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## To refresh your mind

**TEL-ME-MOR** is funded under IST programme (<http://www.cordis.lu/ist>) of the European Commission's DG Information Society and is managed by the Learning and Cultural Heritage Unit in Luxembourg. It was launched in February 2005, with the overall goal of **raising awareness of the opportunities for New Member States (NMS) to participate in European projects**, especially in the areas of **Culture and Learning**. In addition to that, the project supports the 10 new national libraries **to integrate their electronic resources into The European Library** (<http://www.theeuropeanlibrary.org>), a service providing unified access to the digital and non-digital resources of the national libraries of Europe.

### What we will TEL you MOR about in this issue...

- TEL-ME-MOR Final Policy Conference to be held in Tallinn, Estonia, 18-21 October 2006.
- TEL-ME-MOR **Regional Expert Workshops** to take place in Spring 2006 in Poland, Hungary and Slovenia.
- **Information on the two latest Calls for proposals** launched by the European Commission in March and May 2005 and **on the current Call 6**, closing on 25 April 2006.
- **eContentplus**, a new EU programme approved by the European Parliament on 9 March 2005 with the aim of promoting and facilitating access and use of digital material in a **multilingual environment**.
- **FP7**, the next Framework Programme for Research and Development, for the period 2007 to 2013.
- **EC Strategy on Digital Libraries**, announced by the European Commission in October 2005.

We hope that you will find our news interesting and look forward to receiving your comments and suggestions at [info@telmemor.net](mailto:info@telmemor.net)

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## **TEL-ME-MOR Final Policy Conference**

18-21 October 2006

Tallinn, Estonia

**Focus:**

### **Memory Institutions & the European Research Agenda: Quo Vadis?**

**Participants:** cultural and educational institutions, researchers & research bodies, policy makers in the NMS, EC representatives, EU-funded projects, CENL Members.

More information available at <http://telmemor.net/conference>

## **TEL-ME-MOR: Work in Progress**

### **Investigating the research agenda of the national libraries in the NMS**

A survey was carried out to investigate the current situation of R&D activities in 10 national libraries.

The interesting findings, validated at 10 national workshops in the NMS, in June 2005, were published in a document titled **Analysis of Research Activities and Needs of National Libraries of the New EU Member States**. This document together with the report of the conclusions of the 10 workshops is available from <http://telmemor.net/results.php>.

A press release on the analysis is accessible at <http://www.telmemor.net/pr.php>.

→ **CENL** (Conference of European National Librarians, <http://www.cenl.org>), a partner in TEL-ME-MOR, is currently extending the survey to all its 45 member national libraries.

### **Implementation plans for the 10 NMS national libraries**

TEL-ME-MOR conducted an analysis of the catalogues, digital collections and standards of the NMS' national libraries and drew up **implementation plans** for each of them, in view of the integration of these resources into The European Library. The national libraries of Estonia and Latvia joined in on 1 January 2006, being the first two New Member State libraries to join the service within the framework of the TEL-ME-MOR project. While Slovenia joined the service during the previous TEL project, the remaining seven national libraries will become full members by February 2007.

Overall, by the end of the project, 46 new collections will be integrated into The European Library Portal!

The above implementation plans were discussed and finalised during a Knowledge Sharing Workshop, held in The Hague on 22-23 September 2005. Organised in conjunction with the Technical Working Group of The European Library, the workshop generated a series of recommendations that were integrated into the Implementation Plans, Deliverable 2.2, available at: <http://telmemor.net/results.php>.

## Multilingualism

**Multilingualism** is a very important area of research, which is being given an increasing attention by the European Commission in its overall goal of promoting and encouraging linguistic diversity, multilingual economy and multi- and cross-language access to information. However, at the moment, there is no single approach or solution to enable cross-language access to bibliographic data and full-text and additional research in this field is required to meet the diverse needs of a multilingual Information Society.

TEL-ME-MOR is contributing to this area, aiming to provide access to the resources of the NMS national libraries through local language interfaces. Moreover, it will produce an implementation proposal for future cross-language access to The European Library's collections. In this connection, the project has produced two reports: one on UNICODE capabilities and requirements, the second on subject access tools. The first document offers a comprehensive and interesting analysis of the major issues involved in the performance of searches across catalogues and collections, which use different scripts and character sets. The report on subject access tools analyses subject access mechanisms, focusing, in particular, on the resources of the NMS national libraries planned to be included in The European Library, examining similarities and investigating ways to improve searching.

