



## Europeana Foundation Governing Board Meeting

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### Update on Europeana Copyright Policy Advocacy Efforts – May 2017

*Action proposed: For information and to take note of the work undertaken*

This document provides an update on the ongoing copyright advocacy activities undertaken by Europeana Foundation with support from [Kennisland](#) and [Helena Lovegrove](#), our Europeana DSI-2 partner, based in Brussels liaising with EU institutions and bodies. The update covers the period from the last Europeana Board meeting which took place on the 6th of April 2017 until 29 May 2017.

#### **Outreach to policy makers**

In the past month we have continued our outreach to policy makers and specifically to Member State representatives (usually the copyright attachés attached to the Permanent Representations of the Member States in Brussels). During the period covered in this report we met with a handful of representatives from Member States:

- Netherlands (copyright)
- France (copyright)
- Sweden (copyright)
- Romania (copyright & culture)
- Czech Republic (copyright)
- Lithuania (copyright, culture, audio-visual)

The discussions with Member State representatives have focussed on explaining the shortcomings with the Commission's proposal and trying to generate support for our suggestions on how to adapt the provisions to better meet the needs of CHIs.

We have also reached out to relevant MEPs by email providing them with our input on amendments tabled to draft opinions on the Commission's proposal in various committees and we have had meetings with a small number of MEPs (or staff from their offices). These meetings have generally focussed on trying to obtain information on the positioning of the various political groups with regards to our issues.

In addition a number of cultural heritage institutions and network members responded to Europeana's call for action and got in touch with CULT MEPs representing their constituencies. These individuals also provided feedback on the CULT draft opinion. We are happy to see that we were able to activate the network to support our efforts and we hope for a similar engagement providing input to the lead committee before their consideration of amendments on 19-20 June.





## **Coordination with Library organisations**

We have continued our coordination with the Library organisations that are actively involved in advocacy efforts related to the copyright reform proposal (LIBER, EBLIDA, CENL, IFLA and PL2020). Together with these groups we hosted an informal lunch event for members of the copyright working group of the Council on the 17th of May. The event was held under the Chatham House rule and focussed on educating policy makers on the copyright issues CHIs are faced with in relation to the following issues:

- Text and Data Mining
- Online Education
- Cross Border Document Delivery
- Digitization & Preservation
- On-site Access
- Access to Out of Commerce Works
- E-lending

## **Analysis of committee amendments**

We have also spent significant efforts on analysing the amendments tabled in response to the CULT, IMCO, ITRE and JURI reports (more than 2500 amendments in total). The majority of amendments that deal with our core issues (digitization and access to out of commerce works) are positive. There is a minority of amendments that seek to further limit the mechanisms proposed by the Commission, but these are either based on an anti-EU ideology or on the perceived needs of individual Member States and as such not very likely to gather substantial support. Based on this we remain positive with regards to the further deliberations in the European Parliament. However, the final outcome is somewhat unpredictable and depends on various negotiations between the political groups.

Using our analysis we have provided recommendations to key MEPs in the CULT, IMCO and JURI committees with regards to which amendments should be supported and which should be rejected.

These activities continue to be based on the [updated mandate](#) that was adopted in December 2016 and are carried out in line with the rules established by the Europeana Advocacy Framework.

## **Outlook**

In the run up to the summer break we will closely monitor the proceedings in the European Parliament and attempt to ensure that as many of the positive amendments that have been tabled survive the votes in the secondary committees (the vote in the leading JURI committee is currently scheduled for the 28th of September). We will also continue to engage with Member State representatives.

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