General objectives
• to improve accessibility to and visibility of European digital cultural resources
• to support the development of the European Digital Library for accessing cultural resources
• to contribute to increasing interoperability between existing networks
• to promote the use of digital cultural resources by business and citizens
• to reinforce the European position in the global market competition
• to facilitate the exploitation of digital cultural resources, providing a clear framework of the rules for their use and re-use, respecting and protecting the creators' rights

Activities
Handbooks, Guidelines and Studies:
• IPR Guidelines
• Technical Guidelines
• Study on user needs
• Report on content interoperability
• Directory of European and national rules on Web Applications
• Good practices on digitisation
• Progress report "Coordinating digitisation in Europe"

Conferences and workshops

Partners
Italy (coordinator), Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Estonia, Ireland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Luxembourg, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom

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Minerva EC: Supporting the European Digital Library

Minerva EC is a thematic network, started in October 2006, bringing together stakeholders and experts from all over Europe and capitalising on the results achieved by the previous Minerva projects.

MICHAEL Culture service aims to open up worldwide access to digital collections from European museums, libraries, archives and other cultural and scientific institutions. Through MICHAEL multilingual service, people are able to find and explore the European digital cultural heritage using the Internet.