Both reports (D 3.1 & D 3.3) are available at <http://www.telmemor.net/results.php>

## TEL-ME-MOR Web Portal (<http://telmemor.net/>)

The TEL-ME-MOR web site has been enhanced and expanded to become an informative and user-friendly portal, offering up-to-date information on EU calls for proposals, events and digital developments within the IST area, as well as on project progress and results.

The following two sections were added since the publication of the first project newsletter:

- **Local web sites in the local languages of the 10 NMS**, mirroring the content of the TEL-ME-MOR general site.
- **A section** (<http://www.telmemor.net/networking.php>) devoted to project ideas and partner search in the NMS with regard to IST projects within the Learning and Cultural sectors.

→ If you want to share a project idea or are looking for partners for projects in these areas, send

us your expression of interest, by filling in the form at <http://telmemor.net/form.php>

### TEL-ME-MOR at European events

- **Call 5 Information Day**, 16 June 2005, Luxembourg. Organised by the European Commission, DG Information Society, Unit 'Learning and Cultural Heritage' in connection with Call 5. TEL-ME-MOR was presented at the Networking session 'Enhanced Access to digital cultural and scientific objects' (presentation available at <http://www.cordis.lu/ist/digicult/infoday2005.htm>).
- **71st IFLA Conference and Exhibition** (<http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla71>), 14-18 August 2005, Oslo, Norway. TEL-ME-MOR was presented on 16-17 August during a poster session as well as introduced by project partners in a number of key conference sessions, including the CDNL Annual Meeting, the ABDOS Session and the National Library Standing Committee Session. The event provided a unique opportunity for presenting the project to an international audience, including many from NMS, and for establishing useful contacts.
- **9th International ILDS Conference** (<http://www.nlib.ee/ilds>), 20-23 September 2005, Tallinn, Estonia. The conference focused on interlibrary loan and document exchange and brought together 170 delegates from 5 continents. TEL-ME-MOR was advertised in the conference programme and presented at the trade exhibition of the conference by the National Library of Estonia.
- **CENL Annual Conference and TEL-ME-MOR Open Forum** (<http://www.cenl.org>), 28-29 September 2005, Luxembourg. Held in conjunction with the TEL-ME-MOR Board Meeting, the forum offered the opportunity to present TEL-ME-MOR to the directors of European national libraries.
- **MICHAEL Conference**, 15 November, 2005, the Watershed, Bristol, UK  
MICHAEL (<http://www.michael-culture.org>) is a partnership between France, Italy and the United Kingdom, supported by the European Commission under the eTen programme, and is aimed to provide simple and quick access to the digital collections of museums, libraries and archives from different European countries. The event was organised in conjunction with the MINERVA NRG Meeting.

### ON the Project Agenda

- **Regional Expert Workshops** (attendance by invitation only)  
<http://telmemor.net/workshops.php>  
*Where & when:* Warsaw, Poland, 24-25 April 2006; Budapest, Hungary, 8-9 May 2006;

Ljubljana, Slovenia, 18-19 May 2006

*Organisers:* national libraries of Poland, Hungary and Slovenia, partners in TEL-ME-MOR

*Objectives:* to discuss research requirements in the NMS, encouraging a greater participation of these countries in European research projects and widening the impact of TEL-ME-MOR results in NMS, at the policy and strategic level.

*Participants & target audience:* directors of libraries, museums and archives, EC representatives, EU-funded projects, CENL Members, Ministries of Culture and Education, research bodies and other relevant institutions from the NMS and neighbouring countries.

- **TEL-ME-MOR Final Policy Conference**

<http://telmemor.net/conference/>

*Where & when:* Tallinn, Estonia, 18-21 October 2006

*Organiser:* National Library of Estonia

*Objectives:* to discuss the future European research agenda, taking into account the requirements and interest areas of the NMS and based on the latest digital library developments in the global Information Society.

*Participants & target audience:* cultural and educational institutions, researchers & research bodies, policy makers in the NMS, EC representatives, EU-funded projects, CENL Members.

- Information on the conference will shortly be published on the TEL-ME-MOR web site. Meantime, if you want to receive more details on the event, please contact us at: [info@telmemor.net](mailto:info@telmemor.net).

- **CENL Annual Meeting, St Petersburg, Russia, 27-30 September 2006**

TEL-ME-MOR will contribute to this event, which will gather all its member libraries, currently consisting of 45 members from 43 European countries.

## IST Calls for Proposals

### Past Calls

- **Call 4**, published in December 2004 and closed on 22 March 2005, offered interesting opportunities for NMS, encouraging specifically their involvement in the 'enlarged Europe' (Strategic Objective 2.4.13). The call also addressed the area of *Technology-enhanced Learning* (Strategic Objective 2.4.10).

