

Paper 01B

Europeana Foundation

Supervisory Board Meeting

12 October, 2022
14:30 - 17:00 CET
[Google Meet](#)

Public précis of minutes of 30 June 2022 Supervisory Board meeting

Action proposed: Board to approve for publication on Europeana Pro

This was an online meeting of the Board via Google Meet. The meeting was chaired by Martina Bagnoli. In these minutes, 'we' refers to the 'Supervisory Board'.

Attending online: Martina Bagnoli, Anne Torreggiani, Marco de Niet, Kerstin Herlt, Wim Nieuwenhuijse, Harry Verwayen, Albert Verhaar and Shadi Ardan.

Guest attendee: Michael Peter Edson, chair of the Advisory Board

Board members Taja Vovk van Gaal and Brid Dooley didn't attend the meeting.

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

I. Minutes, actions and decisions from 30 March and 30 May meetings

The Board reviewed Paper 1A - minutes of 30 March meeting, [Paper 1B](#) - public précis of minutes from 30 March and Paper 1C - minutes of 30 May meeting before the call and approved and adopted these minutes.

II. Evaluation of the Supervisory Board 's work in 2021

The Supervisory Board has conducted a self evaluation for the first time of its work as a board in 2021. Taking the pros and cons of self evaluation into consideration, the Supervisory Board decided to conduct an internal evaluation (aka 'do it yourself'). Marco de Niet led the creation of an evaluation plan, process, and questionnaire, the analysis of the results and writing the report. The discussion on the outcomes of the evaluation should have been ideally held while

the former chair and vice chair were still on board but this was not possible due to time constraints. The board discussed the highlights from the evaluation and the results of the exit interviews with the former chair and vice-chair, Elisabeth Niggemann and Joke van der Leeuw Roord. Among other topics the board discussed: the focus of the board; meetings and reports; participation and representation; and, the relationship with the Advisory Board.

Decision: A good external evaluation involves a lot of collaboration. Therefore, the board opted for an internal evaluation for 2022, replicating a similar process to last year's led by Marco de Niet.

Action: Marco will lead the planning, process and reporting of the Supervisory Board's evaluation in 2022, starting to prepare in October.

III. Relationship with the national aggregators and Europeana

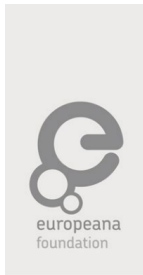
The problem space

Harry defined the broader problem space as being: how the Europeana (Foundation) can strengthen its relationship with the Member States including the national aggregators. This is a sine qua non for the success of the Data Space, as such success is dependent on whether or not data from the Member States flow into the data space via their national aggregators. The prerequisites for this to happen are: 1) Europeana and the data space should ensure that improved and innovative data sharing mechanisms become available to allow the aggregators to increase the quantity and quality of the data in the Data Space and source/aggregate new 3D content. 2) The EC should work with the Member States to secure their commitment to develop their national digitisation strategy and plans in accordance with the Recommendation on a common European data space for cultural heritages¹. 3) A strategy to support the above. 4) The Europeana Aggregators Forum should help nurture relationships with national aggregators, reach new data partners across Europe, and re-engage with inactive data partners. In the tender proposal Europeana commits to support the infrastructure but this is slightly out of our area of responsibility and sphere of influence. Europeana can provide all the provisions and facilitate that, but the make or break depends on the Member States and their national aggregators. Europeana is discussing this very important issue with the Aggregators' Forum at the EAF Outreach Event² on 11 July.

The national, domain and thematic aggregators

¹ <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/news/commission-proposes-common-european-data-space-cultural-heritage>

² <https://pro.europeana.eu/post/join-the-europeana-aggregators-forum-outreach-event>



Kestin clarified that while domain and thematic aggregators are equally very important, in the context of the role of the Member States in the data space, and considering the Recommendation and the policies, the national aggregators play a crucial part. The Europeana Aggregators Forum is currently enjoying a unique situation where Marie Veronique Leroi is the chair of EAF, sits on the Expert Group on a common European Data Space for Cultural Heritage (CEDCHE)³ and works with the French Ministry of Culture. Such a link is very rare in the EAF Steering Committee.

The barriers to Member States' data contribution/flow to Europeana

Is it lack of funding? Is it a lack of resources? Is it deprioritisation? Does increasing incentives help? The segmentation of Member States / aggregators by type of barrier can inform the strategy we take towards each group, for example: How are they linked to policy making? How are they approaching digital transformation and capacity building? Mapping barriers and challenges can help inform how we can support them. The Europeana Aggregators Forum is planning to interview all aggregators to gather such insight.

IV. Europeana Foundation management, operational and business plan update, finance & financial sustainability

The board discussed the Foundation's finances.

Works Council

In The Netherlands, in organisations with 50+ employees, the Works Council [ondernemingsraad]⁴ is a mandatory internal body representing employees to promote and protect their interests according to the Dutch Works Councils Act (WCA). To comply with the requirement, EF has created its first Works Council with 5 candidates from across the organisation. They will be trained over summer.

V. Working with the Advisory Board

The Board discussed the two themes for the Advisory Board to work with this year and advise on for the Foundation.

End of the meeting.

³ <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/news/expert-group-common-european-data-space-cultural-heritage>

⁴ <https://business.gov.nl/regulation/works-council-staff-representation/>

Approvals

Name	Attendance	Approve	Approve Provisionally (describe)	Abstain	Reject	Comments	Date
Martina Bagnoli	Chaired						
Taja Vovk van Gaal	Didn't attend						
Wim nieuwenhuijse	Attended						
Brid Dooley	Didn't attend						
Kerstin Herlt	Attended						
Anne Torreggiani	Attended						
Marco De Niet	Attended						

The précis of the minutes is a public document on Europeana Pro.