



Europeana Foundation Governing Board Meeting

16 November 2016
16h30 – 18h00 CET
Teleconference Call

Europeana Network Association Update

Action proposed: For information

Overall update

Since the last update, the Association's activities have revolved around the set-up of the AGM 2016, the preparations for the next Members Council meeting in November and the 2016 voting and elections to be launched on November 8 at the AGM.

Membership

Current Association membership stands at 1,561 (number updated on 31 October 2016).

3rd Members Council Meeting (7 November, Riga)

This meeting will [focus](#) on several topics:

- refining the mission of Europeana Network Association, and discussing Europeana's new strategic positioning
- Assessing the Councillors experience after their 2 years mandate and refine the MC resources and tools accordingly
- Setting up new Working Groups and Task Forces
- Other agenda items are updates on the upcoming voting and elections process.

Annual General Meeting 2016 ([AGM](#))

Europeana Network Association General Assembly, Europeana Business Plan 2016- 2017, Innovating the Aggregation Landscape, Impact and Sustainability, and EuropeanaTech and R&D are the 5 tracks structuring the [AGM programme](#).

Our opening keynote is going to be [Dan Cohen](#), from DPLA. [Lora Aroyo](#), from the Vrije Universiteit in Amsterdam, and [Markus Krötzsch](#), from the Technical University in Dresden, will complement the first day of the AGM. On day two, [Joan Cobb](#), from the Getty Research Institute, will kick-start the day followed by [Shawn Averkamp](#), from New York Public Library Labs, followed by [Effie Kapsalis](#) from the Smithsonian Institute Archives. [Mia Ridge](#), from the British Library, will be our closing keynote speaker.





Early Bird registration for the AGM opened at the end of May, and a communications campaign with the support from the Councillors allowed us to reach close to 190 registrants at the end of October. The championing of the [AGM Working Group](#) has been instrumental:

Blog 1 - May 2016: [Save the date! Europeana Network Association AGM 2016 set for 8-9 November](#)

Blog 2 - September 2016 : [“Show us what you’ve got” – The AGM Programme unveiled](#)

Blog 3 - October 2016: <http://pro.europeana.eu/blogpost/show-us-what-you-ve-got-the-practical-details>

2016 Voting and Members Council Elections

This year’s Members Council elections will run from 8 to 14 November, with 28 seats up for election and results communicated on November 21. There will be 36 Members Council in 2017. Association Members were invited to come forward as candidates on 9 September; the deadline for the submission of candidacies was 11 October, giving all candidates the chance to campaign for three weeks until the elections are launched during the AGM.

[48 candidates](#) came forward following a 2 month awareness exercise involving Joke van der Leeuw - MB, Rolf Kallman - MB, Emmanuelle Bermes - MC, Laura Carletti - MC from the [Voting and Elections Working Group](#). The candidates are currently campaigning for elections.

In addition to the Members Council elections, Association Members will be asked to vote on the approval of several legally required Association documents:

Paper 1: [Minutes of the 2015 meeting of the General Assembly](#)

Paper 2: [Association amended statutes](#)

Paper 3: [Introduction to amended Association statutes](#)

Paper 4: [Association financial report 2015](#)

Paper 5: [Association financial update 2016](#)

Paper 6: [Association provisional budget 2017](#)

Paper 7: [Association annual report 2015-2016](#)

Paper 8: [Association activity plan 2017](#)

Blog 1 - May 2016: [Never mind those other elections!](#)

Blog 2 - September 2016 : [Come forward and become a Members Council 2016 candidate](#)

Blog 3 - October 2016: [Fabulous turn-out: 48 candidates in the starting blocks for 2016 MC elections](#)

Hero image on Europeana Pro platform:





Europeana Vision and Association Mission

At the Vienna meeting, the Members Council discussed the role of the Association within the wider Europeana ecosystem, as well as interaction within the Association, and its collaboration with Europeana Foundation. A Working Group was set up to further evaluate the role of the Association in the light of current and future developments, to work on updating the Association's Mission Statement, and to contribute ideas for a revised general Europeana Vision Statement. The group is working in conjunction with the Foundation's Strategy Team and the following phases will be discussed with all Councillors at the next physical meeting in Riga.

Governance

The Voting/Elections Working Group proposed amendments to the Statutes that are submitted to the General Assembly for approval on November 8 (See [Paper 2](#) and [Paper 3](#) above).

Network Engagement

There is currently one active Task Force: Audiovisual Media in Europeana (MC representative: Johan Oomen); new Task Forces are currently being set in motion and a call towards the network was issued in October 2016.

Six Working Groups are currently tackling issues related to governance, the AGM, Data Quality, Copyright, Europeana Pro, and the #AllezCulture campaign. The [Members Council Activity Plan](#) outlines the activities and role of the Members Council

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