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# MS37: Mission Statement for Europeana Software Development Platform

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## Revision History

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# Mission Statement of the EuropeanaTECH community

*Note: this is document is linked to MS37 Mission Statement for Europeana Software Development Community. (DoW pp. 37)*

1. Motivation
Europeana has limited resources for development so the intelligent use of the wider, largely voluntary, communities of researchers and developers and other experts makes use of the collaborative nature of the web and creates strong buy in for Europeana's sustainable future. The EuropeanaTECH Research and Development community that has built up around Europeana fulfills an important role in this context. EuropeanaTECH brings together a wide range of experts from the research elements of the Europeana network, and also seeks active collaboration with stakeholder groups outside the Europeana network.
This community needs to be facilitated to continue to meet, to innovate and undertake research needed for the future of Europeana. Such innovation and research is also beneficial for the broad cultural heritage and research communities. The Europeana V2 project (2011-2013) is responsible to put measures in place that will assure the success of the EuropeanaTECH community.
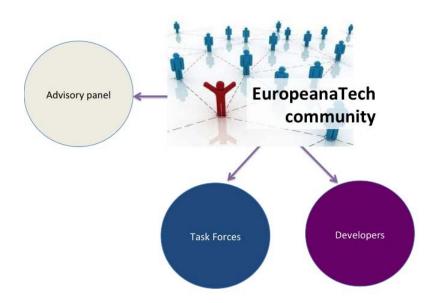The mission of the EuropeanaTECH community is to gather task forces on specific technical points (metadata display issues, extensions to the Europeana Data Model, etc) and foster a Europeana Software Developers Network.
EuropeanaTECH was formally launched during the 2011 Europeana Network event.[1]

1. Scope
This document defines the two main areas that will be the focus of the support measures put in place by EuropeanaV2:
- Task Forces
- Software Developers Network
- An advisory panel, consisting of ~12 outside experts



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[1] Presentations of this event can be found here: http://pro.europeana.eu/ccpa-network-meeting-2011

## 3. Success Criteria
EuropeanaTECH will be considered successful if:
- it grows into a stable sustainable group of experts from all relevant stakeholder groups, supported by a fitting organization model;
- it leads to clear and agreed recommendations for Europeana regarding its development roadmap in a number of key areas;
- it supports the wider Europeana network by supplying tools and expertise;
- its relevance impact is also acknowledged by the wider international cultural heritage and research community.

## 4. Beyond the Scope
Integration of outcomes of the activities of both the Task Forces and the Software Developers Network is not the responsibility of this workpackage, as it falls under direct supervision of the Europeana development team.

## 5. Deliverables
Relevant topics covered by EuropeanaTECH include but are not limited to:
- Applications for access provision, user interaction and user generated content. Examples are timelines, interactive maps, tagging games and annotation tools.
- Applications for metadata management (i.e. the back-office), such as metadata mapping tools, components for metadata harvesting, linked data publishing, recommendation technology, ontology alignment.
- Applications for multilingual access and translation.

Deliverables, within the duration of the EuropeanaV2 project, include:

**D1. Foster the R&D Community around Europeana.**
The aim is to set up a sustainable Research and Development community within the larger Europeana Network promoted by the EuropeanaV2.0 project (http://pro.europeana.eu/web/europeana-v2.0).It will develop the knowledge of the Europeana network in specific areas and will continue to help through advice and knowledge exchange the development of Europeana and the wider environment.

**D2 Establish the open source development community.**
The aim is to establish an open source Europeana network of software within the community of software developers linked to Europeana. Through a number of specific agreements and commitments the members of EuropeanaTECH will provide valuable support for the further development of the Europeana service, its use and impact.

*5.1 Deliverables of task forces*
We expect all Task Forces to submit to EuropeanaV2 WP7:
- a charter before the work starts, including a problem statement
- a formal deliverable stating the outcomes.

Note that task forces have a maximum duration of 12 months.

## 6. Dependencies
We foresee dependencies between the EuropeanaTECH community and the development roadmap of Europeana. The latter is linked to the annual business plan of Europeana. There is a product roadmap (based on the business plan, based on the DoW's), that breaks down the development roadmap. Acceptation of integration is based on sprint acceptation (agile) Given the above, it is of importance that the work in EuropeanaV2 in the areas of research and development are aligned with the business plan.

It needs to be noted here that this dependency is limited; EuropeanaTECH will also develop, or provide access to tools that can be used outside the Europeana service. The inventory of

open source software tools is managed by EuropeanaV2 WP7 provides pointers to these resources.

Another dependency exists between the software developers network and the Hackathons Europeana organizes. We expect these events to attract new developers.

*6.1 Related communities*

EuropeanaV2 WP7 has identified a number of closely related communities we like to collaborate with:
- Code4Lib
- LOD-LAM
- DPLA
- Open Archives Initiative
- Dublin Core initiative
- CIDOC

Representatives will be invited to participate in the Advisory Panel, and representatives from EuropeanaV2 WP7 will actively participate in events organized by these communities.

# 7. Participation and setting up the Task Forces
*7.1 Participation in the EuropeanaTECH Community*

Participation in EuropeanaTECH is open to all registered members of the Europeana Network. All interested parties active in the cultural heritage domain are welcome to register to the Europeana Network.

A registration form can be found here: http://pro.europeana.eu/network/apply

*7.2 Participation in the software developers network*

All developers in EuropeanaTECH can join the community of software developers.

*7.3 Participation in the Task Forces*

Europeana Network is positioned as an independent, grassroots organisation of stakeholders that brings together the voices of the community and brings them to the Europeana Board & Executive through the Officers to support the development of the strategic direction of Europeana. Europeana Network Task Forces deal with issues and problems from across the field; they reflect the opinion and development of content providers and aggregators and they respond to strategic questions and key opportunities.

More information can be found here: http://pro.europeana.eu/web/guest/network/task-forces

# 8. Communication
- For EuropeanaTECH day-to-day communicates the mailing-list EUROPEANA-TECH@MAILTALK.AC.UK is used. Europeana administers this list. Please contact Gina.vanderLinden@kb.nl and cc Antoine Isaac (Antoine.Isaac@KB.nl) and Lizzy Komen (Lizzy.Komen@KB.nl) to request access to the list.
- Information about the community (deliverables, participants, face-to-face meetings, teleconferences, etc.) is available from the EuropeanaPRO platform (http://pro.europeana.eu/web/network/europeana-tech/).