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THE NEW EU LEGAL DEPOSIT SCHEME:

what's in it for you?

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narrated by colleagues from OP.A.4 (Library and Preservation Services Unit) with
some guest star appearances



INDIANA JONES ... AND THE LOST REPORT



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Success and process

- Users and librarians: two different perspectives
 - Users like to find
 - Librarians like to search



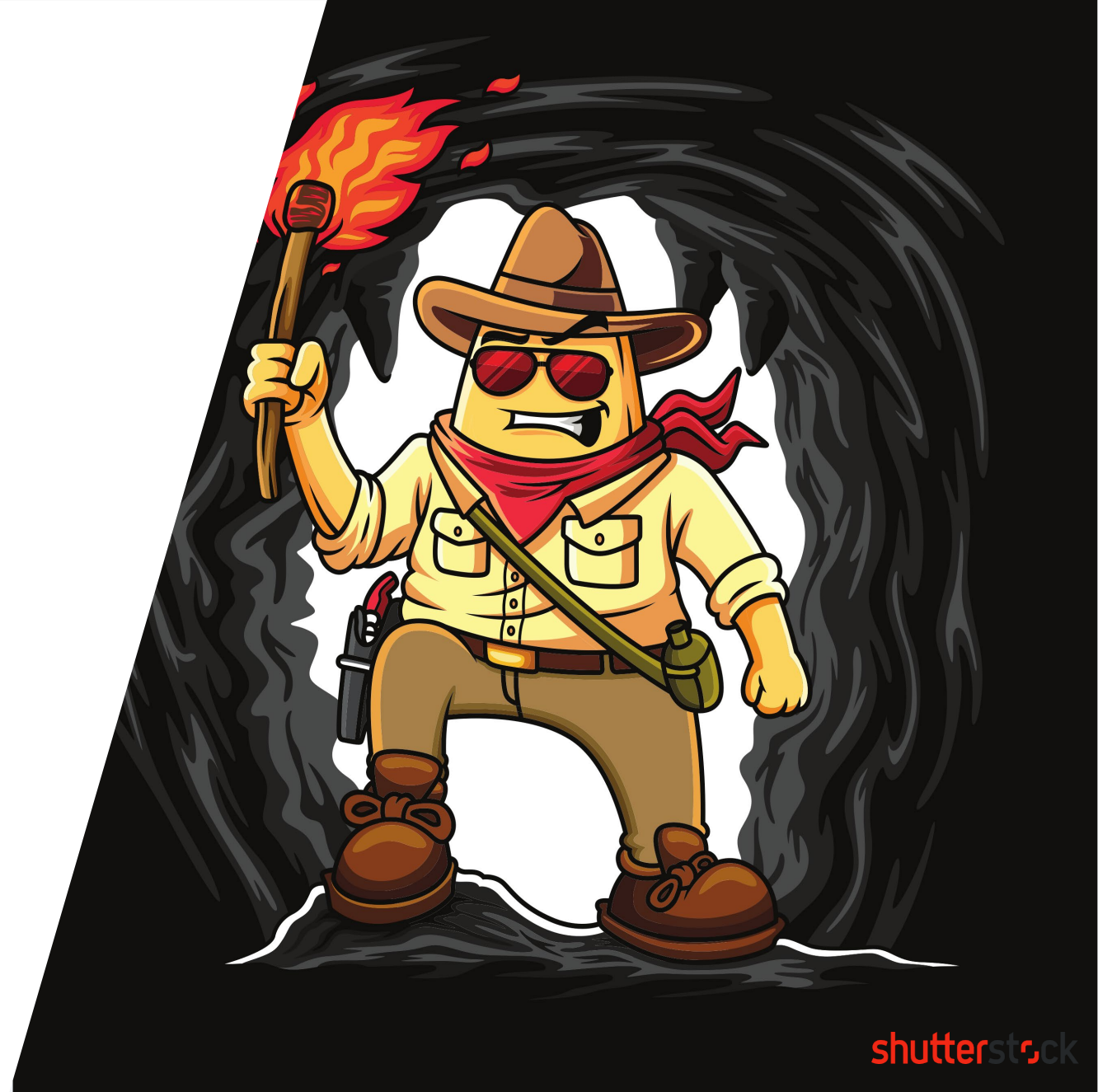
A satisfactory compromise

- Search can be challenging for the librarians
- Finding has to be easy for the users



