

Israel and Europeana: a Digital Briefing



View of Jerusalem | Louis-François Cassas, Nationalmuseum, Sweden, Public Domain

Digital Assets in Europeana: 20,948 (on 17 January 2018)

Funding

Since 2008, Israel has not contributed to the funding of Europeana. To date, Europeana has not contributed to the funding of Europeana projects in Israel.

Participation in projects

Currently there are no Israeli partners in EU-funded projects that contribute to Europeana. The projects directly support to knowledge and technology sharing between libraries, museums, archives, software agencies and university research departments. The activities include delivering content, technology and knowledge to Europeana. It would be a positive outcome if we could get our Israeli partners to participate in this.

Aggregation to Europeana

Europeana Collections features over 50 million records of which 20,948 are provided by Israeli Institutions. Most records are provided by DM2E and Athena. All records aggregated by Israel can be found [here](#)¹.



Data Partners

The 20,948 objects from Israel are delivered through 2 partners. The largest Data Partner is National Library of Israel with 11,792 objects provided to Europeana Collections. The partners are listed below.

Data Partners	Objects on the Portal
National Library of Israel	11,792
The Israel Museum, Jerusalem	9,192

Openly Licensed Data

7,6% of the 20,948 objects in Europeana provided by Israel is openly licensed². In the case of Israel these records are shown with the internationally accredited Public Domain mark³, which gives a clear indication to users that they can use the digital material as they wish, incorporating it into educational resources and cultural tourism packages, for example. Openly Licensed data is important as it allows contribution of content to education, Creative Industries, exhibitions and the like.

Web Traffic & Usage on Europeana Collections coming from Israel

The strategy of Europeana⁴ is to increase use of cultural heritage data by placing the material where users are. This does require the data to be under an open license in the main so that education, research systems and creative industry users can access automatically.

	2015	2016	2017
Visits on Europeana Collections	17,445	12,685	9,119
Views on objects from Israel	8,654	6,385	8,162

- 43% of visits from Israel browsed Europeana Collections in Hebrew, 45% in English and 12% used other languages.
- The number of objects on Europeana1914-1918 when using the keyword 'Israel': 28



Highlight

Europeana Network Association

The Europeana Network Association is a dedicated group of experts working in the field of digital heritage. To this date 13 people from Israel have registered to become a Europeana Network Association Member.

Every year the Europeana Network Association elects the Members Council consisting of 36 members who play a crucial role across all Europeana's activities.

Also the Members Council appoints six members to form its Management Board, who sit on the Europeana Governing Board and represent the Network in the Europeana Foundation's executive decision making. In 2017, Susan Hazan from The Israel Museum, Jerusalem has been elected to the Members Council for the next two years.

Annex

¹ [http://www.europeana.eu/portal/en/search?q=%3A*&f\[COUNTRY\]=israel](http://www.europeana.eu/portal/en/search?q=%3A*&f[COUNTRY]=israel)

² Open data and content can be freely used, modified, and shared by anyone for any purpose - <http://opendefinition.org/>

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⁴ <http://strategy2020.europeana.eu/update/>