

## European Digital Library Kicks Off!

Museums, Archives, Audio-visual Archives and Libraries start their cross domain collaboration to create the European Digital Library this month with the start of EDLnet. EDLnet will deliver cross-domain collaboration and prototypes for stakeholder and user comment.

EDLnet is a Thematic Network under the [eContentPlus Programme](#), run by [The European Library](#) together with the [National Library of the Netherlands](#). The network will work on the human and political as well as the technical and semantic issues to create an interoperable system able to access fully digitized content from these cultural repositories. This work will be shown through a mock up and prototypes over the next 12 months to give users their say in the process.

To deliver such prototypes and understand the different requirements of the domains, The European Library is recruiting for several technical and non-technical positions to create prototypes of the European Digital Library over the next 12 months. Based in The Hague in the Netherlands we are looking for enthusiastic individuals to people the EDL Office and run EDLnet.

In June the major bodies representing the Europe's libraries, museums and archives will meet to establish a foundation able to develop and sustain a joint portal accessing Europe's cultural heritage. At the same time EDLnet, the project to make the initiative a reality, begins.

The following meetings and events are scheduled:

### Meetings

The [Conference of European National Librarians](#), are organizing a Foundation Set up meeting on June 29<sup>th</sup>, with invitees from: [European Branch of ICA](#), [International Federation of Television Archives](#), [Association de Cinémathèques Européennes](#), [European Museums Forum](#), [International Council of Museums Europe](#), [Consortium of European Research Libraries](#), [Ligue des bibliothèques Européennes des Recherches](#), [MICHAEL AISBL](#), [European Board of National Archivists](#) and the [European Commission, Information Society](#)

July 5<sup>th</sup> EDLnet Work package Leader Meeting to develop the project plan, adding concrete dates and forms of communication.

September 12-14<sup>th</sup> EDLnet Thematic Partner Network Kick Off meeting. All partners in EDLnet are invited and work groups under the 3 major work packages of: Human & Political Interoperability, Technical and Semantic Interoperability and Users for Usability will be set up.

### Events:

September 2007 – project site [www.EuropeanDigitalLibrary.eu](http://www.EuropeanDigitalLibrary.eu) will be live – giving access to digital items, testing access from new domains, news on progress in EDLnet, home of the prototypes and user feedback and to the EDLnet Thematic Partner Network site.

### Jobs:

Would you like to uncover the rich cultural heritage of Europe? Do you have web publishing, project management, development, metadata or coordination skills? Do you fancy living in The Netherlands for a couple of years? Are you an EU citizen? Then click on [this link](#).

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**Notes for Editors:**

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