

## Introduction to the amended Association Statutes

Europeana Network Association General Assembly meeting 2017

### Action proposed

None - for information and Q&A

### Adaptations to the Europeana Network Association Statutes

The [original Europeana Network Association Statutes](#) required some adaptations which we would like to propose to the General Assembly. We hope that with these changes some current ambiguities are solved, and that other issues such as official language and goals are made more explicit.

As the Association Statutes require your permission, we therefore present you the proposed revisions.

#### Article 2.

*To add:*

The official working language of the Europeana Network Association is English.

#### Article 4.

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4.1 The object of the Association is to support accomplishing of the Joint Aspiration of Europeana:

We transform the world with culture. We build on Europe's rich cultural heritage and make it easier for people to use for work, for learning or for fun. Our work contributes to an open, knowledgeable and creative society.

4.2 The Association is the community that shapes Europeana. We believe in creative collaboration and teamwork. We are committed to making, sharing, promoting and repurposing Europe's digital cultural heritage.

We endeavour to achieve this objective by:



- using our individual expertise to encourage innovation and foster cross-border and cross-domain collaboration between people from cultural heritage, creative, technology, education and research areas;
- developing, validating and implementing the standards and frameworks that improve access and discovery;
- promoting Europeana's activities within professional networks;
- participating in Europeana governance and strategy by electing 6 members for the Governing Board of Europeana; and supporting and advising the Board regarding its policy and business.

#### **Article 8.**

*To omit article 8.2 and restructure the order:*

1. The Association consists of Members.
2. A Membership is personal and cannot be transferred.
3. The Management Board will keep a register in which the names and addresses of all the Members will be recorded.

#### **Article 10.**

*To replace the original 10.1, a with:*

- a. upon notice of termination being given by the Member.

#### **Article 15.**

*To change 15.4:*

Blank, invalid, and abstaining votes shall be counted as votes.

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#### **Article 17.**

*To change in 17.2:*

The Councillors shall be elected by the General Assembly from among its Members for a term of three years. A Councillor may serve a second term. Without prejudice to the previous sentence, if a Councillor is appointed as Chair, Vice-Chair or Treasurer of Europeana Governing Board during his second term, such Councillor may be elected for an additional term, to a maximum of three terms.

*To add 17.3, b:*

The members of staff of Europeana are not allowed to stand as candidates in Members Council elections. Vice versa, a Councillor that becomes part of the staff of Europeana, has to resign from the position of Councillor.

#### **Articles 27 and 28.**

In order to make the Statutes Procurement proof the concept *Stichting* has been changed into *Europeana Service Provider*.