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Overly difficult challenges



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A real case, a true episode

- External user looking for a EUR document
- High expectations, low immediate results



The EUR series of reports

- Reports published as a result of scientific and technical research programmes and studies funded by the European Commission.
- Assigned a sequential 'EUR number', starting with 1, up to, currently, about 31 000.

Neutron time-of-flight Methods

European-American Nuclear Data Committee

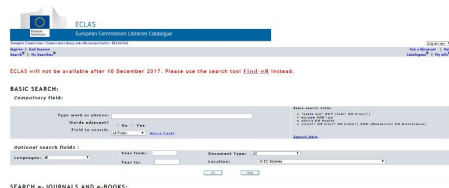
Surprise, embarrassment, anger

- Why the document was not there?
- A classic case of phantom reference?



Finding a solution

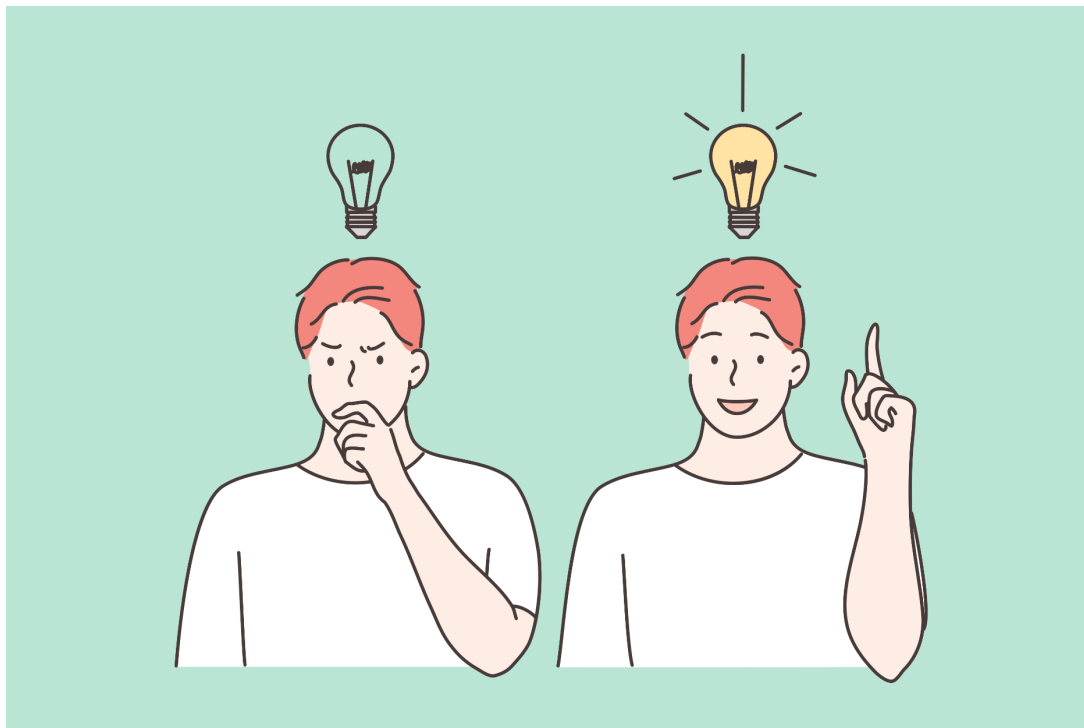
- Online catalogue
- Card catalogue
- Microfiche
- Network



Finding solution

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Finally, we found the report!



