

Cost Action IS0904
European architecture beyond Europe
WG 4
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Reminder of the objectives of WG 4 « Conceptualizing an infrastructure for research »

Aim of the Working group : offer a support to the researcher involved in the three other working groups. This is a part of developing methods and infrastructure to support research and sharing of documents and secondly to address specific requests and guide researchers toward consistent and effective tools.

The meeting began with a presentation by Dov Winer on Europeana digital library launched in November 2008 by the European Commission. Dov Winer recalled that he was part of COST Action A32 Open Scholarly Communities on the Web (<http://www.cost-a32.eu/index.html>) whose concerns are similar to those of the working group.

Dov Winer also mentioned the names of reference persons with whom it would be interesting to establish contacts:

- Guus Schreiber
- Antoine Isaac
- Christophe Dussaux, ministère de la Culture (France)

A conference (Amsterdam Europeana Conference) is scheduled in Amsterdam on October 14th-15th. Juliette Hueber and Antonio Mendes da Silva will attend the conference.

Also, the experiences conducted around the web of data, interoperability (OAI-ORE, OAI-PMH), digital platforms, languages for structuring complex thesaurus (SKOS VIAF ...), or the interconnection of heterogeneous data will be followed closely.

Perspective

To meet the objectives of WG4, it is necessary to first understand and measure the needs of researchers involved in the Action.

This should result in:

- a study of the tools used (or not) by the researchers,
- a study of materials used by researchers and that they are willing to share.

Subsequently, we have to : evaluate the needs of the COST Action members; make an inventory of documents to share and tools used or not by members of the COST Action; finally, redefine the value of sharing for researchers.

This evaluation should be done as far as possible through direct contact with members of different Working groups. The idea of a remote survey is to be rejected.

Therefore, we must try to participate at various moment in the work of other Working Groups.

Dov Winer sent a set of documents, with useful links, which may serve as a basis for group discussions for later.

Next meeting of WG4

Early February (date to be confirmed).