Regional Meeting of the SEEDI - South-East European Digitization Initiative: Methodology and Applications

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Hotel of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences
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Preliminary Programme

June 10	
Afternoon	Arrivals Visit to National Museum of History
Evening	Welcome Reception
June 11	
09:30-10:00	**Opening**
10:00-12:30	**Leading technologies in the digital preservation of and access to cultural heritage: Presentations of international projects and initiatives** *Chaired by Zoran Ognjanović, 30 minutes per presentation* Myriam Diocaretz (European Writers' Congress, Belgium) *Overview of the 'successful' digital culture pan-European projects of the IS&Media programme*

	Rosella Caffo (Italian Ministry for Cultural Heritage) *European strategies and actions for accessing cultural digital content: the Dynamic action plan and the Michael project* Adolf Knoll (National Library, Czech Republic) *International Co-operation in Building Access to Digitized Resources* Kiril Ribarov (Charles University, Czech Republic) *Conjunction of our aims - a view on cooperation initiatives*
14:30-18:00	**Country Reports for associated countries (AC), new independent states (NIS), new member states (NMS) and West Balkan countries (WB)** *Chaired by Giuliana de Francesco, 20 minutes per presentation* - Bosnia and Herzegovina (Ms. Đenana Alađuz) - Bulgaria (Ms. Milena Dobreva) - Croatia (Mr. Boris Badurina) - Lithuania (Ms. Tatiana Timchenko) - Macedonia (Mr. Smile Markovski) - Serbia and Montenegro (Mr. Žarko Mijajlović) - Romania (Ms. Anca Rapeanu) - Turkey (tbc) - Ukraine (Ms. Victoria Donets)
June 12	
09:00-10:30	**Presentations of best practices, methodologies and applications in digital preservation of and access to cultural heritage** *Chaired by Smile Markovski, 30 minutes per presentation* Benedetto Benedetti , Emilia Masci (Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa, Italy) *ICT Systems for the communication, preservation, management and exploitation of Cultural Heritage. The involvement of Scuola Normale Superiore of Pisa – Consorzio FORMA in some running experiences within EU Projects and a discussion on new perspectives toward the VII Framework Program* Thomas Aigner (Church History Institute, Austria) *Monasterium – Practical experiences in digitising charters of central European monasteries* Matthew Driscoll (Copenhagen University, Denmark) *XML mark-up of biographical and prosopographical data*
11:00-12:30	Discussion: **SEEDI action plan, constitution and next conference** *Chairs: Giuliana de Francesco (Italy), Smile Markovski (Macedonia),* *Zoran Ognjanović (Serbia and Montenegro)*
14:00-15:00	Visit to the Digitization Center of IMI-BAS and presentation of the KT-DigiCult Project

15:00-16:00	Internal meeting: KT-DigiCult Project Steering Committee, guest researchers and IMI-BAS staff
Evening	Farewell Dinner
June 13	
09:00-10:30	**Presentations of best practices, methodologies and applications in digital preservation of and access to cultural heritage (continued)** *Chaired by Adolf Knoll, 30 minutes per presentation* Matthew Zimmerman (New York University, USA) *Best Practices for Digital Libraries* Jan Engelen (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven Belgium) *Cultural Heritage: accessible for all?* Judy Best (National Research Council, Canada) *Digital preservation as seen by a publisher*
11:00-13:00	**Closing discussion: the regional dimension and readiness for participation in joint initiatives**
13:00-14:30	Lunch
Afternoon	Departure Transfer to Bansko for ELPUB participants