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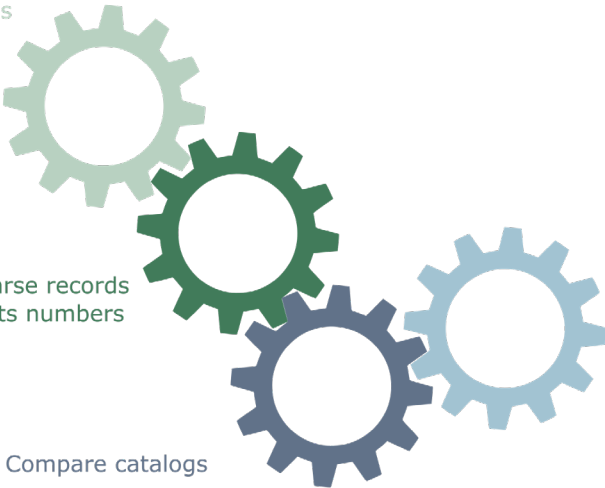


Filling the gaps

Extract lists from EC Library and archives catalogs

Analyse and parse records for EUR reports numbers

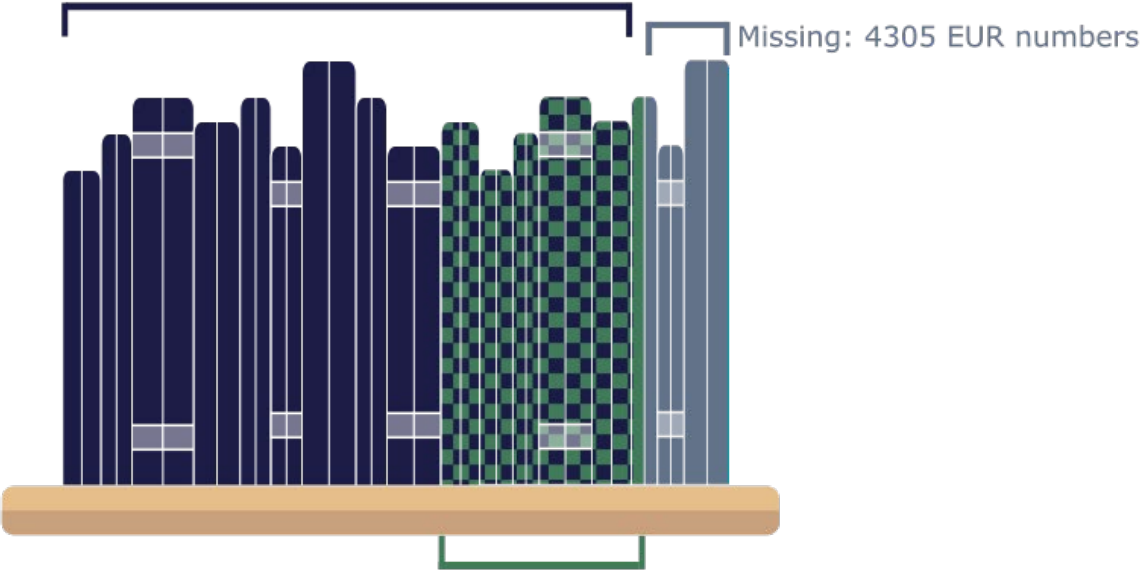
Compare catalogs



Output analysis table

EUR	cat	Physical archives	EC library	Digital repository
1	CDNA00001EN	X	X	X
2	CDNA00002FR	X		X
3	CDNA00003FR	X		X
4	CDNA00004DE	X	X	X
4	CDNA00004EN	X	X	X
4	CDNA00005FR	X	X	X
4	CDNA00006IT	X	X	X
5	CDNA00007FR	X		X
6	CDNA00008EN	X		X
6	CDNA00009FR	X		X
7	CDNA00007FR	X		X
8	CDNA00008FR	X		X
9	CDNA00008EN	X		X
10	CDNA00010EN	X		
11	CDNA00011FR	X		X
12	CDNA00012EN	X		X
13	CDNA00013EN	X		X

Physical/digital archives: 25.598/30.000 EUR numbers represented (30.143 documents)



EC Library: 8.512/30.000 EUR numbers represented (10468 documents)



