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A not-for-profit organisation, founded in April 2007 under Belgian law.

- Supports the Minerva network of European professionals working on digital cultural heritage.

It federates professionals and experts through support and development of the transmission and exchange of information, via publications, conferences and events. It has members from all over Europe, including public agencies, cultural institutions and private organisations.

- Participates in major European initiatives

Michael Culture Association aims at enhancing the digitization and promotion of European cultural heritage. It is participating in the ongoing construction of Europeana, the European Digital Library. The association is a member of the executive committee of the EDL foundation and is also a partner in major European projects.

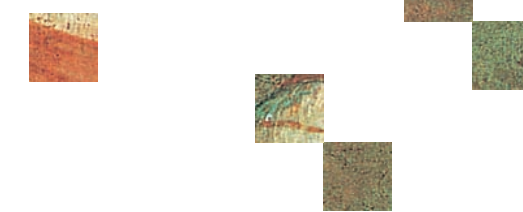
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Minerva is a thematic network of European professionals working on digital cultural heritage, bringing together stakeholders and experts from all over Europe. Minerva Network is supported by Michael Culture Association, created in April 2007 and devoted to European cultural heritage valorisation. The Minerva Project was launched in 2002, following the Lund Action Plan. It brought together stakeholders and experts from all over Europe.

The project was then extended, in the framework of the European Commission initiative "i2010 – A European Information Society for growth and employment". Minerva network gathers more than 100 cultural institutions in over 20 countries throughout Europe and beyond. The main goals of Minerva Network are to develop the network of professionals working in the field of cultural heritage digitization, to increase their awareness and competences

on digitization of cultural heritage and innovative services, and to communicate and to disseminate best practices among them. To achieve these goals, the activities of Minerva network rely on the organisation of conferences, workshops and training sessions, networking, publication of guidelines and handbooks on digitization, dissemination of cultural heritage and communication towards professionals.

Objectives

The general objectives of the network are:

- Contribute to structure the field of professionals working on digitization of cultural heritage
- Improve accessibility to and visibility of European digital cultural resources;
- Support the development of the European Digital Library for accessing cultural resources;
- Improve the quality of content and services
- Promote the use of digital cultural resources by business and citizens;
- Facilitate exploitation of cultural digital resources, providing clear rules for their use and re-use, respecting and protecting the creators' rights.

Target users

The beneficiaries of the actions of the project are:

- public and private organisations and institutions that create, collect or own digital content;
- private citizens, interested in receiving quality contents, reliable and directly responding to their interests;
- universities and schools wanting to use cultural contents for educational purposes in a legal and safe environment;
- small and large enterprises interested in re-use digital content for adding value in commercial activities and exploit digital content resources to create services.

Working groups

Minerva network gathers national experts named by member countries.

They are involved in 4 European thematic working groups:

- 1 Multilingualism
- 2 Innovative services and best practices
- 3 Interoperability - reuse and linked data
- 4 New services for the research field

Publications

Minerva promotes an editorial collection in order to supply the widest visibility to the results of its working groups and activities

Dissemination and cooperation

Meetings, conferences and workshops are periodically organised in the countries joining the network



Website

The **Minerva** website (MINERVA knowledge base) promotes and disseminates activities, information on past and upcoming events, news of interest to the community, reports, presentations, training materials and documentation on best practices in the field of innovative services

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