Paper 01B - Public Europeana Foundation Supervisory Board Meeting

Public précis of minutes of 8 March 2023 Supervisory Board meeting

Action proposed: Board to approve for publication on Europeana Pro

This was an ordinary meeting of the Supervisory Board held in The Hague and online, chaired by Martina Bagnoli under confidentiality. Detailed discussions are omitted from the précis of the minutes as they are deemed confidential to the Supervisory Board at this point in time.

Attendees in person: Martina Bagnoli, Marco de Niet, Wim Nieuwenhuijse, Harry Verwayen, Albert Verhaar. Hannah Baker, Valentine Charles, and guest attendee Lorena Aldana

Attendees online: Taja Vovk van Gaal, Anne Torreggiani, Brid Dooley, Kerstin Herlt and Shadi Ardalan.

I. Setting the scene

Harry Verwayen shared a brief account of recent and undergoing developments at Europeana Foundation: The development of the data space for cultural heritage is underway. The operational aspect is sound, a couple of strategic decisions need to be unravelled. These are the data governance and the use of the licensing framework. Going forward, other important aspects to investigate include the identifiers, centralised/decentralised data sharing.
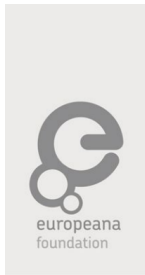
The European Commission has established the Sub-group[1] of the Expert Group on the Common European Data Space for Cultural Heritage (CEDCHE)[2]. The Subgroup provides strategic advice to the EC and the CEDCHE Group about the direction of the data space. It consists of 16 members.

Internally, Europeana Foundation is making a few changes in the organisational structure to better deal with the work around the data space. One important change is that Hannah Baker will lead all external customer facing operations. The process goes through EF's Works Council.

The work with Mike Edson on a framework for visioning and strategy development is ongoing. Going forward, hiring Mike on a temporary basis will not be an option any more, but there is still the opportunity to work with him under a contract until this summer. The Supervisory Board and the Foundation will discuss the options for investment in other temporary additional resources.

II. Minutes, actions and decisions from 30 January 2023 meeting

The board approved Paper 1A, the minutes, actions and decisions from the 30 January 2023 meeting, subject to the changes as described above. The board also approved Paper 1B, the public précis of the minutes from the 30 January meeting.
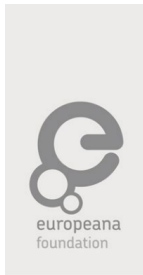
III. Developing the Europeana Foundation's advocacy and external relations strategy

Harry Verwayen introduced Lorena Aldana, the new Head of Advocacy and External Relations at Europeana Foundation succeeding Eleanor Kenny. She is based in Brussels with a fantastic track record at Europa Nostra and the European Commission, coming with a lot of good insight and many contacts.

Lorena Aldana presented some of the sub-aspects that will make up the Europeana Foundation strategy: the EU Stakeholder Engagement Strategy (Paper 2A) and the Europeana Initiative Advocacy Priorities (Paper 2B), for the board's input and feedback.

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[1] https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/expert-groups-register/screen/expert-groups/consult?lang=en&groupID=3800
[2] https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/news/expert-group-common-european-data-space-cultural-heritage

IV. Finance & financial sustainability

The Board discussed the Europeana Foundation's update on co-funding for projects - Paper 3A; the cashflow - Paper 3B; and, the preliminary figures for 2022 - Paper 3C

V. Europeana Foundation management, operational and business plan update

Overview of project calls and proposal - EF is involved in six project proposals, five under Horizon Europe and one Erasmus+, two of which related to climate action. EF isn't a project leader/coordinator in any proposal. To determine which call EF will participate in, EF's business development manager will carry out an analysis. Due to Europeana's trusted reputation, capacity and experience, it's invited to many proposals as a partner. Besides the financial aspect, participation in these calls is also good for collaboration and advocacy.

Time Machine - EF's collaboration with Time Machine Lausanne [driven by École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL)] aims to establish a standard pipeline between a local Time Machine and Europeana. This includes additional data that will be potentially delivered in Europeana; Europeana APIs will be used to develop new applications (4D interfaces); and , new user facing applications will be developed with the Europeana data.

VI. Results of Supervisory Board's self evaluation 2022 - Paper 4

The Supervisory Board discussed the evaluation of the board's work in 2022.

VII. Proposed policy for adding and removing Advisory Board members

The Supervisory Board approved the latest version of the policy after having reviewed the recent changes/adjustments.
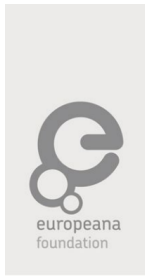
Mike Edson, the Chair of the Advisory Board will announce the final version to the Advisory Board. The policy will be published on Europeana Pro[3] as an annex to the internal rules of the Foundation.

On Brid Dooley's recommendation, the Supervisory Board decided to develop a similar policy for adding/removing of the Supervisory Members and a raising concerns policy for both boards. Brid Dooley and Marco de Niet took the responsibility to propose draft policies to the Supervisory Board.

VIII. Any other business

The Supervisory Board will join the Advisory Board meeting on 31 May morning in The Hague, and will hold its own meeting in the afternoon.

Meeting adjourned.

The precis of the minutes of the Supervisory Board is a public document.

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https://pro.europeana.eu/files/Europeana_Professional/Governing_Board/Europeana%20Foundation%20Board%20Policies/europeana_foundation_advisory_board_policy_for_adding_and_removing_board_members_march_2023.pdf