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Intro

Europe's Member States and their cultural heritage institutions are integral to the success of the Europeana Initiative and the data space.

Europe's Member States and their cultural heritage institutions are integral to Europeana's success. Belgium has been an indispensable partner to date, supporting Europeana financially, and contributing to its diversity of content.

With content from every EU country (and beyond), an interface available in every EU language, and an award-winning series of APIs that give access to its content, Europeana.eu is the only place that offers up Europe's treasure trove of cultural heritage to the world. By encouraging open licensing, Europeana makes more culture available to more people, so it can be used in education, research and the creative industries.

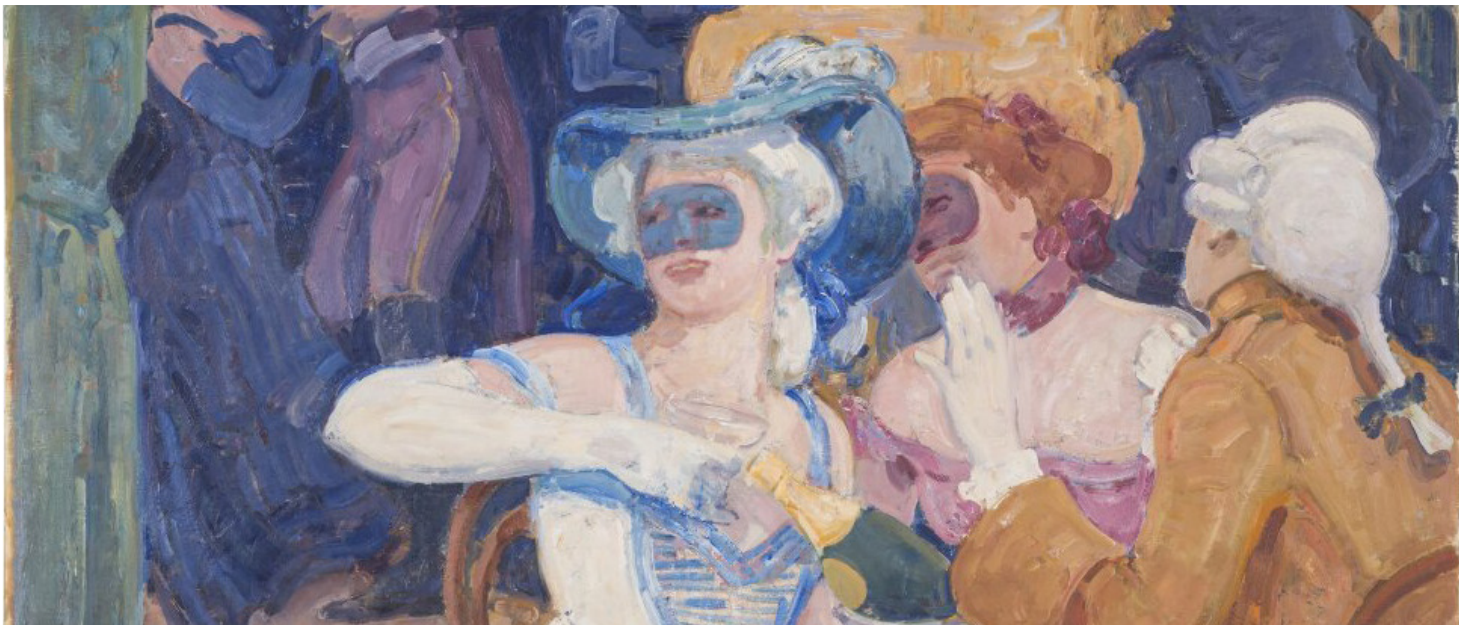


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Presidency of the Council of the European Union

The Spanish Presidency Europeana conference - October 2023

The Spanish Presidency Europeana conference 'Accelerating 3D in the common European data space for cultural heritage: Building capacity for 3D' on 17 Oct was co-organised in collaboration with the Spanish Ministry of Culture and Sports. The conference aimed to contribute to a greater awareness of the EU's ambition for 3D, how cultural heritage institutions in the Member States can prepare for and benefit from it, and the collective efforts that are needed to advance the targets for 3D content in the data space for cultural heritage. [Explore the recordings and presentations.](#)

Europeana Conference under the Swedish Presidency - April 2023

Europeana and the Swedish National Heritage Board co-hosted the conference '[Accelerating 3D in the common European data space for cultural heritage: Why 3D matters](#)' on 18 Apr 2023 at the Museum of Ethnography in Stockholm. The conference explored three-dimensional digitisation of cultural heritage as one of the main aspects of the common European data space for cultural heritage: how to source and make available high-quality, usable and accessible 3D cultural data. Speakers and participants discussed why 3D is important; diversity and variety of content suitable for 3D digitisation; and, some of the opportunities and best practices. Over 400 cultural heritage professionals participated in person and online.

Funding and projects

Since 2008, Belgium has contributed **€55,000**.

To date, **€6,377,021** from the budget provided by the EU to fund Europeana Initiative projects has contributed to activities in Belgium.

6 partners from Belgium are currently contributing to ongoing projects, which directly support content, knowledge and technology sharing between libraries, museums, archives, software agencies, university research departments and the Europeana Initiative.

Professional participation - Europeana Network Association

The Europeana Network Association is a strong and democratic community of experts working in the field of digital heritage, united by a shared mission to expand and improve access to Europe's digital cultural heritage.

Currently, 165 people from Belgium are a Europeana Network Association member, and as such are involved in a range of activities, sharing best practices, learning and collaborating within the cultural heritage sector.

The Europeana Network Association elects a Members Council which plays a crucial role across all the Europeana Initiative's activities. The Members Council is made up of 36 people, including Chris de Loof from Belgian Science Policy Office, Sofie Taes from KU Leuven - Photoconsortium and Hans van der Linden from Flemish Government. dept. of Culture, Youth and Media. Sofie Taes also sits on the Management Board of Europeana Network Association.

Belgium's culture showcased in Europeana.eu

Europeana.eu features over 53 million objects of which **2,525,874** are provided by Belgium institutions.

Aggregation

All objects aggregated by Belgium can be found [here](#). The main point of contact for Belgium is Erfgoedplus.

Cultural heritage institutions

349 cultural heritage institutions in Belgium contribute collections to Europeana. The largest partners are listed in the following table. A full breakdown of institutions and objects can be found [here](#).

DATA PARTNERS	OBJECTS ON THE PORTAL
Meise Botanic Garden	1,383,210
Catwalk Pictures	524,617
Royal Institute for Cultural Heritage	120,362
Ghent University Library	81,007
Amsab-Institute of Social History	67,430

Openly licensed data

Openly licensed material can be promoted widely, reaching millions more people, and can be used in innovative products, apps and services that bring culture to the classroom, the newsroom, the science lab and the kickstarters.

59.4% of the **2,525,874** objects in Europeana provided by Belgium are [openly licensed](#). 1.5% of these objects are shown with the internationally accredited [Public Domain mark](#), 57.5% is licensed under [CC BY-SA](#) and 0.3% is licensed under [CC BY](#)



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