



Paper 1C - Public Europeana Foundation Governing Board Meeting

15 June 2020
16h30 – 18h00 CEST
[GoToMeeting](#)

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 Leeuw-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
- 6) (MK) Minna Karvonen, Finnish Ministry of Education and Culture, Finnish Presidency

Observers:

- 1) (EF) Elisabeth Freyre, Bibliothèque nationale de France
- 2) (PK) Paul Keller, Kennisland, The Netherlands



- 3) (JO) Johan Oomen, Netherlands Institute for Sound and Vision, The Netherlands
- 4) (MK) Max Kaiser, Austrian National Library (ONB), Austria (via GoToMeeting)

Europeana Office:

(HV) Harry Verwayen

(AV) Albert Verhaar

(SA) Shadi Ardalan

Acronyms in the minutes:

EF (Europeana Foundation)

ENA (Europeana Network Association)

MC (Members Council of Europeana Network Association)

MS (Member States)

DCHE (Digital Cultural Heritage and Europeana)

GS (Generic Services)

MFF (Multiannual Financial Framework)

EI (Europeana Initiative)

AB (Advisory Board)

CH (Cultural Heritage)

EAF (Europeana Aggregator Forum)

CHI (Cultural Heritage Institution)

EC (European Commission)

DSI (Digital Service Infrastructure)

DEP (Digital Europe Programme)

DT (Digital Transformation)

SB (Supervisory 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>