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### MS1.3: AGGREGATOR FORUM MEETING

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## **Aggregator Forum meeting October 2016**

The second Aggregator Forum meeting of 2016 was co-organised by EF and the German Digital Library (DDB) in Frankfurt am Main from 5-6 October 2016. Sixty-five colleagues representing 28 aggregators and EF attended these one-and-a-half-days long workshops in the German National Library. We worked extensively on the future role of domain and thematic aggregators, becoming expert hubs of the Europeana DSI. In discussing the role of aggregators in the Europeana ecosystem it was agreed that a permanent aggregators working group under the Europeana Network Association would ensure a better collaboration between aggregators and between aggregators and EF. A summary of the main goals, the agenda, key outcomes, and actions of the meeting can be found on the following pages, which are also available [online](#).

# Aggregator Forum

5-6 October 2016 | Frankfurt/Main, Germany



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# Aggregator Forum

## Aims and scope

- To review the roles and responsibilities of aggregators and their relationship with each other and Europeana
- To provide opportunities for aggregators to share experiences, best practices and use cases
- To provide updates on Europeana strategy and recent developments

# Aggregator Forum

## Who attended

- 28 aggregators were represented by
- 65 attendants from
- 19 countries
- + Europeana Data Partner Services team
- + 4 more members from the Europeana Office

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Agenda items with presentations

- [Council Conclusions and Europeana Strategy](#)
- [Roles in the aggregation network](#)
- DDB's domain desks and (sub-)aggregators ([DDB](#), [museum](#), [archive](#), [library](#))
- National aggregators' [Memorandum of Understanding](#)
- Future of domain/thematic aggregators
- [Ingest clinic](#)
- National and domain aggregators: matching scenarios



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Agenda items with presentations

- [Europeana ecosystem and aggregators' role in the Europeana Network Association](#)
- [Europeana Content Strategy](#)
- [Putting the Europeana Publishing Framework to practice](#)
- [Metis for aggregators](#)
- [Update on Operation Direct](#)
- DDB Open Studios

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## Key outcomes - Domain/thematic aggregators

- Recommendation: In principle all domain aggregators will move to a shared technical infrastructure.
- Several of the current activities of domain/thematic aggregators will be automated under the shared technical infrastructure. Current domain/thematic aggregators will become expert hubs and focus on the following activities (actual development of activities depends on the domain, community and institutions involved): ⇒ see next slide

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## Key outcomes - Domain/thematic aggregators

### Overview of Expert Hub activities:

- Engage with institutions and advocate the participation in Europeana
- Training institutions and organise training workshops
- Maintain, develop and foster domain standards, vocabularies and resources
- Provide and share knowledge, best practice, success stories with institutions, Europeana and national aggregators
- Evaluate data from institutions, incl mapping within the specific domain
- Evaluate infrastructure / technical capabilities of individual data providers
- Guidance for institutions (incl. legal requirement)
- Rights & IPR assistance / training / support
- Encourage open access to hi-res content
- Promote Europeana and the activities of the Europeana Network Association
- Coordinate and mediate for and between institutions (and Europeana DSI)
- Personal and individual support through the whole process, incl helpdesk service
- Normalisation and improvement of domain specific information
- Understanding the landscape and the evolution of technologies for communication with relevant bodies and Europeana

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## Key outcomes - National aggregators

- The draft for [the Memorandum of Understanding](#) was very well received and almost unanimously agreed upon by the national aggregators. They wish to proceed with finalising and signing the MoU no later than the next Aggregator Forum meeting.
- There was some critique from Domain Aggregators and Europeana Foundation needs to suggest some alterations before we can finalise the MoU.

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## Key outcomes - Matching scenarios

- Action: Prepare inventory of aggregators incl main contacts, key areas of expertise (metadata schemas) and role / mission; to be shared with all aggregators
  - to understand the environment and landscape we are working in
  - to facilitate more interaction and communication
  - to develop a step-by-step guide / decision tree for institutions who to work with to publish in Europeana

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## Key outcomes - Aggregators in the Network

- Action: Set up a permanent aggregators' working group under the Europeana Network Association. This is on the agenda of the next Members Council meeting on 7 Nov 2016 in Riga.
- Action: Explore how the Communicators Group can help to improve communication between aggregators.



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## Other material and links

- Aggregator Forum Basecamp  
<https://basecamp.com/1768384/projects/1000684>
- Europeana Professional space for data partners  
<http://pro.europeana.eu/share-your-data/>

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Thank you for attending and contributing

- Questions
- Comments
- Feedback
- Please contact [henning.scholz@europeana.eu](mailto:henning.scholz@europeana.eu)
- See you in The Hague in April/May 2017