

9th Meeting of the National Representatives Group
Bristol, 17th November 2005

Key outcomes of the Meeting were:-

- DCMS welcomed the NRG to the meeting on behalf of the UK Presidency team, and
- The Chair thanked Luxembourg for its work on drafting the Dynamic Action Plan
- Working rules for the NRG were agreed, including mechanisms for decision-making, subject to minor amendments
- a paper of granting Observer status was agreed
- Austria, Finland and Germany agreed to chair a working group to look at the issue of a permanent Secretariat for the NRG
- the Chair thanked Italy for its strong support for the NRG and for the work of the team that had brought investment of €9m in defining and meeting objectives of the NRG
- the meeting noted that the Dynamic Action Plan was presented at the meeting of the Culture and Audio-Visual Council on 14th November, and was formally launched by David Lammy, UK Minister for the Arts on 16th November
- The NRG heard presentations on proposals for a European Digital Library from the NRG member for France, and from the Commission
- The NRG heard presentations from the TEL (The European Library) and DELOS Network of Excellence on Digital Libraries
- The NRG discussed a position paper on Measuring the impact of
- The NRG agreed to prepare a common response to the Commission i2010 Digital Libraries Communication, based on responses being prepared by Member States
- Italy outlined a proposal being prepared for the eContentPlus call for a thematic network to support the aims and objectives of the NRG and the implementation of the Dynamic Action Plan. Most Member States are represented in the proposal, and it was welcomed by the NRG
- NRG members were asked to outline possible participation in the eContentPlus funding call. No proposals were being led by NRG members, and it was suggested that the framework made it difficult for countries to be involved in the programme.
- Implementation of the Dynamic Action Plan
 - Member States were asked to express their key areas of interest in taking forward the implementation of the Dynamic Action Plan
 - the UK, Austrian and Finnish Presidencies will establish Working Groups to lead the four areas of the Action Plan, and an additional Working Group on Measurement
- Austria and Finland outlined their plans for the NRG under their Presidencies
 - Austria is to hold the 10th NRG meeting in Salzburg in June 2006, and will hold a conference that will focus on Digital Preservation
 - Finland will hold the 11th NRG meeting in Helsinki in October 2006