Proposed Europeana Foundation Project Submissions

Action proposed: The Board is asked to approve the project submissions including the proposed amounts in each call. These amounts have been entered into Budget 2017

1. Introduction
This paper serves as an overview of the projects that Europeana considers to a partner. This can either be as a regular participant, the coordinator or as a subcontractor.

2. Europeana DSI Generic Services
The Europeana DSI Generic Services call was opened on 17 September. The call asks for development of thematic collections, based on a cultural movement of European significance, on the Europeana Platform. Project proposals need to be submitted by 15 December 2016.

The EU-funding for all projects is fifty percent and it requires partners from at least three different member states. We aim to have each project start with Europeana DSI-3, i.e. 1 September 2017. These projects run for 18 months (each); but are expected to have a sustainability plan in place that allows the thematic collection to be maintained by at least 4 years.

Europeana Foundation proposes to be involved in two proposals under this call. Since projects under this call require fifty percent co-funding (which cannot be funded through European Union funding), participation of Europeana will be limited. The maximum amount of funding for Europeana Foundation in each of the below projects is 100,000 euro, of which a matching 100,000 euro needs to be funded through member-state contribution. We will try to for this money to be aligned to the interest of the respective contributing member state. The main tasks for Europeana are to create the developed thematic collection and provide overall coordination on the concept of thematic collections (as is required in the call).

2.1. Migration collections
Together with domain and thematic partners (e.g. NISV, APEF, EFG, Photoconsortium), we will propose (and possibly coordinate) a thematic collection that
will focus on the cultural practices and heritage of migrants in/of Europe. This topic will tie into the thematic campaign of migration-heritage that Europeana proposes to run in 2018, which will be mainly funded as part of the Core Service Platform (in line with the revised Europeana strategy). In addition, this project proposal will provide an additional opportunity for our long-term domain partners to fund some of their activities and those of their partners Maximum budget for this project proposal will be 2 million euros, of which fifty percent is funded by the European Commission, fifty percent is co-funded by the institutions.

Main activities in this project are: objects selection, digitisation, creating curatorial activities (including the thematic collection), promotion and communication. Europeana Foundation will coordinate writing the proposal, but cannot become the coordinator of the project.

2.2. Textual collections
A second project proposal that Europeana will participate and hope to find a coordination partner, is a proposal on textual collections. This will be framed as a cultural movement, based on manuscripts, literature and newspaper resource types. Possible partners in this projects are (national and research) libraries.

The activities in such a project are similar as above. However, the focus will lie more on the selection and digitisation of material instead of finding suitable material to run a campaign on.

Again, the maximum budget will be 2 million euro, with the same conditions as the above project proposal.

For both projects €100,000 would be required in matching funds for a full 18-months project. To be taken from the ministry funds over 2017-2019 – amounting to under €50,000-75,000 per year if both projects are successful.

3. Europeana DSI Core Service Platform (DSI-3)
The Europeana DSI-3 project will provide the core funding for Europeana DSI (Europeana Foundation and partners) for the period of 1 September 2017 to 31 August 2018. This will be the first project under procurement, as the work programme of CEF of 2016 is the first procurement project of Europeana.

Europeana Foundation sees the Core Service Platform (DSI-3) and the Generic Services-projects complementing each other, so we will operate both types of projects in conjunction and make sure that there is no overlap.

As agreed with the Commission, negotiation on the procurement contract will start in February or March of 2017. For the first project under procurement, the Commission will only consider Europeana Foundation and its partners. After 2018, an open call for
proposals (for a two-year project) will be held by the Commission to which any consortium can apply.

The conditions and risks for the procurement project (DSI-3) are clarified in another paper and were discussed in the Board meeting of September 2016.

The amount on offer is €8 million. This will be split across Europeana Foundation and aggregating, distribution and development partners at a ratio of roughly 5:3. No matching funds are required.

4. Horizon 2020 projects
Europeana is considering becoming a partner or subcontractor to project calls under the upcoming Horizon 2020-project calls CULT-COOP. Mainly the project calls CULT-COOP02 (Improving mutual understanding among Europeans by working through troubled pasts) and CULT-COOP09 (European cultural heritage, access and analysis for a richer interpretation of the past) are of interest to us.

Based on the analysis of Kate Fernie that will be finished by mid-November 2016; Europeana will make a decision on participation in projects.

The amounts we would be looking to receive are approximately €100,000 per project per year. There would be no matching funds required.