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In the late 1960s, the Rhineland developed into a world-class art centre, with a high density of galleries. The ART | GALLERY GIS | COLOGNE was developed as a platform to scientifically research and visualize these developments for the period 1967-1997 on an empirical basis.

Methodologically, different visualization approaches were chosen for the platform: In addition to the digital, interactive map, which is the focus of the project, texts and statistics were also integrated in order to enable the user to take different cognitive approaches.

In two project steps, different data sets were used and processed in order to focus on the following actors:

**Kunstmarkt Köln > ART COLOGNE AND ITS EXHIBITORS**

*Source:* Entries from the Art Fair Catalogues of Kunstmarkt Köln > ART COLOGNE.

**PLACES AND PROTAGONISTS OF THE ART TRADE IN COLOGNE**


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**Map of Exhibitors worldwide**

ART COLOGNE, formerly Kunstmarkt Köln, was the first fair focusing on modern and contemporary art. Locations of its exhibitors worldwide were geo-referenced and visualized in a digital map via dots (magenta).

**Table of Exhibitors worldwide**

In a tabular list of all exhibitors who took part in the fair in a respective year the state and city of origin are indicated for each exhibitor. It is possible to sort the spreadsheet according to the various column titles. The table can be searched using the search function.

**Statistics**

The number of exhibitors were grouped in bar graphs and visualized in tabular form according to city and country. The development of the number of participants in individual cities and countries can also be tracked via line graphs.

**Kunstmarkt Köln > ART COLOGNE**

Context information on the Name of the fair, Duration, Location, Organizer, Square-Metre Prices net, Special Exhibitions and Auxiliary Programmes, Awards and Awardees.

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**Map**

Locations of protagonists of the Art Trade in Cologne (dataset: Galleries of Cologne) were geo-referenced and visualized in a digital map via dots (green).

**Table**

For each protagonist the name, additional information about the protagonist given in this respect and the address are displayed in a tabular list. It is possible to sort the spreadsheet according to the various column titles. In addition to the pure tabular display, the table can be searched using the search function.

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**Credits**

Cover above
International Art Fair Cologne 1974, view into the exhibitor zone, detail, photo: Rheinisches Bildarchiv Köln: inventory Koelnmesse, km_r0001668
Cover below
ART | GALLERY GIS | COLOGNE. Map, 1975, locations of Cologne protagonists of the art trade, display mode: individual locations + Cologne art galleries

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