

APPENDIX A: SOME EUROPEAN CULTURAL NETWORKS

- This Appendix has been compiled predominantly researching from E-Culture Net reports in WP1¹ and WP2², the CULTIVATE website³, GABRIEL⁴, as well as CORDIS⁵.
- The aim of this addendum is to identify some major European cultural institutions, umbrella organisations and networks that offer cultural content. This Appendix is not intended to cover research orientated, or technical and specialist networks; emphasis here is on content networks. A very comprehensive review of cultural networks, which main purpose is indeed the research dimension, is already available on the E-Culture Net website [<http://www.eculturenet.org/FP5/networks.htm>].
- The underlying intention of this document is to offer a flavour of the myriad and ever-growing number of national and European possibilities in the area. The following list by no means attempts to be a comprehensive catalogue of the entire European cultural network scenario, since the fast pace at which cultural organisations blossom and evolve would make this a titanic and incomplete endeavour.

¹ E-Culture Net WP1: *Vision and Structure*. Reports available at:
<http://www.mmi.unimaas.nl/eculturenet/Internal/contributions/contributionsWP1.htm>

² E-Culture Net WP2: *Expansion to NAS and Beyond*.
Available at: <http://137.120.135.183/FP5/WPWP2.htm>

³ URL: <http://www.cultivate-europe.org/>

⁴ *The Gateway to Europe's National Libraries*.
URL: <http://www.ddb.de/gabriel/index.html>

⁵ URL: <http://www.cordis.lu/en/home.html>

NETWORK	SUMMARY	RELEVANCE	WEB-ADDRESS
AUSTRIA			
<i>ANL Österreichische National Bibliothek</i>	The <i>Austrian National Library</i> is the country's bank of memory, centre of information and research.	Content	URL: http://www.onb.ac.at/
<i>E-Culture</i>	Cultural network.	National platform	URL: http://www.efit.at/eculture/
BELGIUM			
<i>OST (Federal Office for scientific, Technical and Cultural Affairs)</i>	To lead development in the areas of sciences, technology and cultural heritage and to provide on-line information in those areas.	National platform	URL: http://www.belspo.be/
<i>Royal Library of Belgium</i>	National library of the Federal State of Belgium, holding over 5 million documents. It offers online access to some the institution's many resources.	Content	URL: http://www.kbr.be/
CZECH REPUBLIC			
<i>Narodni Museum (National Museum of Prague)</i>	To promote historical heritage and culture through its museum collections.	Content	URL: http://www.nm.cz
<i>Czech Republic National Library</i>	Provides access to an extensive range of on-line resources. The collections today comprise 6 million volumes, which can be searched on-line.	Content	URL: http://www.nkp.cz/
DENMARK			
<i>Danish National Library Authority</i>	Independent agency under the Ministry of Culture, this is the Danish government's central administrative and advisory body to public and research libraries.	Content	URL: http://www.bs.dk
ESTONIA			
<i>IBS (Institute of Baltic Studies)</i>	Established with the aim to promote the country cultural heritage via the Internet.	National platform	URL: http://www.ibs.ee
<i>NLE (National Library of Estonia)</i>	A centre of library information sciences, a site of education and cultural development. Also a portal to many on-line libraries within the country.	Content	URL: http://www.nlib.ee/inglise/indexi.htm

