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Europeana: Connecting Cultural Heritage

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Europeana: the successes in 2008

- 150 network members
- ALL EU countries
- ALL sectors represented
- Over 4 million items accessible
- Standards being agreed and applied
- Enormous publicity
- Europeana Beta version back on 18 December 2008
- EDL Foundation as governance backbone
- Financial backing from several ministries
- Business model published



Purpose:

- to provide cross-domain access to Europe's cultural heritage.

The Foundation will:

- facilitate formal agreement across Museums, Archives, Audiovisual Archives and Libraries on how to cooperate in the delivery and sustainability of a joint portal.
- provide a legal framework for use by the EU for funding purposes and as a springboard for future governance.

Board of Participants: current situation

Participants can be:

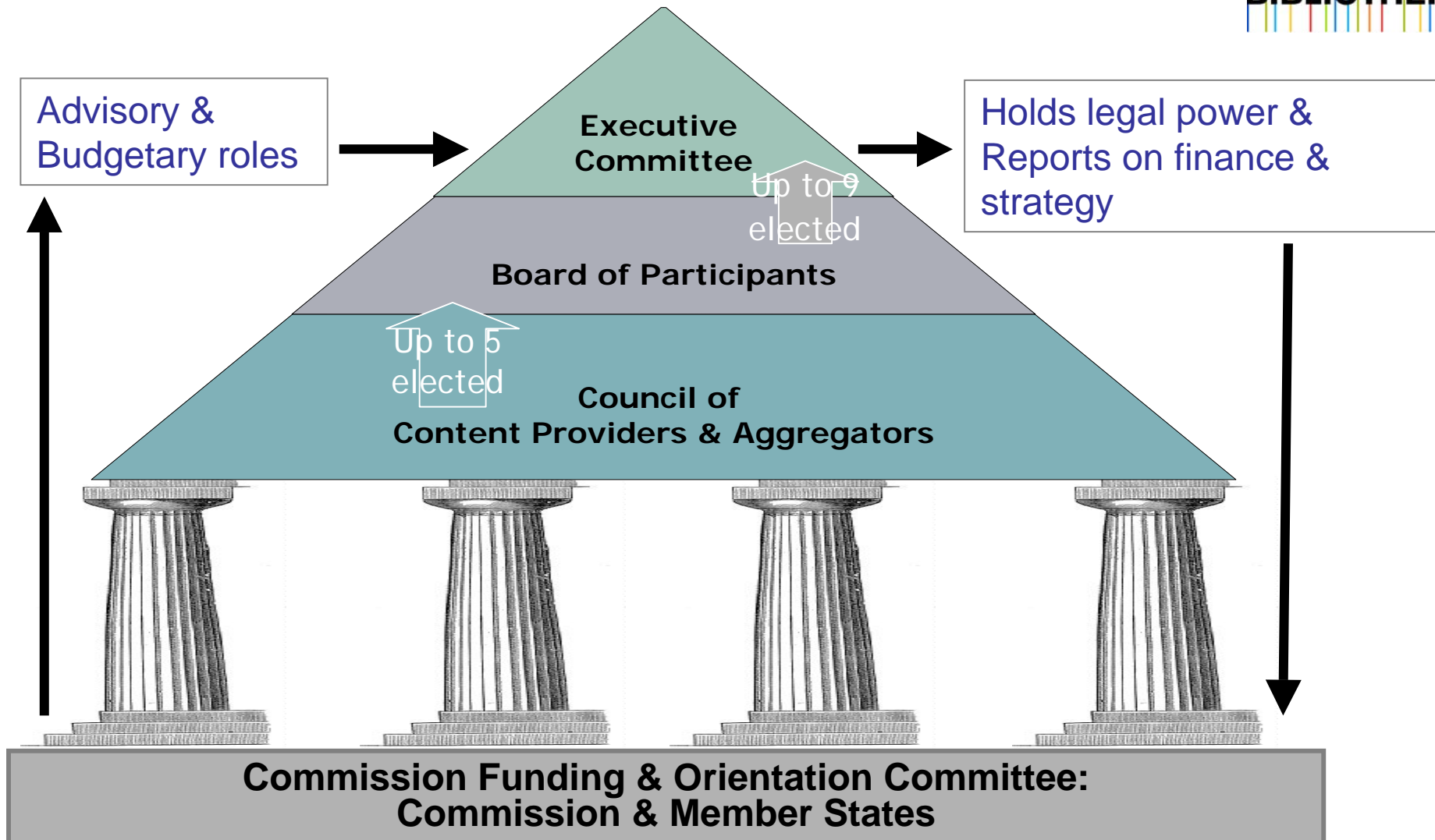
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- d. relevant individual institutions (legal entities) for one of the Domains, and
- e. natural persons for the benefit of a relevant individual institution or association for one of the Domains, which is not a legal entity.

