



Europeana Foundation Governing Board Meeting

30 March 2016
10h00 - 17h00 CET
Paris, BnF
Quai François-Mauriac
75706 Paris Cedex 13

Minutes of Teleconference Board Meeting 25 February 2016

Action proposed: Board to approve

Attendees:

(BR) Bruno Racine, Bibliothèque Nationale de France - Chair
(JLR) Joke van der Leeuw-Roord, EUROCLIO - Vice Chair
(HJ) Hans Jansen, Koninklijke Bibliotheek (KB) - Treasurer
(MS) Merete Sanderhoff, SMK, Denmark
(RK) Rolf Kallman, Digisam, Sweden
(MK) Max Kaiser, Austrian National Library (ONB)
(PK) Paul Keller, Kennisland
(MHS) Monika Hagedorn-Saupe, International Council of Museums Europe, Germany
(LA) Lora Aroyo, VU University
(JM) Jan Muller, International Federation of Television Archives (FIAT)
(TdB) Tjeerd de Boer, Succeeding Dutch Presidency

Apologies:

(MP) Martijn Pronk, The Rijksmuseum
(RR) Richard Ranft, International Association of Sound and Vision Archives, UK
(JF) Jeannette Frey, Ligue des Bibliothèques Européennes de Recherche (LIBER), Switzerland
(LH) Lorna Hughes, University of Glasgow, UK
(JO) Johan Oomen, Netherlands Institute for Sound and Vision

Observers:

(PP) Patrick Peiffer, Preceding Luxembourg Presidency
(JK) Jan Kovacik, Succeeding Slovak Presidency – apology
(CV) Concha Vilarino, Spanish Ministry of Culture, Education and Sport

Europeana:

(JC) Jill Cousins
(HV) Harry Verwayen
(AV) Albert Verhaar
(AE) Aubery Escande
(SA) Shadi Ardalan

Other participants:

(BS) Bruno Sagna, Bibliothèque Nationale de France
(CB) Claire Bertrand, Bibliothèque Nationale de France





NB: Some discussion, actions and decisions are omitted from this version as they are deemed confidential to the Board at this point in time.

The meeting was attended by a quorum of voting members.

Minutes of 19 November, 2015 Board meeting

Decision 1: Subject to the correction under budget 2016, the Board approved the full minutes.

Actions & Decisions arising from 19 November, 2015 Board meeting

A few actions have been completed and some others are carried over.

DECISIONS

Decision 1: Minutes of the Board Meeting 30 June 2015 and those of the Board Meeting 29 September 2015 were approved.

Decision 2: Actions of the Board Meeting 30 June 2015 and those of the Board Meeting 29 September 2015 were approved.

Decision 3: The Board approved the Progress Reports.

Decision 4: The Board approved the revised Annual Report 2014.

Decision 6: The Board approved the 2016 Business Plan. The 2016 KPIs are not included in this version.

Decision 7: The Board approved the interim Budget 2016.

ACTIONS

Action 1: The Board to give another round of thoughts and make suggestions for entrepreneurship expert, possibly a non-Dutch candidate in order to maintain a balanced European diversity in the Board.

Action 2: JC to suggest items for each Member of the Board to compose their role details.

Action 6: JC / HV to present a Cloud business case to the Board in a future Board meeting.

Action 7: AV to use bar charts in cash flow diagrams.

Action 8: AV to share the cash flow update with the Board monthly.

Action 9: JC and AV to explore the possibility of borrowing from European Investment Bank.

Action 10: DSI 2 Budget and DSI 2 proposal to be shared with the Board for approval in the 25 February Board meeting.

Action 11: Board Members to send their comments re proposed Governance Structure to SA by 7 December. Completed

Public Summarised Minutes of Meeting 19 November 2015

Decision 2: Subject to the correction under budget 2016, the Board approved the summary of the minutes.

Europeana Sustainability Discussions under Dutch Presidency

TdB - Europeana generally enjoys solid support among the MS as a European cultural project. A new draft Council Conclusions for the 9 March [Cultural Affairs Committee](#) meeting will concentrate on finance, governance and the priorities of Europeana. Overall they seem to concur with the first draft of the Conclusions, though some MS have not yet taken positions.

The Dutch are also taking proactive measures to manage 2016-2017 funding gap and cash flow issues by actively approaching the MS to fill the gaps.

JC – A thorough understanding of what procurement means for Europeana is very important.



Action 1: JC to send procurement v. grant and core v. generic documents to the Board.

Action 2: TdB to list MS concerns, issues, suggestions for the 30 March meeting.

Action 3: TdB to ask EC to explain and clarify VAT in procurement.

Finance

Decision 4: The Board approved 2016 updated budget.

Succession for Chair of Europeana Foundation, Change of Person for Founding Member & Entrepreneurship

Change of Person for Founding Member

BR – BR's successor at the BnF will replace him on Europeana Board for the remaining term of BnF (one year) as a Founding Member. This is in line with the Statutes of Foundation. In April 2017 the Founding Members will re-discuss their representatives on the Board.

Nomination for New Chair & Mechanism of Appointment

JC invited the Board to nominate a new chair from amongst themselves. Members can self nominate.

MP and LH via email prior to meeting – abstained to nominate a chairperson on the grounds that they have not been on the Board long enough.

[JM](#) – stood up for the position of Chair.

MS – requested that there be a presentation of why a candidate felt they could fulfil the role.

JM responded – [My institute](#) is a large aggregator and a long term partner of Europeana. We operate on European level and are used to dealing with European issues. I would propose to really understand what is behind the Member States' need for more influence. We would certainly work on improved communication. MS requested information on JM's knowledge and position re copyright – He responded that [NISV](#) deals with copyright issues everyday and have to do with a lot of broadcasters and copyright owners, yet not his personal background.

PK – confirmed NISV has a very active role in a very progressive way towards copyright.

The Board thanked JM for his nomination.

Decision 6: The Board will request a written statement from candidates to be able to proceed to final discussion and vote at the 30 March meeting.

Re-nomination Results & Vote to Appoint Entrepreneurism Expert

MP – nominated [Wolfgang Chris Wild](#) creator of [Retronaut](#).

MS – suggested: [Lars Bak](#), the developer behind Google Chrome browser, who achieved remarkable results from a European province. [Financial Times Article](#)

Decision 7: The Board will allow for a third round of ideas for the appointment. Nomination is open until 15 March. The Board will resume the discussion on 30 March in Paris.

Action 9: SA to post and keep together all nominations in one place in basecamp.

DSI 2 Submitted Proposal

Decision 8: The Board approved the submission of DSI 2 Proposal.

Report on DSI2 proposal submission in Paris on 30 March.

Annual Report 2015 & Main KPIs 2016

Decision 9: The Board approved [Annual Report 2015 Format](#).

Report on 2016 KPIs in March.

Europeana Collections Website, Thematic Collections and Art 280



HV – There has been very positive feedback from partners and users alike. The β version will be up until summer. Traffic is up at 30%.

The Board applauded the work of Europeana staff team.

JC – Art 280 is now really going in the right direction. Only the Netherlands' is awaited.

Europeana Network Update

MK – The Members Council meeting in Copenhagen on 22 and 23 February was very productive. The main topic was the input from Network to the Dutch Presidency. Beside the work of sustainability WG, work was undertaken on the split between core v. generic services, the safeguards needed in the case of procurement and observations on the first draft of Council Conclusions.

Next Board Meeting

All day meeting at BnF, Paris on 30 March.

NB: Other agenda items and respective papers were for information and Q&A, and therefore not discussed in the meeting due to the limited time.

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