FINLAND			
<i>Helsinki University Library -The National Library of Finland -</i>	To serve as the national service and development unit for research libraries, and to be responsible for promoting library co-operation within the country and internationally. Main priorities are maintenance and dissemination of collections and provision of information services.	Content	URL: http://www.lib.helsinki.fi/english/
FRANCE			
<i>Gallica</i>	Provides digital access to 70.000 documents and 80.000 images from the French National Library, as well as other services to promote learning and research.	Content	URL: http://gallica.bnf.fr/
<i>Campus Numériques</i>	Cultural network, born at the <i>Sorbonne University</i> , aiming to promote distance learning and facilitate employment in the areas of higher and further education.	Content	URL: http://www.educnet.education.fr/superieur/campus.htm#
<i>CNRS (Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique)</i>	Public based research organisation aiming to promote knowledge and research in the fields of science and humanities.	National platform	URL: http://www.cnrs.fr/index.html
GERMANY			
<i>DFG (National Research Council)</i>	Central autonomous network for the promotion of research in various fields. Specifically, the <i>Library Programme</i> of the DFG is concerned with the arts and humanities area.	National platform	URL: www.dfg.de/
<i>Die Deutsche Bibliothek</i>	The <i>German National Library</i> website provides information about its on-site services, a searchable database, and a vast range of online resources (electronic publications, digital texts and links to relevant websites).	Content	URL: http://www.ddb.de/
GREECE			
<i>Ethnike Bibliothek tes Hellados (National Library of Greece)</i>	Gateway to a number of services, providing some digital resources as well as searchable databases, and information about the institution's activities.	Content	URL: http://www.nlg.gr/

<i>EKT (National Documentation Centre)</i>	Backbone organisation of the national infrastructure for scientific documentation, offering online information and support services on research, science and technology.	National platform	URL: http://www.ekt.gr/en/index.html
IRELAND			
<i>An Chomhairle Leabharlanna (The Council Library)</i>	To provide advice, assistance and services to library authorities; to promote and facilitate library cooperation; and to facilitate access and usage of library resources.	Content	URL: http://www.librarycouncil.ie/
<i>HEAnet (Ireland National Education & Research Network)</i>	Committed to delivering, supporting and maintaining technically advanced solutions and services for national and international communities of students and staff of universities and other research organisations.	National platform	URL: http://www.heanet.ie/index.html
ITALY			
<i>Ministero per i Beni e le Attività Culturali</i>	The <i>Italian Ministry of Cultural Heritage and Environmental Conservation</i> joins different competences in the field of culture, entertainment, environmental protection and sport vigilance. It provides a number of on-line resources to these cultural areas.	National platform	URL: http://www.beniculturali.it/
<i>OPIB (Osservatorio dei Programmi Internazionali per le Biblioteche)</i>	International co-ordinator body for the Italian libraries, providing access to library resources, and promoting research and integrated projects in the field.	Content	URL: http://www.opib.librari.beniculturali.it/index.html
<i>Italian Virtual Heritage Network</i>	Branch of the worldwide <i>Virtual Heritage Network</i> . Its main aim is to promote access and research in the fields of sciences and cultural heritage.	Content	URL: http://www.mediadigitali.polimi.it/VH_network/Index.htm
MALTA			
<i>Biblioteka Nazzjonali ta' Malta</i>	Online information about this historical library, its services and resources.	Content	URL: http://www.education.gov.mt/education_national_library.htm
<i>MCR (Malta Centre)</i>	Joint venture between the <i>University of Malta</i> and the	Content	URL: http://www.mcr.edu.mt/

<i>for Restoration)</i>	<i>Ministry of Education. MCR</i> aims to offer high standard restoration and training at national and international level. In December 2002 MCR has started a collaborative project with <i>IKONOS Consortium</i> , to provide an innovative distance-learning programme in conservation.		
NETHERLANDS			
<i>Bureau Erfgoed Actueel</i>	To stimulate, in cooperation with other institutions, the accessibility to information and collections.	Content	URL: http://www.erfgoed.nl
<i>KNAW (Royal Dutch Academy of Arts and Sciences)</i>	Umbrella organisation for research institutions in the life sciences, humanities and scientific information. Responsible for a number of digital culture projects.	National platform	URL: www.knaw.nl/
<i>Koninklijke Bibliotheek (National Library of the Netherlands)</i>	The <i>National Library of the Netherlands</i> offers a vast range of online services, such as access to catalogues, national bibliography, indexes to periodical contents as well as a number of digital collections and exhibitions.	Content	URL: http://www.kb.nl/index-en.html
<i>NWO (Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research)</i>	Coordinates specific research projects in the area of culture and technology.	Content	URL: www.nwo.nl/
<i>Platform Media Educatie</i>	To promote accessibility to collections and educational resources.	Content	URL: www.mediaeducatie.nl/home.html
<i>Telac/NOT</i>	To improve education of children, young people and adults through high quality education TV and radio programmes.	Content	URL: www.teleacnot.nl
<i>Vereniging DEN (Digital Erfgoed Netherlands)</i>	Association of more than 50 members. To facilitate the accessibility to the national cultural heritage through the use of modern technologies.	Content	URL: www.den.nl/

