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EUROPEANA NETWORK ASSOCIATION

EUROPEANA RESEARCH COMMUNITY WORK PLAN

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1. STEERING GROUP COMPOSITION

As of March 2020, the Steering Group of the Research Community consists of:

Chair:
- Steven Claeyssens, Curator of Digital Collections, Koninklijke Bibliotheek | National Library of the Netherlands (The Hague)

Co-Chair:
- Maria Engberg, Senior University Lecturer, Malmö University (Malmö)

Manager:
- Alba Irollo, Research Coordinator, Europeana Foundation (The Hague)

Steering Group members:
- Erik Buelinckx, Scientific Assistant, KIK-IRPA | Royal Institute for Cultural Heritage (Brussels);
- Tamara Butigan, Head of the Digital Library Department, National Library of Serbia (Belgrade);
- Sara Di Giorgio, Project Manager for CulturaItalia, ICCU | Central Institute for the Union Catalogue of Italian Libraries and Bibliographic Information (Rome);
- Sergiu Gordea, Researcher and Engineer at Austrian Institute of Technology GmbH (Vienna)

2. COMMUNITY ASPIRATION

The Europeana Research Community aims to deepen the insight into the needs and workflows of researchers who use digital cultural heritage resources.

The members of the Research Community are encouraged to:

- gain a better understanding of research based on digital cultural heritage,
- strengthen the connections between cultural heritage professionals and researchers,
- share case studies and best practices,
- jointly work on issues of common interest,
- explore possible collaborations and partnerships for new (funded) projects.

The members of the Steering Group facilitate these goals by:

- providing communication channels for information sharing,
- identifying relevant resources, training material, etc.,
- participating in relevant workshops and meetings,
- fostering partnerships within the community, with cultural heritage and research institutions,
- presenting the work of the community at relevant workshops and conferences,
- helping to facilitate the work Europeana is doing in research related fields.

3. PRIORITY AREAS AND ACTIONS

The following areas were chosen as priority areas by the Steering Group for 2020:

1. Gain an in-depth understanding of researchers' motivations and needs when working with digital cultural heritage.
2. Provide cultural heritage professionals with guidance on how to collaborate with researchers.
3. Establish partnerships and/or working relationships with (1) the Europeana Research Advisory Board and (2) relevant organisations and research infrastructures.

In each of these areas, several actions have been identified for the year 2020. At least one member of the Steering Group will be responsible for each of the actions, mainly to monitor and evaluate progress on the activities and to stay informed of interesting developments.

The activities for 2020 are:

1. Finish the task force on research requirements by finalising the recommendations. (area 1)
2. Identify those recommendations that are easily implemented and take action accordingly. (areas 1 & 2)
3. Collect and showcase case studies and best practices based on cooperation between cultural heritage institutions and research (areas 1 & 2)
4. Identify and point out relevant calls for proposals. (areas 2 & 3)
5. Create an advocacy pack for presenting Europeana Research Community's work. (areas 2 & 3)
6. Create a close working relationship with the Europeana Research Advisory Board. (area 3)
7. dentify relevant programs, initiatives and research infrastructures, encourage them to share knowledge and results within the Research Community, co-organise workshops and webinars, and establish partnerships. (areas 1, 2 & 3)

The Steering Group has a monthly virtual meeting to discuss and assess progress.

4. COMMUNICATION CHANNELS

Twitter: The Europeana Research account on Twitter (@EurResearch) will be the main channel used by Europeana to keep the community members informed on a daily basis, not only about Europeana's or Europeana Research's activities but also about the research framework in which we want to position the Research Community.

Europeana Research Community Pro Page: The Research Community Pro Page provides the community with practical information, useful resources and (upcoming) activities.

ENA Newsletter: The most relevant achievements and plans of the Research Community can be shared through the ENA Newsletter.

Mailing List: All members of the Research Community will be invited to join the Research Community List.

5. BUDGET

Activity	Purpose	Cost
Active participation at conferences	Promote the activities of the community at relevant conferences and workshops	2.500 €
Mailing list	To facilitate more engagement and exchanges from the community members	70 €
Reserve list of activities		
Marketing and production of advocacy pack	Designing and producing the community's advocacy pack	1.000 €
Total		3.570 €

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