Changing perspective

- Documents with no information value
- Documents can be found elsewhere
- It is not possible to have everything and to keep everything



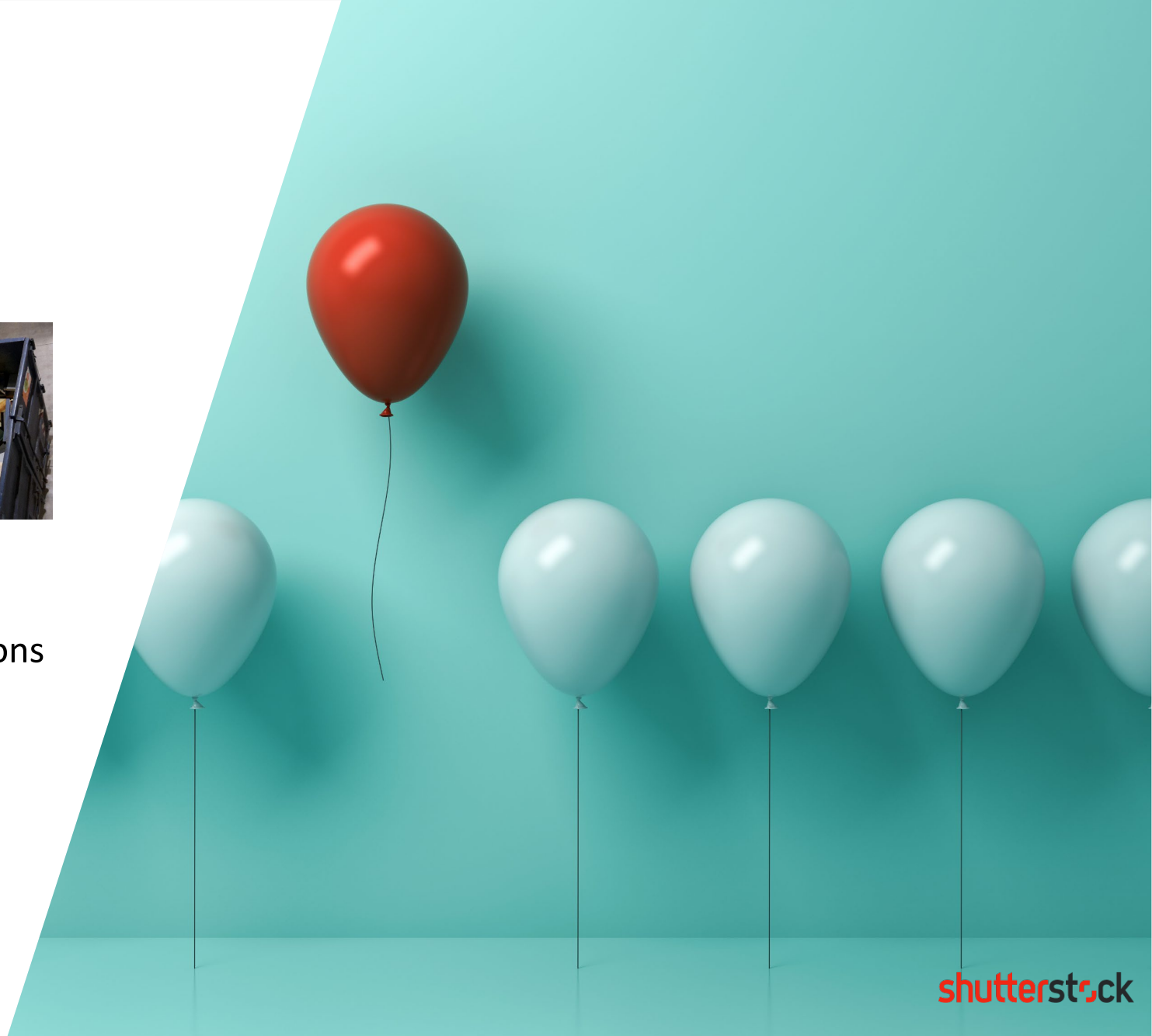
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Making a distinction

