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During my stay as a STSM grantee in Milan between 27th September and 23rd October 2015, I entered into a collaboration with designers from the DensityDesign Research Lab http://www.densitydesign.org/ at the Politecnico di Milano to explore possibilities as well as problems of visualization of J. A. Comenius' correspondence. With their help I identified visualization tools that are easily accessible for beginner user and experimented with them. I created a list evaluating these tools from my point of view and wrote a diary/blog describing my experimenting with the data. However I soon realized that formatting of the data is the key for every even the most simple of visualization and I learned some basic formatting skills. In order to help other scholars with little experience in data formatting and visualizations, I created a video tutorial that shows some basic data formatting steps as well as geographic visualization of Comenius correspondence in visualization tool Carto DB. At the same time I was also preparing visualizations for the collective volume "Practice of Scholarly Communication: Correspondence Networks between Central and Western Europe, 1550-1700" which helped me to get access to various kind of early modern scholarly correspondence data as well as to ideas and visualization requests of scholars working with them.