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Report of Task Force “Preparing Europeana for IIF Involvement”

In recent years the International Image Interoperability Framework (IIIF) has emerged as a set of standards to facilitate better and faster access to image resources on the web. It has been more and more commonly used in cultural heritage as well as in research institutions during the last few years. In order to further promote the adoption of IIIF by Europeana content provider institutions a Europeana Network Task Force or Working Group was advised.

In response to this, in late 2016, the Europeana Network Task Force “Preparing Europeana for IIIF involvement” was proposed and later evaluated and accepted by the Europeana Members Council on 15 December, 2016.

The Task Force start date was 1 January, 2017 with a planned duration of six months. At first, ONB and EF updated the proposal, taking into account the comments made by the evaluators. The next step was to designate the Task Force members which were:

- Antoine Isaac, Europeana Foundation (EF Representative)
- Christiane Fritze, Austrian National Library, (Chair)
- Claire Knowles, University of Edinburgh
- Emmanuelle Bermès, National Library of France
- Georg Petz, Austrian National Library
- Gill Hamilton, National Library of Scotland
- Gregory Markus, The Netherlands Institute for Sound and Vision
- Karin Glasemann, National Museum of Sweden
- Max Kaiser, Austrian National Library (MC Representative)
- Pierre-Edouard Barrault, Europeana Foundation

The Task Force members agreed on communication via Basecamp and fortnightly skype calls. For internal communication a basecamp has been set up on Europeana's Basecamp. One face to face meeting took place on 24 March, 2017 in The Hague. The skype calls took place on 13 February, 2017; 06 March, 2017; 20 March, 2017; 4 April, 2017; 2 May, 2017; 16 May, 2017; 30 May, 2017; 13 June, 2017; and 20 June, 2017.

Several members of the Task Force attended the yearly IIIF conference¹ in Rome from 7 June to 9 June 2017, Gill Hamilton gave a lightning talk on “The Europeana Task Force on IIIF”², Claire Knowles has been invited to represent the Task Force at the panel discussion “Building Community”³.

A survey on *Sharing Digital Resources* was carried out via SurveyMonkey from 3 April, 2017 to 28 April, 2017. It was announced via several information channels according to a predefined promotion schedule. The recommendations given by the Task Force are based on the analysis of the results of this survey as well as on lively, informed discussions between the Task Force members.

The outcome of the Task Force is the recommendations document and several annexes including the survey results and analysis, IIIF implementation examples, technical benchmarks and FAQs addressing the needs of Europeana content providers.

The final document including the Recommendations has been submitted for evaluation to the Europeana Foundation on 2 July 2017. The main recommendation is to establish a Europeana

¹ <http://iiif.io/event/2017/vatican/>

² <https://2017iiifconferencethevatican.sched.com/event/AHwL/lightning-talk-the-europeana-task-force-on-iiif>

³ <https://2017iiifconferencethevatican.sched.com/event/ACLH/discussion-building-community-room-3>

Working Group focusing on taking care of raising awareness and advocacy, community involvement and technical implementation strategies. After a positive evaluation of the report, the recommendations and all annexes are publicly available via the Task Force website, <http://pro.europeana.eu/taskforce/iif>.