Board of Participants: proposal

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- d. existing/founding members of the Board of Participants and the hosting organisation (BnF, INA, BNS, BA, KB), and
- e. elected representatives of the Council of Content Providers and Aggregators (5).

EDL Foundation Governance



Next steps

- Draft any proposed changes by mid-February 2009
- Executive Committee EDL Foundation agrees mid-March 2009
- Assess changes in statutes needed and costs mid-April 2009
- Ratify draft statutes at EDL Foundation Board meeting early June 2009
- Instruct lawyers to change statutes June 2009
- New statutes and structure in place in autumn 2009

The universe of Europeana Projects 2009

Running:

- Europeana Local
- EFG
- Athena
- APEnet
- PrestoPrime
- STERNA

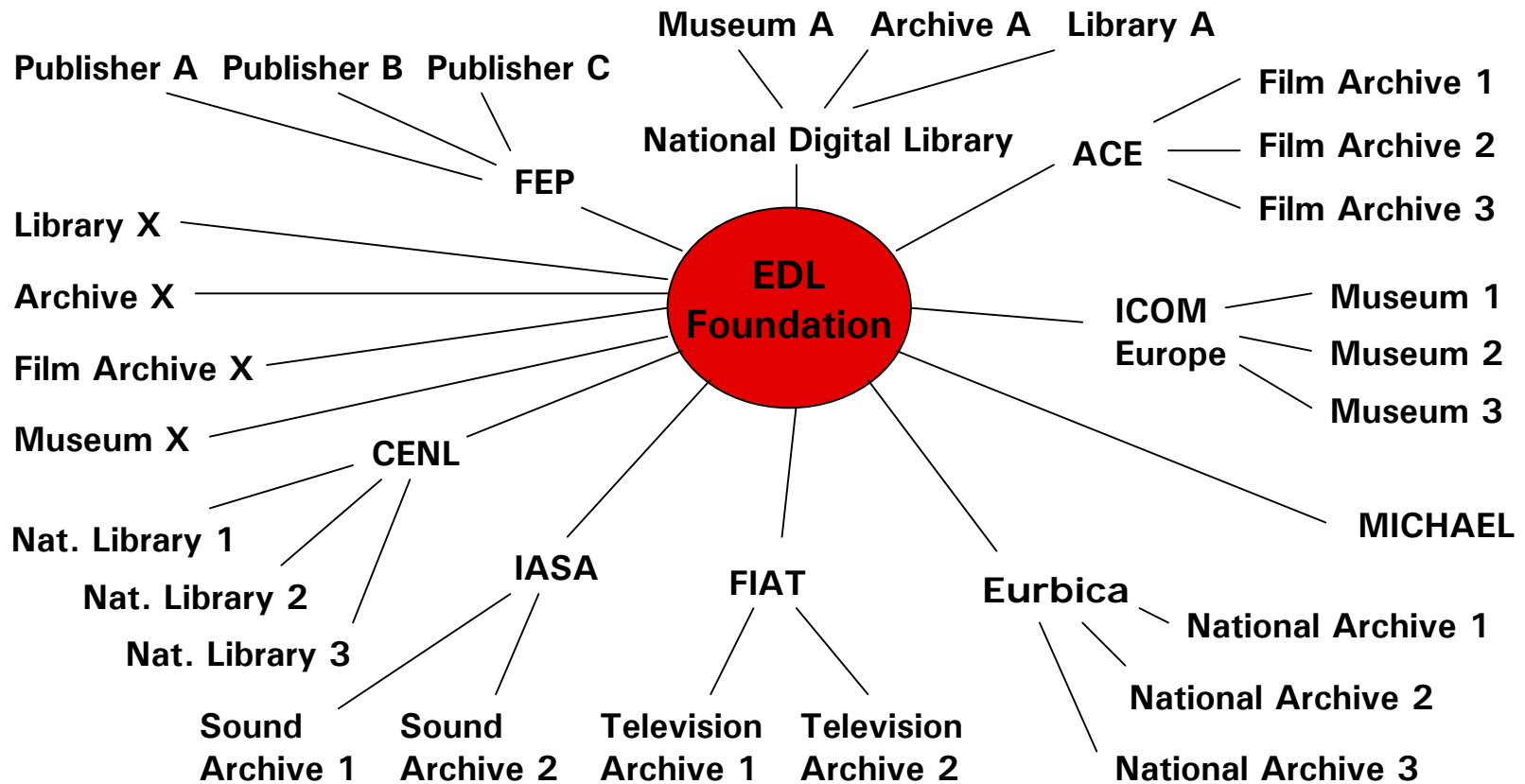
In negotiation:

