

**1<sup>st</sup> CENL Content Working Group Meeting**  
**1 February 2006, 9:00 - 16:00**  
**Bibliothèque nationale de France**  
**Minutes**

**Participants**

Stephen Bury, British Library  
István Monok, National Library of Hungary, CENL EC member  
Hans Petschar, CENL Representative of the National Library of Austria  
Lucien Scotti, Bibliothèque nationale de France  
Vigdis Moe Skarstein, National Library of Norway, CENL Vice-Chair

Apologies: Fernanda Guedes de Campos, TEL Chair

**Presentations**

Jill Cousins, TEL office  
Teresa Malo de Molina, National Library of Spain  
Valérie Tesnière, Bibliothèque nationale de France

**Agenda**

1. Welcome address BnF
2. TEL content survey (Jill Cousins)
3. BnF content strategy (Valéri Tesnière)
4. NL of Spain content strategy (Teresa Malo de Molina)
5. Content working group
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  - Structure
  - Content road map
  - Work program
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**1. Welcome address BnF**

Jean-Noël Jeanneney, Agnès Sale and Lucien Scotti welcome the group and stress the importance of the topic and the high interest of the BnF to cooperate with CENL and TEL in building the European Digital Library.

Hans Petschar thanks for the invitation and the hospitality and hopes that this meeting will become a historical date.

**2. TEL content survey (Jill Cousins)**

Jill Cousins gives an overview on the actual situation in TEL. At the moment we do not have enough information on existing digital collections. The TEL office is preparing a content survey which will be presented in a draft version at the TEL board meeting in The Hague on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006. The TEL office will inform the CENL members. The CENL questionnaire undertaken by Adolf Knoll at the moment could serve as starting point for collecting more necessary information on numbers, quantity, document types and technical standards of digital collections existing so far in European national libraries.

### **3. BnF content strategy (Valérie Tesnière)**

Valérie Tesnière gives an overview on the Gallica project and possible integration of the BnF digital collections into the European Digital Library (EDL) and into TEL (cf. attached document).

The BnF has a clear content selection strategy and will focus on printed documents, OCR and full text indexation in the EDL.

### **4. NL of Spain content strategy (Teresa Malo de Molina)**

Teresa Malo de Molina gives an overview on the situation of the National Library of Spain. The library currently holds 1 million high resolution digital objects, most of them without metadata and only in image mode. A scientific committee has made a content selection for building a Hispanic Virtual Library and identified 100 important books to begin with. The following topics are covered: Philosophy, Philology, History, American History, Art, Science History, Music, Book History.

It is planned to integrate 10.000 books into a Hispanic Virtual Library in the future. The Spanish National Library wants to integrate its collections into TEL, beginning in 2006.

### **5. Content working group**

#### *Mission, objectives*

In accordance with the CENL Statutes Article 12 "Committees", the CENL Executive Committee (EC) set up a new CENL Working Group on Content at its 9<sup>th</sup> EC meeting in Frankfurt on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2005 and appointed Hans Petschar, CENL representative of the Austrian National Library, to lead this group and to engage the members as proposed: Austria, Norway for the Nordic countries, France, Hungary for the middle-European countries, Portugal and the United Kingdom. The working group will work on how contents for mass digitisation in Europe can be selected and created for the European Digital Library.

#### *Structure*

In answering to the EC proposal the following persons accepted to act as permanent members of the Content Working Group:

- Stephen Bury, British Library
- István Monok, National Library of Hungary, CENL EC member
- Hans Petschar, CENL Representative of the National Library of Austria
- Lucien Scotti, Bibliothèque nationale de France
- Vigdis Moe Skarstein, National Library of Norway, CENL Vice-Chair
- Fernanda Guedes de Campos, TEL Chair

This group will act as a steering committee and meet at least twice a year. Its overall objective is to act as a coordinating body and to formulate strategic recommendations for CENL and TEL.

All CENL members have been informed and most of the CENL members already offered active participation and nominated contact persons.

#### *Proposals:*

- to keep this structure and to invite to the meetings one CENL member to present their content strategy
- to work close together with CENL and TEL working groups.

### *Content road map*

The aim of the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting was to get an overview on the situation within TEL, the BnF and the NL of Spain. After the presentations a first brainstorming followed, covering the following topics:

How to get more digital content in short time

- Integration of existing digital collections in TEL will be a first step. Collections of TEL full members should be integrated as soon as possible.
- The content working group should prepare a work program with concrete figures for mass digitisation. The TEL content survey will give an overview on the actual situation and timescale for integration of existing collections into TEL.

The Content working group should focus on:

- Survey on digitisation plans and strategies in national libraries
- Developing models of cooperation
- Preparing strategic recommendations for CENL
- Define European dimension for EDL within TEL
- Prepare a proposal for coordinated mass digitisation

### Mass digitisation vs Content Selection

There are totally different approaches towards digitisation on a national level at the moment. There is an urgent need for collecting information on existing digitisation plans of CENL members. Especially in the field of mass digitisation an exchange of information will be helpful.

National Libraries hold all sorts of document types and digital collections. There is a common need for OCR, full text indexing and multilingual search engines.

### European Dimension, Added Value of European Digital Library

The basic question of the content working group: what is and what should be the trademark of the European Digital Library within TEL. Cooperation in digitisation and exchange of information could be the added value for CENL members. A clearly defined content strategy would serve also the user needs. Users should know what they can expect and why they should visit the EDL of TEL.

In the near future the British Library (contract with Microsoft), the BnF and the Spanish National Library are planning to digitise 10.000 books and integrate them into their Digital Libraries as well as in TEL. István Monok proposes to develop a cooperation model for exchanging digital copies of Books for Central Europe (= shared digitisation of national heritage).

The content working group should formulate a proposal for coordinated actions in mass digitisation of books as well as for building up digital collections of different media types reflecting the holdings and treasures of European National Libraries.

The content road map should give an answer to the questions:

- Who are we
- What should we digitise (when)
- How should we digitise
- For whom should we digitise

Copyright questions, cooperation models with publishers, the question of born digital materials and the need for coordination of digitisation were identified as relevant questions.

## 6. Actions and work program

The work plan reflects the outcome of the Paris meeting and does not include timing of the TEL content survey and integration plan. Timing and cooperation between the TEL office and the Content working group will be defined at the TEL board meeting in The Hague on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006.

To send information to CENL list	HP	February 2006
To send information to CENL and ask for information on existing digitisation plans and strategies	HP	February 2006
To collect information on existing digital collections (questionnaire Knoll, TEL content survey)	Jill C.	March 2006
To draft a survey for TEL and to present it at the TEL board meeting in The Hague on 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Jill C.	March 2006
To draft an overview on existing digitisation plans for the EC meeting in Budapest on 10 <sup>th</sup> May	HP	May 2006
To decide on next meeting and exchange of information with EU in Budapest	EC	May 2006
To prepare and present a first vision of the EDL at the EU-conference on digital heritage in Salzburg on 21-22 <sup>nd</sup> June	HP	June 2006
To prepare and present first work program and content road map to CENL in St. Petersburg	HP	September 2006