

## Latvia and Europeana: a Digital Briefing



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**Digital Assets in Europeana:** 143,347 (on 17 January 2018)

### Funding

Since 2008, Latvia has contributed €15,000 to the funding of Europeana.

To date, Europeana enabled contribution of €65,552 from the budget of the EU to fund Europeana projects in Latvia.

Partner	Project	Funding
National Library of Latvia	Europeana Awareness, Europeana DSI1 <sup>1</sup> , Europeana DSI2 <sup>2</sup> , Europeana Sounds, Rise of Literacy	€101,504



## Participation in projects

Currently 1 Latvian partner in 1 EU-funded project contribute to Europeana.

Partner	Project
National Library of Latvia	Rise of Literacy

This project directly support knowledge and technology sharing between libraries, museums, archives, software agencies and university research departments. The activities include delivering content, technology and knowledge to Europeana.

## Aggregation to Europeana

Europeana Collections features over 50 million records of which 143,347 are provided by Latvian Institutions. Most records are provided by The European Library and the National Library of Latvia. All records aggregated by Latvia can be found [here](#)<sup>3</sup>. The main point of contact in Latvia is Latvian National Digital Library.

## Data Partners

The 143,347 objects from Latvia are delivered through 35 partners. The largest Data Partner is the National Library of Latvia with 107,767 records provided to Europeana Collections. Other partners and records can be found [here](#)<sup>4</sup>. The 20 largest partners are listed below.

Data Partners	Objects on the Portal
National Library of Latvia	107,767
Latvijas laikmetīgās mākslas centrs (LCCA)	3,938
Turaidas muzejrezervāts	3,507
Ventspils muzejs	2,956
Ģederta Eliasa Jelgavas Vēstures un mākslas muzejs	2,135
Madonas novadpētniecības un mākslas muzejs	2,097
Viļānu novadpētniecības muzejs	1,958
Latvijas Nacionālais vēstures muzejs	1,758



Latgales kultūrvēstures muzejs	1,560
Salacgrīvas muzejs	1,520
Ainažu jūrskolas muzejs	1,399
Naukšēnu Cilvēkmuzejs	1,073
Latvijas Nacionālais mākslas muzejs	960
Valmieras novadpētniecības muzejs	941
VA Rīgas vēstures un kuģniecības muzejs	932
Ģ. Eliasa Jelgavas Vēstures un mākslas muzejs	863
Aizputes novadpētniecības muzejs	792
Jaunpils muzejs	788
Pāvilostas Novadpētniecības muzejs	767
Mākslas muzejs "Rīgas Birža"	736

### Openly Licensed Data

50,3% of the 143,347 objects in Europeana provided by Latvia is openly licensed<sup>5</sup>. 49,7% of these objects are shown with the internationally accredited Public Domain mark<sup>6</sup>, 0,1% is licensed under CC BY-SA<sup>7</sup> and 0,5% is licensed under CC BY<sup>8</sup>. 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 Latvia

The strategy of Europeana<sup>9</sup> 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	21,314	16,183	16,420
Views on objects from Latvia	33,545	34,796	51,499
Top item	<a href="#"><u>Latvijas ceļu un pagastu robežu karte ar valsts mežiem</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Latvijas ceļu un pagastu robežu karte ar valsts mežiem</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Latvijas karte ar attālumiem kilometros uz šosejām un lielceļiem un pilnīgu vietu vārdu sarakstu</u></a> <sup>10</sup>

- 40% of visits from Latvia browsed Europeana Collections in Latvian, 39% in English, while 5% used Russian. 7% used other languages.
- The number of objects on Europeana1914-1918 from Latvia: 5,101

## Media Coverage & Highlights

### Media Coverage

Across 2012-2017 there were 140 media mentions in Latvia:

- 8 TV reports
- 3 radio features
- 9 print reports
- 120 online

### Highlights

On 7 November 2016 the third Members Council meeting took place at the Latvian National Library in Riga. [Revised Strategy](#), [Association mission Statement](#), Task Forces and Working Groups, Thematic collections and voting and elections were on the agenda.

On 8-9 November 2016 the 'Show us what you've got' AGM took place at the Latvian National Library in Riga. The event was visited by more than 200 members of the Europeana Network Association. We had a line-up of ten amazing [speakers](#), 21 Ignite talks, exciting [topics](#) at nine Chef's tables and a visit to the Latvian National Museum of Art.

On 7-9 November 2016, the first international Transcribathon challenge took place at the Latvian National Library in Riga. The event was held during the course of the 2016 Europeana Network Annual General Meeting (AGM). Nine teams from across Europe put their transcribing skills to the test and presented their results to an international jury.

The teams were given 48 hours to transcribe a chosen source, and were judged for the transcription quality and quantity, as well as their presentations. After careful deliberation,



the High Jury, composed of Stephan Bull, Mia Ridge and Harry Verwayen, awarded prizes to the best teams in the categories of Transcription and Presentation.

#### Europeana Network Association

The Europeana Network Association is a dedicated group of experts working in the field of digital heritage. To this date 9 people from Latvia 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, Uldis Zarins from the National Library of Latvia got reelected, after being in the Members Council in 2015 and 2016, again and is also elected to be part of the Management Board till 2019.





## Annex

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<sup>1</sup> As a Digital Service Infrastructure, Europeana will continue to connect the online collections of Europe's cultural heritage institutions. Europeana DSI is funded by the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF). - <https://pro.europeana.eu/project/europeana-dsi>

<sup>2</sup> Europeana DSI-2 is our core project which aims to connect, as a Digital Service Infrastructure, the online collections of Europe's cultural heritage institution. - <https://pro.europeana.eu/project/europeana-dsi-2>

<sup>3</sup><http://www.europeana.eu/portal/en/search?f%5BCOUNTRY%5D%5B%5D=latvia&locale=en&q=%2A%3A%2A&view=grid>

<sup>4</sup><http://www.europeana.eu/portal/en/search?f%5BCOUNTRY%5D%5B%5D=latvia&locale=en&q=%2A%3A%2A&view=grid>

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<sup>9</sup> <http://strategy2020.europeana.eu/update/>

<sup>10</sup><http://www.europeana.eu/portal/lv/record/92072/8F82101D6DA7450747B05B6B51F55C237D81F53B.html>

