



## Europeana Foundation Governing Board Meeting

6 April 2017  
16h30 – 18h00 CEST  
Teleconference

### Actions & Decisions of 6 April 2017 Meeting

*Action proposed: Board to approve*

#### **DECISIONS**

**Decision 1:** The Board approved the minutes of last meeting subject to three corrections, and approved the actions and decisions and the précis of last meeting minutes.

**Decision 2:** The Board decided that the public précis of the minutes which are currently being published before being formally approved by the Board, will be read and approved by the Chair prior to public dissemination.

**Decision 3:** The Board appointed Monika Hagedorn-Saupe (SPK), Jeannette Frey (LIBER) and Karin van Honacker (EURBICA) with the majority of cast votes to represent Content Holder Associations from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2019 alongside Jan Muller (The Netherlands Institute of Sound & Vision).

**Decision 4:** The Board agreed to *a)* defer the discussion on the expert nominees to the next meeting in June, subject to more comprehensive information and reasoning about each nominee; *b)* possibly postpone the election of the expert until the next physical meeting in September when final discussion and voting can be conducted effectively and *c)* accept non-EU (in this case American) nominees and see if the Board votes for these nominees.

**Decision 5:** In view of the fact that all Board members including those not present in this meeting should be given the opportunity to express their wish to stand for the position of Vice Chair, the final decision and vote was deferred to the next meeting on 15 June.

**Decision 6:** The Board provisionally approved the taskforce's proposed approach for Europeana Foundation Governing Board:

*"Europeana is an initiative of the Member States, funded by the European Commission and supported by European Parliament.*

*As the Governing Board of Europeana we work for and coordinate the cultural and scientific heritage sector, realising the vision of a common digital platform. We decide on*





*strategy, approve and prioritise the yearly activities of Europeana. We are a catalyst for change. To do this we:  
uphold the values of working as a cultural commons, support the public domain and make sure that everything we do is usable, mutual, reliable;  
share Europe's digital heritage through encouragement of digitisation;  
create frameworks for interoperability, quality and measurement to facilitate the bringing together of existing digital content;  
underpin the use of digital heritage for research and education in Europe;  
support innovation and competitiveness by inspiring Creative Industries to reuse digital heritage.”*

And further agreed to review the Europeana Office's proposed approach at the next Board meeting and read the three approaches i.e. of Network Association, Foundation Governing Board and Office) in conjunction to ensure they cohere and there are no inconsistencies.

**Decision 7:** Incorporating the Board's comments detailed in the minutes, the Board approved [draft Annual Report 2016](#) .

**Decision 8:** The Board approved the scope of the Innovation Agenda Taskforce and the brief according to which to proceed.

**Decision 9:** The Board concurred with the thinking of Member States that Europeana should not, as a matter of principle, be hosted outside of Europe and in the future should not go down the route of US just because it is considerably cheaper.

**Decision 10:** The Board agreed to make registration with the Dutch Chamber of Commerce a pre-requisite for the new Board Members and before they can become voting members of the Board.

## **ACTIONS**

**Action 1:** Europeana Office to collect and present to the Board comprehensive information on each nominee, with their relevance and the rationale behind each nomination, for discussion at the next Board meeting in June - by 1 June 2017.

**Action 2:** JC, MS and JO to provide motives and rationale for their nominations - by 22 May 2017.

**Action 3:** Europeana Office to reopen the Basecamp nominations to see if any further nominations can be given by Board members.

**Action 4:** Europeana Office to propose their draft approach to the Board for discussion at the 15 June meeting.

**Action 5:** JC to draft a letter from the Chair to EC to register the Board's concern over the delay of the DSI3 call and the consequent start date and to ask EC to address the Board's concern.



**Action 6:** JC to update the Board on the progress of procurement, DSI3 start date and the financial consequences every month.

**Action 7:** AV to share the audit report on Board basecamp after the said paragraph is clarified.

**Action 8:** JC to send a message to Member States and clarify, update and inform them of the Board's decision.

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