

Key steps 1999-2008

1999

The European Commission launches the initiative eEurope-An information society for all

4 April 2001

Lund, meeting of European experts on digitisation: elaboration of the Lund Principles and Action Plan.

September 2001

EC Communication on “Accessibility of Public Web Sites” COM(2001) 529, Brussels, 25.09.2001

11 December 2001

Brussels, 1st National Representatives Group (NRG) meeting organised by the Belgian Presidency

December 2001

“Brussels Quality Framework” for accessibility and quality of websites for cultural content developed in cooperation with the Belgian Presidency

January 2002

Council Resolutions 2002/C 332/01 e C32/02 on “Culture in the knowledge society” and “Role of culture in the development of the European Union”

1 March 2002

MINERVA Thematic Network Project started

6 May 2002

Alicante, 2nd NRG meeting organised by the Spanish Presidency

7 May 2002

Alicante, Workshop on “Digitisation good practices” organised by the Spanish Presidency and MINERVA project

September 2002

Council Resolution 2002/C 162/02 on “Preserving tomorrow's memory - preserving digital content for future generations”

10 December 2002

Copenhagen, 3rd NRG meeting organised by the Danish Presidency

11 December 2002

Copenhagen, workshop on “Preservation of digital memory” organised by the Danish Presidency and the MINERVA project

26 June 2003

Corfu, 4th NRG meeting organised under the coordination of the Greek Presidency

27-28 June 2003

Corfu, workshop on “Digitisation of Cultural Content”, organised by the Greek Presidency and the MINERVA project

16-17 October 2003

Florence, International conference on “Long Term Preservation of Digital Memories” organised by the Italian Presidency

October 2003

The Firenze agenda

19 November 2003

Parma, 5th NRG meeting organised under coordination of the Italian Presidency

November 2003

The Charter of Parma

20-21 November 2003

Parma, International conference on “Web Quality for Culture”, Parma, organised by the Italian Presidency and the MINERVA project

1 February 2004

The MINERVA Plus project is launched

14 June 2004

Launch of MICHAEL

28 June 2004

Dublin, 6th NRG meeting organised under the aegis of the Irish Presidency

29 June 2004

Dublin, international conference on “Access all areas: serving the user” examining cultural portals from an end-user perspective, organised by the Irish Presidency and the MINERVA project

17 September 2004

The Hague, 7th NRG meeting organised under the coordination of the Dutch Presidency

15-16 September 2004

The Hague, European Conference “Towards a continuum of digital heritage. Strategies for a European area of digital cultural resources”, organised by the Dutch Presidency and the MINERVA project

September 2004

The institutionalisation of the NRG is included into the priorities 2005-2006 of the Comité des Affaires Culturelles

17-20 March 2005

Ohrid - FYROM, Regional meeting on Digitisation of Cultural Heritage: MINERVA in south-eastern Europe

1 June 2005

The European Commission launches i2010, the strategy that renews eEurope

20 June 2005

Luxembourg, 8th meeting of the National Representatives Group organised under the aegis of the Luxembourg Presidency

21-22 June 2005

Luxembourg, “International Conference on future coordination of digitisation”, organised by the Luxembourg Presidency with the support of the MINERVA project

31 July 2005

End of the MINERVA project

16 November 2005

Bristol, Launch of the *Dynamic Action Plan*

16 November 2005

Bristol, National Representatives Group conference “Inspiring eLearning: the European Cultural Information Space”, organised by the UK presidency

17 November 2005

Bristol, 9th meeting of the National Representatives Group organised by the Presidency of the United Kingdom

November 2005

The UK Presidency introduces the *Dynamic Action Plan* at the council of the Ministers of culture of the European Union

31 January 2006

End of the MINERVA plus project. The working groups carry on their activities

1 June 2006

Launch of MICHAEL Plus

21-22 June 2006

Salzburg, International Conference “An Expedition to European Digital Cultural Heritage. Collecting, Connecting - and Conserving?”

23 June 2006

Salzburg, 10th meeting of the National Representatives Group organised by the Austrian Presidency

24 August 2006

The EC publishes the Recommendation on “the digitisation and online accessibility of cultural material, and digital preservation” (2006/585/EC)

13 October 2006

Helsinki, 11th meeting of the National Representatives Group organised by the Finnish Presidency

13 November 2006

The Council of European Union endorses the Recommendation of 24 August and the vision of a European Digital Library as a common multilingual access point to Europe's distributed, and recognizes the valuable coordination work done by the NRG to exchange Member States' experiences and monitor progress, inter alia through the Dynamic Action Plan.

End of 2006

Launch of MINERVA eC

21-22 February 2007

Berlin, International Conference “Europe's Cultural and Scientific Heritage in a digital World: Portals and Networks, Standards and Diversity”, organised by the German Presidency

23 February 2007

Berlin, 12th meeting of the National Representatives Group organised by the German Presidency

22 March 2007

Commission Decision for setting up a High Level Expert Group on Digital Libraries (2006/178/EC)

11 August 2008

The Commission adopted a Communication “Europe's cultural heritage at the click of a mouse - Progress on the digitisation and online accessibility of cultural material and digital preservation across the EU”