



European Museums' Information Institute

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Launched at the **mda/cidoc** 99 conference (London 6 – 10 September) the European Museums' Information Institute, or EMII, is a pan-European network encompassing 16 member states.

Project aims

- To facilitate on-line access to the cultural heritage of Europe's museums
- To create long term partnerships between museums throughout Europe
- To promote a European focus for international initiatives

Methodology

The effective implementation of information standards across museums is fundamental to realising the project aims. Some of these standards already exist in one or other of the European states. Others need to be developed or refined. Each country needs to know what exists (so they can implement it) and what does not exist so that they can play their part in creating it. EMII is the focal point in this process.

EMII is not a new structure but a network of existing organisations, i.e. active and supporting partners, that already play a co-ordinating role for museums in their respective countries. EMII staff are liaising with these representatives gathering details of information standards and examples of best practice.

As information is gathered it will be made available via the EMII website as a country-by-country 'Standards Map'. Although currently under construction, this site will become EMII's primary mode of dissemination and will also include up to date information on EU funding programmes, a project partner finding facility and comprehensive links to related sites throughout the world.

Active Partners

Denmark	Statens Museumsnævn
France	Direction des musées de France, Ministère de la culture et de la communication
Germany	Institut für Museumskunde der Staatlichen Museen zu Berlin
Iceland	Þjóðminjasafn Íslands
Italy	Ministero per i Beni e le Attività Culturali
Netherlands	Bureau IMC
Norway	Norsk museumsutvikling
Portugal	Instituto Português de Museus
Sweden	Statens Kulturråd
UK	mda

Supporting Partners

Austria	Bundesministerium für Unterricht und Kulturelle Angelegenheiten
Belgium	Musée de Louvain-la-Neuve
Finland	National Board of Antiquities
Greece	Ministry of Culture, Department of Museums
Ireland	Department of Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht and the Islands
Luxembourg	Musée National d'Histoire et d'Art

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