In 2007-2008, the Committee first met in Bratislava on November 16, 2007 and then in Brussels on June 18, 2008. Its discussions focused on the following working programme:

- **Monitor deposit practices and legislation:**

  The Committee intends to update its survey of the situation of legal deposit in different countries in order to be able to better showcase best practices.

- **Give advice on deposit practices:**

  In Bratislava, the Committee had an exchange of information with representatives of the Slovak National Library, Ministry of Culture and Publishers Association. It was provided with an overview of the Slovak publishing market, its legal environment (legal deposit and VAT rules) and attended a presentation of the ICT implementation program of the Slovak National Library which has already started mass digitization of books and newspapers.

- **Function as a platform for discussion and as an exchange of information on matters of common interest:**

  The Committee had many discussions on the activities of the EU’s High Level Group on Digital Libraries, and reviewed in detail its recommendations on orphan and out-of-print works, preservation and Public/ Private Partnerships. In particular, it shared information on national solutions to orphan works (discussions in France and Germany). It plans to further discuss how to assist the deployment of the principles formulated by the High Level Group.

  It also followed with great interest the EDL project and the creation of its national branches (Gallica 2…). In the future, it intends to work on how libraries can provide information on access to copyright protected books through the EDL model.

  It also kept regularly updated about relevant projects such as ARROW (Accessible Registry of Rights and Orphan Works in Europe) and PEER (Publishing and Ecology of European Research).

- **Discuss clarifications, definitions, agreements on issues of mutual interest to national libraries and publishers:**

  The Committee started to exchange about practices and legal implications of web-harvesting and decided to further study how its statement on deposit schemes for electronic publications could fit with this process and accordingly to make an addition to its statement.
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