- Europeana v1.0
- EuropeanaConnect
- BHLEurope
- EUScreen
- EuropeanaTravel
- MIMO
- JUDEICA

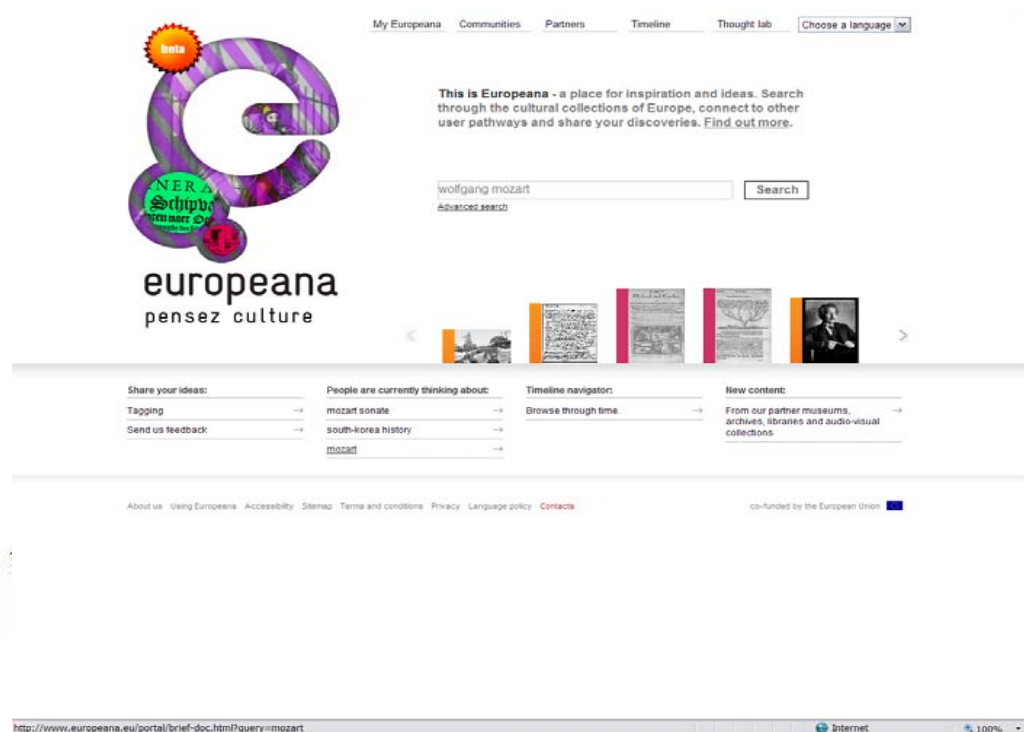
Europeana v1.0

- Builds network
- Pushes towards aggregation
- Maintains Prototype
- Glue for projects
- Works on sustainable financing
- Works on licensing and public domain
- 10 million items by 2010
- Europeana v1.0 operational service June 2010
- Surrogate model
- Reuse

A structure for Europeana



Europeana's Value Proposition: Aggregators of Interoperable Content





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Thank you for your attention!

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