

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES 2024

ATTENDEES

- Management Board of Europeana Network Association including
 - Rob Davies - Chair
 - Sofie Taes - Vice-chair
 - Milena Dobрева - Treasurer
 - Marianna Marcucci
 - Ines Vodopivec
 - Juha Henriksson
- The Members Council
- The participating Members of Europeana Network Association
- Representatives of the Europeana Foundation and the Europeana Aggregators' Forum.

OPENING & WELCOME

The [General Assembly meeting](#) was held as an online meeting on 13 November 2024. The sessions were chaired by the [Management Board](#) members and focused on important Network Association (hereinafter referred to as ENA) formalities.

Rob Davies as the Chair welcomed 100 attending members, gave an overview of the core governance-related matters on the agenda and introduced the formal ENA reports that have been submitted to the General Assembly prior to the meeting. Sofie Taes as the Vice-chair summarised the following key activities that ENA engaged in throughout the year: mapping the network and developing the role of ENA members, roles within the Members Council, enhancing the role of ENA as a partner in project proposals, preparing the first ENA Outreach event, the country groups pilot, and optimising the cross-Europeana Initiative collaboration. Activity

highlights of the seven ENA communities were then presented by the community Chairs and Managers. Sofie Taes then outlined the ENA Strategy and activities planned for 2025, which revolved around the following six arrears: deepening the network engagement, advancing the data space implementation and integration, enhancing governance and collaboration, fostering global outreach and partnerships, empowering community-led initiatives, and cultivating sustainable and ethical digital practices.

Attending members then went through the process of provisional approval of formal ENA documents, and launched the 2024 Members Council elections and voting.

APPROVAL OF FORMAL DOCUMENTS

The Management Board members presented the minutes of the General Assembly meeting 2023, the highlights of the ENA activities in 2024, the priorities for 2025, the financial reports, and then guided the members through the provisional approval process of these formal documents. The online Members Council elections and voting were then launched at the end of the meeting.

Minutes of the General Assembly meeting 2023

[Minutes of the 2023 General Assembly meeting](#)

As part of the provisional voting procedure, the General Assembly was invited to ask questions, comment and approve the minutes of the Europeana General Assembly Meeting 2023. 83% of the attending Members approved the minutes.

Annual Report 2024 and Activity Plan 2025

[ENA Annual Report 2024](#)

The Annual Report provides an overview of key achievements in terms of ENA membership, collaboration efforts, community membership and highlights, ENA governance, budget and communications.

[ENA Activity Plan 2025](#)

The Activity Plan outlines current key themes for discussion in the ENA in line with the revised [ENA Strategy 2025](#), elaborates on specific priority actions for 2025, the current organisation of work in the ENA, and events and activities per quarter as foreseen throughout the year.

Financial Reports

Following the presentations, the General Assembly was invited to approve the Annual Report 2024, Strategy 2025 and the Activity Plan 2025. 82% of the attending Members approved the Annual Report, 82% approved the ENA Strategy, and 90% approved the Activity Plan.

[ENA Financial Report 2023](#)

ENA Treasurer, Milena Dobрева, presented the Financial Report for 2023, and provided a 2024 budget update together with a proposed budget for 2025.

In total, the Association spent €43,485 less (24%) than budgeted. This is due to the fact that many activities, meetings and events took place online. This also included activities of the ENA Communities and Task Forces which also spent less than anticipated.

[Interim 2024 ENA budget update](#)

Up to the end of September 2024, the ENA spent only 26.5% of the total budget. Most of the cost categories are currently underspent.

Launch of 2024 voting

[ENA Provisional Budget 2025](#)

The proposal for the 2025 budget is based on the Foundation's contribution to the activities of the Association amounting to €93,500, which includes a forecasted underspend of €40,000 from 2024, and a project budget of €4,000 for the ECHOES project. The structural annual budget for the ENA remains at €49,500 per year, in line with previous years. The General Assembly was invited to approve the Financial Report for 2023 together with a proposed budget for 2025. The Members approved the Financial Report by 93% and the 2025 budget by 90%.

The Assembly launched the 2024 Members Council elections and voting period. The voting period will run electronically from 13 to 20 November 23:59 CET. Juha Henriksson invited the present members to cast their votes, and to contact network@europeana.eu in case of any problem with the voting email or the URL link.



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