

Memorandum of Understanding – Summary

DIGIMUSE Network

A European network of demo-ethnoanthropological small museums

This MoU is one of the results of the Erasmus+ project DIGI.MUSE - KA210 Small-scale partnerships in vocational education and training - led by Genti D'Abruzzo Foundation, based in Pescara (IT). The partners of the DIGI.MUSE project are the Institut de Haute Formation aux Politiques Communautaires asbl (IHF) based in Brussels, Belgium, and the IT company Internet Web Solutions (IWS) based in Malaga, Spain.

This sheet summarizes the Memorandum of Understanding developed by the partners to build the first European network of small demo-ethno-anthropological museums. The document outlines the mission, structure and functioning of the DIGI.MUSE network, which will launch its activities as an informal network gathering museums and cultural organisations across Europe sharing same goals and objectives.

After three years of activity and based on the previous informal experience, Genti D'Abruzzo Foundation will establish - as better explained in the next paragraph - the formal DIGI.MUSE Network, an official entity with a more structured governance directly managed by the Foundation.

DIGI.MUSE Network

The establishment of the DIGI.MUSE network is structured in two steps:

1. Establishment of an **informal network** in the form of a **Community of Practice (CoP)**, which will gather informally small museums and cultural associations across Europe sharing the same mission and goals.
2. After three years of activity, the experience of the informal network will lead to the establishment of a **formal entity**, a more structured network directly managed by the Genti D'Abruzzo Foundation.

Mission

The DIGI.MUSE Network will work taking into account the following mission:

“Guiding small museums through innovation processes that promote their role of educational and cultural mediators between generations and towards social groups with fewer opportunities, making of small museums an ideal space of openness, inclusiveness and innovation”.

Objectives

- **Objective 1: Boost the skills of small museums’ operators**
The DIGI-MUSE Network will work to promote up-skilling opportunities among small museums’ operators and enhance their competences and skills, in particular in terms of digital technologies, sustainable and inclusive cultural offer, networking and EU programmes and initiatives.
- **Objective 2: Increase visibility of and access to small museums**
The DIGI.MUSE Network will work for increasing the visibility of small museums at local and EU level while ensuring a wider and more inclusive access to those spaces, in particular for local communities and disadvantaged groups.

Activities

The objectives pursued by the DIGI.MUSE Network (both informal and formal) will be reached by carrying out the following activities:

- **Biannual meetings** between the network members which will take the form of **thematic working tables**.
- **Exchange of experiences and best practices.**
- **Activities aimed at exploring joint work opportunities.**
- **Monitoring and evaluation of calls for proposal to explore participation opportunities in European projects.**
- Organization of **parallel thematic events** taking inspiration from similar initiatives at EU level, like the thematic weeks and days.

Governance, legal form and communication rules

- **The informal network (DIGI.MUSE Community of Practice)**

The informal DIGI.MUSE Network gathering small museums has no formal leadership and does not constitute a legal entity. The governance structure relies on a decentralized and self-organizing approach. This governance allows participants to come together as a **Community of Practice**. Communication among the members of the Community will happen mainly via e-mail. To express interest in joining the Community, organisations are required to fill in this form <https://forms.gle/csjBpg6eG5yTDwCL6>

- **The DIGI.MUSE formal network**

After the first three years of activities in the informal network, there is an intention to establish a formal network. The formal DIGI.MUSE Network will adopt a more structured and formal governance which will allow the implementation of the activities under the guidance of the Genti d’Abruzzo Foundation. To join the formal network, organisations will be required to fill in an online application form and pay a fee, which will be defined later on by one of the thematic tables of the informal network.