrate history, art history and archaeology across Europe

Public photo archives and museums, and private agencies working together
This unique public-private partnership will demonstrate how both sectors can benefit from their participation in Europeana: private agencies can increase their business while photo archives and museums can market their collections to an even wider public.

Fantastic historical pictures available for the first time to the public!

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