Précis of the minutes of 7 May 2020 Board meeting

Action proposed: for information

Attendees:

1) (EN) Elisabeth Niggemann, Germany - Chair
2) (JLR) Joke van der Leeuwen-Roord, EUROCLIO, The Netherlands - Treasurer
3) (MdN) Marco de Niet, Leiden University, The Netherlands
4) (GA) Georgia Angelaki, Documentation Centre National Hellenic Research Foundation, Greece (left at 18h00)
5) (EK) Elsbeth Kwant, Koninklijke Bibliotheek (KB), The Netherlands (left at 17h15)
6) (BoD) Brid Dooley, FIAT-IFTA, Ireland
7) (JB) Jelena Bilic, Ministry of Culture of Croatia, Croatian Presidency
8) (AM) Agnès Magnien, Institut national de l'audiovisuel, France
9) (JF) Julien Roche, Ligue des Bibliothèques Européennes de Recherche (LIBER), France
10) (FT) Fred Truyen, Arts KU Leuven, Belgium
11) (KvH) Karin van Honacker, EURBICA, Belgium

Apologies:

1) (EV) Erwin Verbruggen, Beeld en Geluid, The Netherlands
2) (SdG) Sara Di Giorgio, Culturalitalia, Italy
3) (SE) Sophie Engelhardt, Ministry of State for Culture and the Media of Germany, German Presidency
4) (MHS) Monika Hagedorn-Saupe, ICOM Europe, Germany - Vice Chair
5) (SB) Stephan Bartholmei, Deutsche Digitale Bibliothek, Germany

Observers:

1) (EF) Elisabeth Freyre, Bibliothèque nationale de France
2) (PK) Paul Keller, Kennisland, The Netherlands
Europeana Office:
(HV) Harry Verwayen
(AV) Albert Verhaar
(SA) Shadi Ardalan

Acronyms in the minutes:
EF (Europeana Foundation) CH (Cultural Heritage)
ENA (Europeana Network Association) EAF (Europeana Aggregator Forum)
MC (Members Council of Europeana Network Association) CHI (Cultural Heritage Institution)
MS (Member States) EC (European Commission)
DCHE (Digital Cultural Heritage and Europeana) DSI (Digital Service Infrastructure)
GS (Generic Services) DEP (Digital Europe Programme)
MFF (Multiannual Financial Framework) DT (Digital Transformation)
EI (Europeana Initiative) SB (Supervisory Board)
AB (Advisory Board) BoD (Board of Directors)

Some discussions are omitted from this version as they are deemed confidential to the Governing Board at this point in time. The public meeting papers and documents referred to in these minutes can be seen on Europeana Pro.

I. Approval and adoption of minutes, decisions & actions of 12 March 2020 meeting
The Board approved and adopted Paper 1A - minutes of 12 March meeting, Paper 1B - decisions and actions of 12 March meeting, and Paper 1C - précis of minutes of 12 March meeting.

II. Europeana Foundation Governance
Board’s discussions are deemed confidential to the Governing Board at this point in time.

III. Positioning during and post pandemic; Digital Europe Programme
As the immediate response to the COVID-19 crisis we undersigned a number of important petitions and launched the new Europeana Collections and Europeana Pro - good timing for us as a hub for the sector. What do we do now to position ourselves in the sector? We should not overreact too quickly just to be part of the response. The Europeana Strategy sets our 3 priorities around capacity building which is quite complex, data quality and infrastructure. Based on NEMO’s Survey on the impact of the COVID-19 situation on museums in Europe, 60% of museums have increased their digital activities, 30% have asked staff with no background in digital to take up new digital responsibilities. This underlines a capacity gap. We’ve designed a mini strategy to create a capacity building framework in 6 to 9 months including a series of sense-making workshops. We have to play a role in shaping the new normal in the sector post COVID-19. To mark the 70th anniversary of the Schuman Declaration, we have launched an exhibition and on Saturday 9 May together with Europa Nostra we are co-hosting Europe Day Webinar to look at how cultural heritage can be a powerful catalyst for the future of Europe1. At the 15 June Board meeting we share more on how as an organisation we can and should act in this environment.

IV. Finance
Decision: The Board approved the 2019 annual accounts and financial report with a quorum.

VI. Management report and next meeting
To build a global consensus on Open Science, UNESCO is developing the Open Science Recommendation and is gathering inputs from all the interested stakeholders, through an online consultation, regional and thematic meetings and numerous debates on implications, benefits and challenges of Open Science. The consultation is open until mid June and Europeana can be a player.

Next meeting of the Board will be held on 15 June at 16h30 CEST via GoToMeeting.

Dissemination: Europeana Pro

1 Read the manifesto: https://pro.europeana.eu/post/europe-day-manifesto-cultural-heritage-a-powerful-catalyst-for-the-future-of-europe
See the recording: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xnUMCFx7NWI&feature=youtu.be