

Overview of EUBAM goals

EUBAM (**EU**ropäische Angelegenheiten für **B**ibliotheken, **A**rchive, **M**useen und Denkmalpflege) is a German interministerial working group for European affairs of libraries, archives, museums and monument protection. EUBAM includes representatives of the conference of cultural ministries of the 16 German states (Kultusministerkonferenz – KMK), certain federal and state ministries, the German Research Council (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft – DFG) and experts from the ALM (archives, libraries, museums) and monument protection areas.

EUBAM's main goal is to support activities and initiatives aimed at improving access to, and preservation of, all types of cultural assets. Thus EUBAM plays a vital national role in transferring and focussing information about European funding mechanisms to the national level, particularly those dealing with the preservation of the scientific and cultural heritage. Activities of EUBAM include:

- Cooperation in the development of a national (federal and state level) digitisation strategy for libraries, archives, museums and monument protection with a particular focus on providing access to cultural and scientific information
- Initiating and coordinating appropriate activities in Germany
- Support of the creation of national infrastructures fostering cooperation across the areas mentioned above
- Organisation of the information transfer between the EU-bodies and the national cultural areas mentioned above (e.g. Internet information service, mailing list, organisation of information events, counselling of project applicants)
- Articulation and grouping of national interests in the forefront of designing EU funding mechanisms and communication of these to political decision makers
- Making national positions noted in the relevant EU bodies via membership in MINERVA and MINERVA-PLUS.

EUBAM supports interested institutions in formulating their intentions vis-à-vis official agencies of the EU and also supports German government agencies in formulating and implementing political aims in the national and European context.

EUBAM makes an essential contribution to both the transparency required for **competitiveness** and the motivation required from the institutions by providing information, consulting services and co-ordination activities, thus supporting the efforts of the states and the federal government on the way to "getting fit for Europe".

Currently EUBAM is chaired by Prof. Dr. h.c. Klaus-Dieter Lehmann, President of the Prussian Cultural Heritage Foundation.

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