Overview of Current and Upcoming Presidencies

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Maltese Presidency (1 January – 30 June 2017)

Malta assumed the rotating presidency of the Council of the EU on 1 January 2017. The Maltese agenda for the six-month presidency consists of six priorities: migration, security, single market, social inclusion, neighbourhood policy and maritime sector. With migration being the top priority, under the Maltese Presidency, Europeana will hold a strategy meeting on “Migration and Culture: how can our past educate our present”. The purpose of this event is to build on the “Europeana for Education Policy Recommendations” designed in May 2015, and more specifically “Recommendation II. Prioritise the provision of ‘Fit for Education and Learning’ content by cultural heritage institutions and ministries”.

The two-day meeting on 23-24 May 2017 at the Conference centre of Haġjar Qim in Malta will focus on how Cultural Heritage Institution can better cater for migration themes to address the requirements of the community of educators. Current recommendation status and ambition, practical use-cases in the EU and a round-table featuring relevant players in the field will lead to the next phase of the recommendations and will set the ground for and inform Europeana’s upcoming #AllezCulture campaign focused on migration. Policy-makers and delegates from former MSEG and experts in the field of education, European Ministries of Culture and Education, DG Education and Culture will be invited to the meeting. Europeana Foundation will involve and collaborate with the Maltese Ministry of Culture, National Archives of Malta, Euroclio, European Schoolnet and e-Twinning.

Estonian Presidency (1 July – 31 December 2017)

Estonia will hold the presidency of the Council of EU for the first time in the second half of 2017. Europeana will aim to hold a similar event as for Malta relating, if possible, to one of the Presidency themes at a time and place to be agreed with Estonia.

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