- External publications



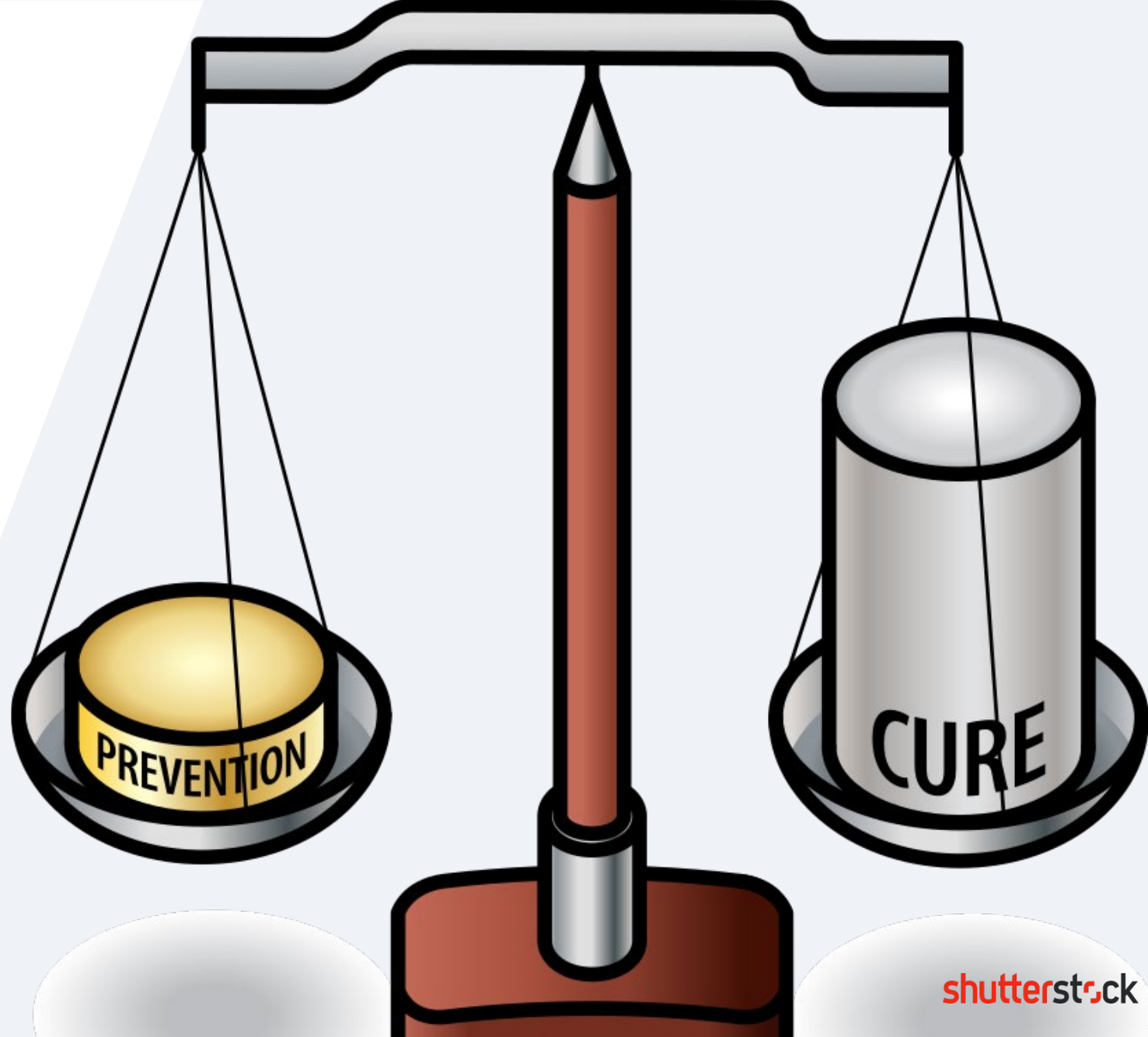
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Cure and prevention

