

# **Europeana Foundation Governing Board Meeting**

23 June 2016 16h30 – 18h00 CEST Teleconference

# **Europeana Network Update**

Action proposed: For information and discussion

# Overall update

Since the last update, the Association's activities have revolved around the follow-up of February's Members Council meeting in Copenhagen, the Working Group activities (mainly AGM, #AllezCulture, Data quality and Governance), and the preparation of this year's second physical meeting, to take place on 21-22 June 2016 at the Austrian National Library in Vienna.

# Membership

Current Association membership stands at 1,452 (number updated 03/06/2016).

# **Next Members Council Meeting (21-22 June, Vienna)**

This meeting will focus on reviewing the Association's role in the context of the Europeana strategy; define the Association relation to the Foundation, to the Office, and to the various communities by refining its mission and vision. The meeting will also focus on gathering the Councillors' input for the Business Plan 2017. Other agenda items are updates on the Members Council activities (incl. Working Groups and Task Forces), as well as a report from the Voting/Elections Working Group on governance.

#### Governance

A Working Group was set up to sort out the open ends in the Association governance, as well as to oversee the 2016 Members Council elections. The WG will present its results at the Vienna meeting, and will propose several amendments to the Association's Statutes, Bylaws and Procedures. The Members Council will be asked to vote on these changes; if approved, they will be put in action (for the Bylaws and Procedures) and proposed to the Governing Board and the General Assembly for approval (for the Statutes).

#### **Dutch Presidency**

The final version of the *Council Conclusions on access, visibility and use of European digital cultural heritage and in particular the role of Europeana*, adopted by the EYCS Council on 31/05/2016, incorporated input from the Association's Management Board and Council. Read the blog communicating the result to the Network on Pro.





# #AllezCulture Campaign

The campaign has been going on for two months now and still inspires active participation from the network and others outside it. One month after the start of the campaign on 27/03/2016, tweets with #AllezCulture had already resulted in more than 2.5 million timeline deliveries. Several Councillors have been very good at encouraging their national/domain networks, bringing Europeana and its collections to the attention of their peers. A wrap-up looking back on the campaign is foreseen for the end of June 2016.

# **Next Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

The next AGM will be held on 8-9 November 2016 at the National Library of Latvia, Riga. The Working Group has decided on five themes and has started to invite keynote speakers, two of which (both women) have already confirmed. Early Bird registration opened at the end of May.

# **Network Engagement**

Two Task Forces came to an end in May 2016 and are due to submit their recommendations soon: *Public Libraries* (MC representative: Sorina Stanca) and *Brokerage and Business Opportunities* (MC representative: Olivier Schulbaum). One new Task Force started its work in May 2016: *Audiovisual Media in Europeana* (MC representative: Johan Oomen). Councillors will review the recommendations of seven finished Task Forces, to identify the best integration of their recommendations into the 2017 Business Plan.

Six Working Groups are currently tackling issues related to governance, the AGM, Data Quality, Copyright, Europeana Pro, and the #AllezCulture campaign.

The Members Council Activity Plan outlines the activities and role of the Members Council for 2016, including the projected campaigns, communications and work in Working Groups.

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