



## Europeana Foundation Governing Board Meeting

25 February 2016  
16h30 - 18h00 CET  
Teleconference

### Europeana DSI Project Progress

*Action proposed: For information and Q&A*

**1. Project Purpose:**

The core objectives of Europeana DSI are to innovate the aggregation infrastructure, boost the distribution infrastructure and work towards long-term financial stability through business model innovation. Europeana DSI will deliver the main strands of work of the Europeana Business Plans 2015 and 2016.

**2. Starting date & project duration:**

The project started on 1st of April 2015 and has a duration of 15 months (The project has been extended from a duration of 14 months to 15 months).

**3. Current status:**

- The project has been extended until 30th of June (pending official approval of the project officer).
- The Financial Report covering period 01.04 – 31.10.2015 has been submitted to the European Commission and the payment of 2.621.228,30 EUR, the value of the costs according to the Financial Report, is expected to be released by the Commission soon.

**4. Achievements:**

- Based on the Mid-term Report covering period 01.04 – 31.10.2015, the European Commission and three independent reviewers reviewed the progress of the project during a review meeting in November. The reviewers were satisfied with the current results, underlining that the project has a good progress towards achieving its objectives and reaching impact.
- From the beginning of the project and until now, Europeana has:
  - Designed a new portal (Europeana Collections), with special interest collections;
  - integrated the outcomes of the Europeana Creative project (the Content Reuse Framework and Europeana Labs) into the core service;
  - Collaborated with Apple Distinguished Educator (ADE) programme to develop an iTunes U course and a multi-touch book on the First World War;
  - Worked with policy-makers to set up ideas for connecting Europeana to smart cities;





- Worked on the interoperability of cultural heritage objects with different languages, different data formats, domains and rights statements;
- set-up requirements for a new aggregation infrastructure that is more efficient and future-proof;
- the Europeana Network Association has been set up to provide a legal structure for governance of Europeana.
- Europeana DSI has contributed to making available materials (e.g. white papers, data models, policies, reference implementations, etc.) that could significantly contribute to policy-making at national and mainly at European level (e.g. Europeana Licencing Framework). In this sense, the project produces results that have a significant impact on European digital cultural heritage policies.

**5. Issues of concern:**

- We have identified that both Europeana and project partners have an underspend on the overall project. Because of this reason we proposed the extension of the project with one more month, planning to redistribute the underspend to partners in order to ensure an efficient use of the grant.

**6. Future actions:**

- Distribute efficiently the underspend within the project.
- Prepare the Financial Report and the Final Report for the end of the project. (May-June 2016).

**Circulation:**

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