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Consultation on Data Provider and Data Aggregator Agreements
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Dear Partner,

In 2010 Europeana.eu will move from prototype to operational service. To achieve this we need to put our use of your data on a more contractual footing rather than a project-based agreement.

We have spent the last 9 months working on 2 Agreements and now need your input to complete them:

1. Europeana Data Provider Agreement – for single institutions providing metadata
2. Europeana Data Aggregator Agreement – for organisations which aggregate data from a number of different content providers

Members of the Europeana v1.0 Legal Work Package and Europeana Connect Work Group 4 have drafted the Agreements. In doing so they kept in mind that Europeana is dealing only with metadata, and tried to address the issues and concerns that you might have as Data Providers. It is worth emphasising that the Agreement between Europeana and its partners covers metadata only and not the content itself.

For Europeana to be viable and useful in the next generation of Web services it needs to be able to enrich your metadata and make it available for re-use by other services. This is where the API that we are developing becomes important. For example, a site based on Europeana for the visually disabled would need to re-use all the data aggregated by Europeana. Equally a museum might wish to create a virtual exhibition on the history of space exploration across Europe, based on its own material and integrating a sub-set of Europeana metadata to add a wider range of information. When the metadata is re-used in this way the link to your site is retained, so visitors will continue to be brought to your site.

This re-use with APIs, for example, is strongly related to one of the Commission's key objectives for Europeana: that we provide ways to reinforce the relevance of our partner libraries, museums and archives to new generations of students and web users.



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Most metadata is without intellectual property rights but we believe that you as creators of this data have a right to decide how it is used. We have therefore drafted the agreements to describe what we will and will not do with your data in Europeana.

We would like you to consult within your institution on the Agreement that is appropriate to your role as individual provider or aggregator. During this consultation stage we need to identify areas that would cause you difficulties in signing so that we can make appropriate changes.

After you've consulted, please return your comments by **January 18, 2010** to Adeline.vandenBerg@kb.nl.

Best regards,

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