

RightsStatement.org 2020 Work Plan

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Our status at the start of 2020

Financial resources

At the start of 2020, we had 5 members: the National Digital Library of India (NDLI), Trove - the National Library of Australia (Trove), the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA), National Heritage Digitization Strategy [Canada] (NHDS), the National Library of New Zealand and Europeana Foundation (Europeana). Each member contributes 10,000 USD per annum to the operation and development of the consortium.

The activities are based on the current composition of the consortium. This provides us with a 2020 operation budget of €45.445 (USD 30.000, from July to December, plus €19.960 in unspent monies carried over from the 2019 budget).

The allocation of the budget is summarized in the [2020 operation budget](#).

How we are organised

The consortium is composed of the following working structures:

- **Steering Committee:** 11 members, meets 4-5 times a year including one physical meeting
- **Statements Working group:** 13 members, meets at least 4 times a year including one physical meeting
- **Technical working group:** 10 members, meets at least 4 times a year, physical meeting if required
- **Coordination services:** 0,2 FTE funded by the consortium and currently provided

by Europeana. In addition we receive support from an external contractor (graphthinking, funded by the consortium) providing website and app maintenance.

With the exception of the coordinator and the external contractor maintaining the webapp all of the work undertaken in these structures is on a voluntary basis (either as individual volunteer contributions or in-kind contributions by the staff of members).

Distribution of our shared responsibilities

The consortium carries out the following activities that ensure continued availability and maintenance of the statements.

The **Steering Committee (chair)** (with support from the coordinator) is responsible for:

1. Preparing and conducting regular steering committee meetings
2. Liaising with working group co-chairs to ensure regular WG meetings and reporting from the WGs to the SC
3. Budget control (Treasurer with support from Europeana financial controller)

The **Coordinator** is responsible for:

1. Answering of incoming queries on social media and email (with support from the working group co-chairs)
2. External communication via blog, website and social media (based on input from the working group co-chairs)
3. Managing the translations by stewarding new translations through the translation process (together with the Statements WG co-chairs).

The **Statements WG co-chairs** are responsible for:

1. Review of fitness for purpose of existing set of rights statements.
2. Soliciting proposals for new statements and assessing proposals.
3. Maintaining integrity of the statements and the approved translations.

The **Technical WG co-chairs** are responsible for:

1. Ensuring the continued availability of the rightstatements.org website/app including steering the work of the contractor and maintaining contact with the hosting provider.
2. Facilitating the publication of additional translations at the request of the Statements WG.
3. Maintaining relationships with other communities undertaking work relevant to the objectives of the consortium such as Wikipedia and IIF.

Five objectives for 2020

Three operational development objectives

In 2020 we have identified three objectives which are fundamental to developing the

operational capacity of the consortium, all of which affect a cross section of our activities:

1. Implementation of Membership Model

The current model is not flexible to accommodate the different needs of members, nor the specifics of their situations. A new membership model should accommodate the needs of current and potential members and ensure the sustainability of the consortium. This will require guidelines for managing the implementation model, a reviewed and revised (as appropriate) governance model, and to properly consider the representation of the membership levels. It will also require a review and reset (as appropriate) of the membership fee.

Estimated cost: n/a

Metric: membership model in place

2. Development of a sustainable implementation support model

For the Statements to continue being adopted, it is important to ensure that the standards defended by the Consortium are clear to an institution adopting the statements, and that institutions know they will find the support they need. In order to sustainably support the adoption of the statements, the consortium will work on the development and dissemination of advocacy and training materials and the creation of a practitioner's network or forum to support the adoption.

Estimated cost: n/a

Metric: materials available on the rightsstatements.org website, network created

3. Prioritise the translation of member languages

To support the implementation of the statements through member networks, each member must have access to the statements in their own languages. We want to support this important decision by expanding the amount of available translations to cover at the minimum the major languages relevant to the existing consortium members

Estimated cost: n/a

Metric: 4 additional European languages by M9

Two strategic development objectives

1. Exploring approaches to expressing indigenous cultural and intellectual property (ICIP) rights through the rights statements.

Throughout 2020 the consortium will continue the work to better understand the challenges faced by GLAM institutions wanting to express ICIP concerns (status/restrictions on reuse) as part of or alongside of standardized rights

statements. This activity is expected to continue beyond the 2020 calendar year.

Costs: tbc

Final Output: Progress towards an agreed approach to communicating ICIP concerns

2. Developing a solution for jurisdiction specific public domain statements

The rights statements are currently mostly neutral when it comes to the jurisdiction they apply to. However, when it comes to indicating the public domain status of a statement, not having jurisdiction-specific information might be of little help to those considering to use an item. The statements working group will evaluate the possibilities to develop jurisdiction-specific rights statements and will make a recommendation.

Costs: n/a

Final Output: A brief with a set of recommendations.

Budget for 2020

The activities identified above result in the following budget for 2020:

Income	
Membership contributions July-December	€ 25.485
Carry over from 2019	€ 19.960
Subtotal	€ 45.445
Expenses	
Coordinator ¹	€ 17.000
Maintenance contract ²	€ 4.250
Subtotal	€ 21.250
Result	€ 24.195

¹ Coordinator: € 17.000 for 0,2 FTE at Europeana (multi layered support led by Ariadna Matas)

² Maintenance contract web application : € 4.250 for maintenance contract by Graphthinking.