

## CENL/ FEP Working Group on Digital Publications

### Annual Report 2013-2014

In 2013-2014, the Working Group met on **November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014 in the Hague**. The main discussions focused on the following issues:

- **European digital libraries**

The group had many discussions on issues related to **mass digitization at European level**. Regarding **Europeana**, the Committee discussed the issue of the sharing and commercial re-use of metadata of publishers who have their books indexed on the website with the Europeana Foundation, as this condition is required by the Data Exchange Agreement of Europeana.

It also closely followed European developments on the new Public Sector Information directive and its impact on cultural institutions, the results of Licences for Europe (discussions under the auspices of the European Commission to find solutions to issues raised by users regarding copyright-protected content) and the upcoming consultation on copyright, as well as VAT.

- **National developments**

The Working Group also shared information on:

- **new copyright legislations and debates:** French discussions to establish legal deposit of e-books, the role of the BNF in the implementation of the French copyright exception for the benefit of visually impaired people (VIP) as the provider of the secure infrastructure for publishers to deposit their digital files upon the request of accredited VIP association; German law on orphan and out-of-commerce works as well as "open access";
- **digitization projects in Member States:** progress of the French project on out-of-commerce works, digitization and making available of books published between 1900 and 1940 in the Netherlands;
- as well as **harvesting and e-book deposit experiences**, in particular in the UK (crawl of the .uk domain, preparation of a structure for the deposit of e-books), Norway and Germany.

**The next meeting is scheduled for May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 in London.**

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