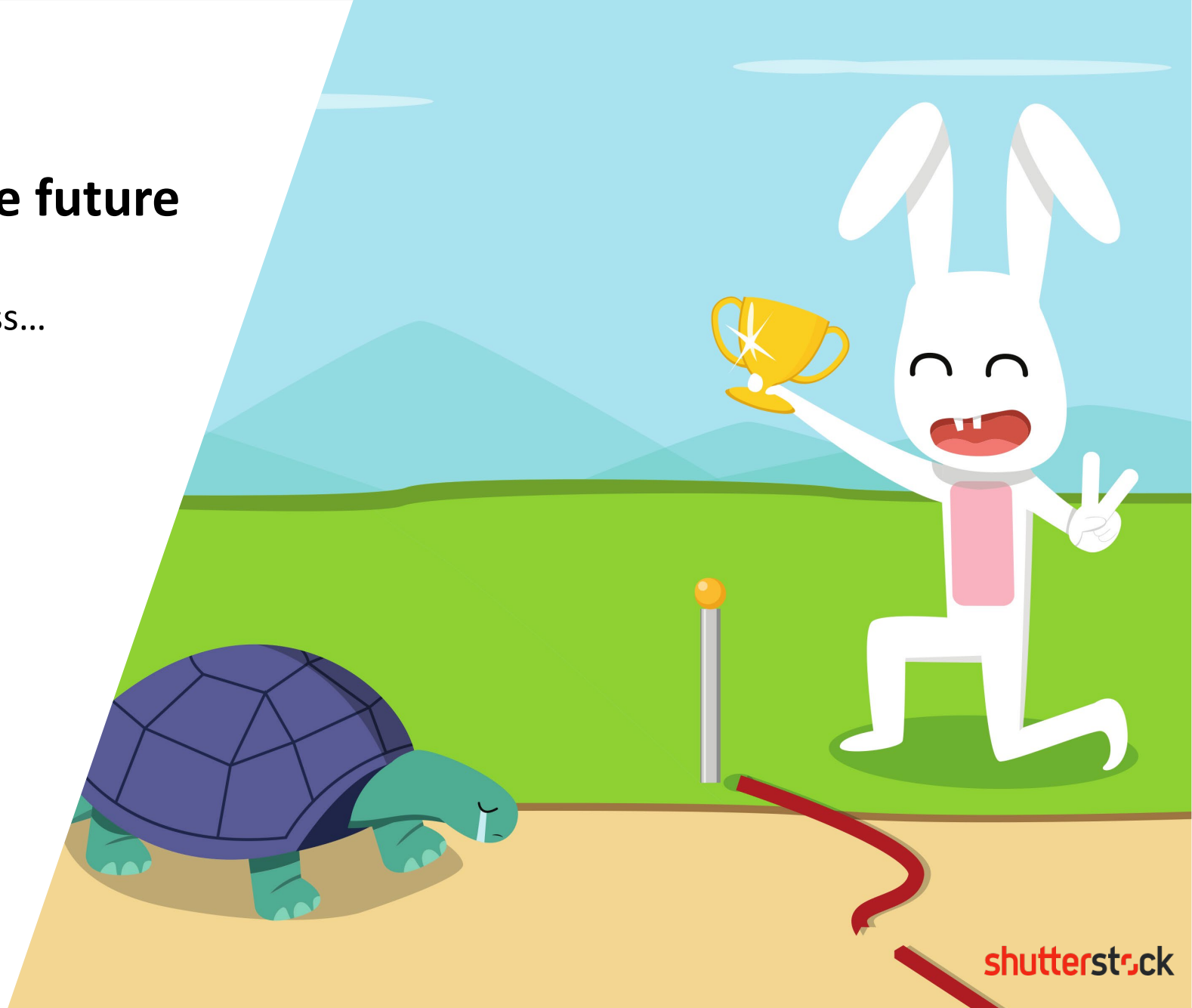
- For the past: repeating what we did for the EUR collection
- Reduce, not completely fill the gap



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For the present and for the future

- We are going to lose the race, unless...



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