



## Europeana Foundation Governing Board Meeting

23 November 2017  
16h30 – 18h00 CET  
Teleconference

### Decisions and actions from 28 September Board meeting

*Action Proposed: For approval*

#### DECISIONS

**Decision 1:** The Board formally appointed Elisabeth Niggemann - Director General of [Deutsche Nationalbibliothek](#) as a Board member taking the seat of expert and as Chair of Europeana Foundation, replacing Jan Muller, from 28 September 2017. The Board also appointed Brid Dooley, Head of [RTÉ Archives](#) and President of [FIAT/IFTA](#) replacing Jan Muller as representative of content holder associations for two years from 28 September 2017. Similarly [Axenia Boneva](#), State Expert at the Directorate International and Regional Activities of Bulgarian Ministry of Culture was formally appointed as representative of Member States under the Bulgarian Presidency until 30 December 2018.

**Decision 2:** The Board approved Papers Paper 1A, Paper 1B and Paper 1C : minutes, actions & decisions and precis of minutes of 15 June 2017 meeting.

**Decision 3:** The proposition in paper 2 was generally well received in its scope by the Board. 1) The terms Europeana operator / Europeana service have to be defined and differentiated. 2) A stronger justification has to be included why the chair of committee should be neutral / independent. 3) MS are also likely to wish to resist the EC having full control over the new committee. 4) The independent and central role of ENA has to be well defined and safeguarded in any scenario. 5) There is an agreed need to have influential individuals in the composition of the committee. 6) it is very important to have the EC onside. The revised proposition based on the above will be taken back to the Commission with the intent to get the two positions closer. The Taskforce will continue its work to incorporate the points from this meeting. The discussion on strategy will take place in the next phase of negotiation with the EC.

**Decision 4:** The Board unanimously approved the Joint Aspiration and Europeana Foundation combined Governing Board & Staff Approach as detailed in Paper 4. These will be read in conjunction with the previously approved Europeana Network Association Approach. The Board also agreed on the next steps to have the Aspiration and the Europeana Foundation's Approach stipulated in the statutes of the Stichting replacing the





old ones. Due to the timing and the cost involved, the change in statutes is deferred until the governance under procurement takes shape so all the necessary changes can be made in one attempt. The Management Board of the Network Association will bring the approved Joint Aspiration and ENA's Approach in front of the Annual General Assembly on 6 December 2017 together with other proposed changes for stipulation in the statutes of the Network Association.

**Decision 5:** The Board suggested and agreed to form a working group consisting of JLR, EN, AM and JC to look at how realistic it is to form a taskforce and explore what alternative funding mechanisms exist.

**Decision 6:** The Board agreed on the necessity to investigate how to protect Europeana against confidentiality and non-disclosure and asked Europeana Office to carry out an inward due diligence.

**Decision 7:** MK was appointed as chair of the DSI-3 Steering Board. The role comprises critiquing the progress reports and evaluating the risk assessment from the viewpoint of the Board as its steering structure, informing the Board of the progress / risks and making recommendations to help decide on responses to the review comments.

**Decision 8:** Representatives from the Governing Board and the Management Board of the Network Association should meet with the Evaluation panel in November. The chairs of EF and ENA to approach the panel to meet and discuss Europeana.

**Decision 9:** The Board agreed Europeana should demand a stronger role in its participation at European Year of Cultural Heritage.

## **ACTIONS**

**Action 1:** The procurement governance taskforce composed of PK, MHS, MS, MP, UZ, JLR and JC were reinstated to finalise the Governing Board's proposition based on the Board's discussions / decisions, and serve as a sounding board for Europeana Foundation in negotiation with the Commission.

**Action 2:** JC to respond to Juliane Thümmel informing her of the state of play concerning hosting.

**Action 3:** JC to improve the text and tone of the briefing based on Board's comments making it sharper and stronger emphasising the consequences and losses that the effective reduction in budget would bring. JC to share the updated briefing with the Board so the rest of the Board members can contact their CEF colleagues with the improved argument.

**Action 4:** LA to visit Europeana, meet with the technical team, suggest experiments and together write a statement paper on the state of play and formulate a shared research project.



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