NORWAY			
<i>Nasjonalbiblioteket</i> (National Library of Norway)	<i>The National Library of Norway</i> consists of three organisational units aiming to collect all the types of information produced from different types of media. It offers online access to catalogues, national bibliographies, national union catalogues, indexes to periodical contents and virtual exhibitions.	Content	URL: http://www.nb.no/
PORTUGAL			
<i>Biblioteca Nacional</i> (National Library of Portugal)	The main mission of this institution is to collect, preserve and promote the dissemination and investigation of the national written and printed heritage. It provides access to online catalogues, national bibliographies, national union catalogues and to a number of digitised documents.	Content	URL: http://www.bn.pt/
RUSSIA			
<i>Rossiiskaya Gosudarstvennaya Biblioteka</i> (RGB)	<i>The Russian State Library</i> (based in Moscow) is the main national library of the country, providing a variety of reference, information and lending services within Russia and abroad. It offers online access to catalogues among other information services.	Content	URL: http://www.rsl.ru/
<i>Rossiiskaya Natsionalnaya Biblioteka</i> (RNB)	<i>The National Library of Russia</i> (St. Petersburg) as one of the two National Libraries of Russia, is responsible for the preservation of its collections to ensure public usage and research.	Content	URL: http://www.nlr.ru:8101/
SPAIN			
<i>Biblioteca Nacional de España</i> (National Library of Spain)	Highest library institution of the state, and head of the Spanish libraries system. Its website offers online public access catalogues, national union catalogues, and virtual exhibitions.	Content	URL: http://www.bne.es/
<i>Universidad SEK Segovia</i>	Portal providing access to a range of information and programmes in the field of higher education.	Content	URL: http://www.usek.es/

<i>ANID</i> (Association for Research in Didactics)	To develop and promote research in educative methods and new technology, applied to the field of education and culture.	Content	URL: www.kalysis.com/ANID
<i>UCM</i> (Universidad Complutense de Madrid)	To promote education and research in many subject areas.	Content	URL: http://www.ucm.es/
SWEDEN			
<i>AGORA</i>	Gateway to online resources in the arts and humanities, to facilitate study and research.	Content	URL: http://agora.ub.uu.se/eng/
<i>Kungliga Biblioteket, Sveriges nationalbibliotek</i>	<i>The Royal Library, National Library of Sweden</i> is both the National Library, and a research library in the humanities open to the general public. Its comprehensive range of online services offers, among the many, information about the institution, access to catalogues, and a range of digitised material.	Content	URL: http://www.kb.se/ENG/kbstart.htm
<i>LUND University</i>	Gateway and creator of a number of educational and cultural resources. Promoting innovation through many projects, such as, for instance the <i>SEMKOS Consortium</i> . This is aimed to find and test out new methods, standards and technologies aimed to the integration, maintenance and application of larger-scale knowledge organisation systems.	Content	URL: http://www.lu.se/ URL: http://www.lub.lu.se/SEMKOS/
UK			
<i>AHDS</i> (Arts and Humanities Data Services)	The <i>AHDS</i> aids the discovery, creation and preservation of digital collections in the arts and humanities. It is organised via an executive at <i>King's College London</i> , and five subject centres from various higher education institutions.	Content	URL: http://ahds.ac.uk/
<i>British Library</i>	The collection comprises 150 million items, including books and manuscripts, journals, magazines, newspapers, music scores, patents, sound archives, stamps, maps and	Content	URL: http://www.bl.uk/

