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for the EU co-ordination of the digitisation of cultural and scientific content

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1 AGENDA

08:30	<i>Registration</i>	
09:00	Welcome, introduction	Presidency
09:15	Progressing in 2006:	Presidency (moderation)
	Making the NRG	
	1. operational – projects	
	MICHAEL Plus and the NRG	David Dawson
	MinervaEC and the NRG	Antonella Fresa
	2. visible – the NRG branding	
	The NRG Report 2005	Marzia Piccininno
	A website for the NRG	Presidency
	3. tangible & a recognized player and permanent partner	
	The NRG executive: Towards an efficient share of responsibilities	Minna Karvonen
	The DAP implementation: Action groups	Presidency & action group chairs Christophe Dessaux Stefanos Kollias Rossella Caffo Borje Justrell David Dawson
11:00	<i>Coffee</i>	
11:30	NRG and i2010 digital libraries: Towards a strategic vision	Presidency (moderation)
	A vision from the European Commission: Update on ongoing activities, new expert groups and co-operation with the NRG	Marius Snyders
	A vision from experts' perspective: i2010, NRG and expert groups, ongoing activities and co-operation with the NRG	Hans Petschar
	The NRG offer: Co-operation matters.	Presidency
	i2010 – a strategic role for the NRG? Open discussion on the co-operation between NRG, member states and the European Commission	Discussion
13:00	<i>Lunch</i>	
14:00	Continued: Towards a strategic vision for the NRG Open discussion on the co-operation between NRG, member states and the European Commission	Discussion
15:15	New Publications:	
	Cost reduction	Borje Justrell (or Dov Winer)
	Multilingualism	Iván Rónai
15:35	Future presidencies outlines	Finland, Germany
15:45	Conclusions, next steps	Presidency
16:00	<i>Closure of the meeting</i>	

2 OBJECTIVES OF THE MEETING

1. To report on the NRG progress since the 9th NRG meeting in Bristol, UK (November 2005)
2. To present and discuss ideas to make the NRG more visible and tangible
3. To discuss and clarify the position of the NRG in relation to the European Digital Library (EDL) and The European Library (TEL) initiative:
4. To present the final results from Minerva Working Groups

3 SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS

Conclusion 1:

The NRG supported the idea of establishing an own NRG website for the purpose of branding and to make the NRG more visible. They agreed on the proposed time schedule to implement the website, to be up and operational at the German NRG meeting in February 2007.

Conclusion 2:

The NRG confirmed the launch of five Action Groups, following the action areas for the implementation of the Dynamic Action Plan (DAP) 2006-2007. These Action Groups are:

- A. Users and content. Chair: France, Co-Chair: The Netherlands
- B. Technologies for digitisation. Chair: Greece, Co-Chair: Spain
- C. Sustainability of content: Chair: Italy, Co-chair: Poland
- D. Digital preservation. Chair: Sweden, Co-chair: Estonia
- E. Monitoring of progress. Chair: UK, Co-chair: expressions of interest from Malta and Germany

All delegations are requested to submit their expressions of interest for co-operation to the Action Group chairs by Friday, 16 July 2006.

Conclusion 3:

The NRG confirmed their readiness to provide the assembled expertise of 25 member states (plus observers) in the co-ordination of digitisation to European institutions at all levels. The NRG confirmed their interest in the co-operation for the strategic development of European digitisation projects and the i2010 digital libraries initiative.

Conclusion 4:

The NRG confirmed the need for establishing a permanent "spokesperson" in form of an (extended) NRG Executive Committee (the presidency troika and, when needed, the chairs of the Action Groups) to communicate with the European Commission and other strategic bodies on a regular basis.

A suggestion for how this process should be structured to ensure that all NRG are included in the information flow and decision making will be worked out under the Finnish Presidency.

Conclusion 5:

The NRG expressed the opinion that Michael could play an important role for integrating museums and archives in the EDL. Both the NRG and the representative of TEL expressed interest to cooperate.

4 SUMMARY OF AGREED ACTIONS

What	Who	Deadline
Suggest content structure and functionality for NRG website	UK, Austria, Finland, Germany (+Netherlands and Italy)	End of July 2006
Beta version of website up and operational for next NRG meeting	Web site working group	13 October 2006
Mail expressions of interest for Action Groups to Action Group chairs	all delegations	16 July 2006
Propose a practical solution on how the (extended) NRG Executive could consult with the individual NRG members on a regular basis, taking into consideration the NRG Working Rules as agreed upon under the UK Presidency	Finland Austria	Summer 2006
Malta and Germany agreed/submitted interest to become co-chair of the Monitoring Action Group		Done
Contacting TEL to start working on a common proposal of TEL and Michael concerned with coordinating these initiatives	Italy	Starting at eContent Plus information day (June 28)
Update NRG list and contact details for the action groups, hand over to Finnish Presidency	Austria	Done (attached)

Invitations to NRG members to	Please contact / send information to
Join the NRG website working group	Irene Hyna, Austria
Comment on the draft version of the report on cost reduction in digitisation (send comments by September)	Borje Justrell, Sweden Dov Winer, Israel

5 FOCUS OF NRG WORK UNDER THE NEXT PRESIDENCIES

Work planned under the Finnish Presidency:

- Supporting the NRG Executive work e.g. by convening first meeting in connection with the NRG-meeting
- Survey: Investigating national commitment for financing NRG activities
- Discuss with the Commission about the direct and lasting financing possibilities for NRG independently from projects
- NRG Conference: 12th October 2006 in Helsinki: Conference theme 1: Impact Assessment of Digital Cultural Heritage Content and Services; Conference theme 2: European Digital Libraries Initiative i2010
- 11th NRG meeting: 13th October 2006:

Germany Presidency

For Germany, future work depends on how the i2010 develops further under the Finnish presidency. Following actions are planned: Final version of website, implementation of Action Groups through several smaller conferences in Germany; conference and NRG meeting in Berlin (February 2007)