	prints. Online services range from searchable catalogues to virtual exhibitions, besides an extensive range of research and educational resources.		
<i>JISC (Joint Information Systems Committee)</i>	JISC, with funding from the UK further and higher education funding councils, works with the educational sector providing new environments for learning, teaching and research, access to electronic resources, a world-class network (<i>JANET</i>) and advisory and consultancy services.	Content	URL: http://www.jisc.ac.uk/
<i>SCRAN</i>	History and culture website that provides instant access to images, sounds, movies and learning resources. It contains over one million records from museums, galleries and archives.	Content	URL: http://www.scran.ac.uk/

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<i>Art Nouveau</i>	It aims to keep professionals informed, and to make the general public aware of the richness and cultural significance of the heritage of the Art Nouveau artistic movement in Europe.	Content	URL: http://www.artnouveau-net.com/index.html
<i>DELOS</i>	Instrumental to the promotion of the digital library research and development in Europe.	Content	URL: http://delos-noe.iei.pi.cnr.it/index.html
<i>EUN (European Schoolnet)</i>	This cultural network works to the goal of uniting the various national educational networks into a federated network. It supplies on-line teaching support, develops Europe-wide tools, and initiatives to promote the use of ICT in teaching.	Content	URL: http://www.eun.org
<i>ERCIM</i>	Informatics, mathematics.	Content	URL: http://www.ercim.org
<i>GABRIEL (Gateway to Europe National Libraries)</i>	Official online service of the <i>Conference of European National Libraries</i> . <i>GABRIEL</i> aims to provide information about all the national libraries of Europe, their services and the online exhibitions they offer.	Content	URL: http://portico.bl.uk/gabriel/index.html
<i>MALVINE (Manuscripts and Letters via Integrated Networks in Europe)</i>	To open new and enhance access to holdings of modern manuscripts and letters from European libraries, documentation centres and museums. <i>MALVINE</i> will be launched in July 2003.	Content	URL: http://www.malvine.org/
<i>EUROMUSE</i>	Portal to European exhibitions and museums. At the moment this cultural network specifically deals with the field of fine arts, but <i>EUROMUSE</i> aims to evolve to encompass a greater variety of fields.	Content	URL: http://www.smb.spk-berlin.de:8080/euromuse/home/index.jsp
<i>ECN (Europa Cinemas Networks)</i>	To promote the diversity of European cinematography throughout Europe, offering support to the distribution sector as well as to the exhibition of European and Mediterranean films.	Content	URL: http://www.europa-cinemas.com/apropos.html

<p><i>Interactive Music Network</i></p>	<p>The <i>MUSICNETWORK</i> is a <i>Centre of Excellence</i> to bring the music industry, content providers and research institutions together. The <i>MUSICNETWORK</i> draws on the assets and mutual interests of these actors to exploit the potential of new technologies, tools, products, formats and models.</p>	<p>Content</p>	<p>URL: http://callisto.dsi.unifi.it/index.html</p>
<p><i>PULMAN (Public Libraries Mobilising Advanced Networks)</i></p>	<p>The PULMAN NoE aims to stimulate and promote best practice in the digital services and practises of public libraries and cultural organisations at the local and regional level throughout Europe and neighbouring countries (it currently includes 37 countries).</p>	<p>Content</p>	<p>URL: http://www.pulmanweb.org/public.htm</p>
<p><i>TEL (The European Library)</i></p>	<p>30-month co-operative project uniting ten European partners as a consortium, with the aim to provide information about Europe national libraries, their collections and services in order to facilitate access to them, and to foster the development of new services based on a shared infrastructure.</p>	<p>Content</p>	<p>URL: http://www.europeanlibrary.org/</p>