Although the overall participation of the NMS in the call cannot be considered very high, compared with the involvement of the rest of the Member States, TEL-ME-MOR dissemination activity seem to have made a positive impact on the outturn of the call, contributing to an increase in the number of NMS institutions, which have responded to the call. Overall, about 10

newly selected projects have a strong NMS participation. In terms of countries repartition for retained proposals, Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic and Slovenia were those with a higher participation rate.

- **Call 5** opened on 18 May 2005 and closed on 21 September 2005. The Strategic Objective 2.5.10 '**Access to and preservation of cultural and scientific resources**' addressed the areas of **access** and **digital preservation**. Research in the first area should lead to a more participative and creative use of cultural heritage by citizens and by cultural institutions, at all levels, through creative, on-line communities, while work in the digital preservation is intended to investigate methods and systems for guaranteeing the long-term preservation of digital objects.

Co-operation between TEL-ME-MOR and NMS NCPs led to the organisation of a number of **Information Days** devoted to Call 5 in Estonia, Lithuania, Poland and Hungary.

### ✓ Current Calls

- **Call 6** opened on 22 December 2005 and will close on 25 April 2006. Objectives of the call are to address new technology and application domains and to pilot new approaches such as integrated environments or experience research. The total indicative budget of the call is 140 million Euros. Proposals will be invited to address the following areas:
  - Advanced robotics
  - Ambient assisted living (AAL) in the ageing society
  - Advanced search technologies for digital audio-visual content
  - Accompanying actions in support of participation in Community ICT researchInternational Co-operation

More information on the call is available at:

[http://fp6.cordis.lu/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.FP6DetailsCallPage&call\\_id=271](http://fp6.cordis.lu/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.FP6DetailsCallPage&call_id=271)

### Current Calls under eContentPLUS Programme

- **eContentplus** ([http://europa.eu.int/information\\_society/activities/econtentplus](http://europa.eu.int/information_society/activities/econtentplus)) is a four-year programme (2005–2008), which was approved by the European Commission in March 2005. The programme **promotes and facilitates accessibility and usability of digital material in a multilingual environment**. Areas addressed include geographic, educational, cultural, scientific and scholarly content. The Programme also supports EU-wide **co-ordination of collections in libraries, museums and archives** and the **preservation of digital collections** as to ensure availability of cultural, scholarly and scientific assets for future use.

The first eContentplus call closed on 24 November 2005. The call addressed all the above areas as well as reinforcing cooperation between digital content stakeholders.

A second call for proposals will be likely to be published during 2006. Information on new calls can be found at: [http://europa.eu.int/information\\_society/activities/econtentplus/calls/](http://europa.eu.int/information_society/activities/econtentplus/calls/)

## EC Developments

### ✓ EC Strategy on Digital Libraries

In September 2005 the **European Commission announced its strategy to make Europe's written and audiovisual heritage available on the Internet**, proposing a concerted action by EU Member States to digitise, preserve, and make this heritage available to all. To this purpose, the Commission presented a first set of actions at European level and invited comments on a series of issues in an on-line consultation, which closed on 20 January 2006. Responses (available at [http://europa.eu.int/information\\_society/activities/digital\\_libraries/consultation/replies/index\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu.int/information_society/activities/digital_libraries/consultation/replies/index_en.htm)) will feed into a proposal for a Recommendation on digitisation and digital preservation, to be presented in June 2006.

### Seventh Framework Programme (FP7)

FP7 will run for seven years, starting from **1 January 2007**. Designed to build on the achievements of its predecessor towards the creation of the European Research Area (<http://www.cordis.lu/era>), it will carry it further towards the development of the knowledge economy and society in Europe.

FP7 will be organised in four programmes corresponding to four basic components of European research: Cooperation, Ideas, People and Capacities.

→ TEL-ME-MOR activities will try to ensure that the areas of research in which national libraries in NMS have an interest are taken into account in the shaping of FP7's priority areas for R&D.

*Information on FP7:*

<http://www.cordis.lu/fp7/> - Gateway to the preparation of FP7

[http://europa.eu.int/comm/research/future/index\\_en.cfm](http://europa.eu.int/comm/research/future/index_en.cfm)

[http://europa.eu.int/comm/research/future/themes/index\\_en.cfm](http://europa.eu.int/comm/research/future/themes/index_en.cfm) - FP7 research themes

### Next issue of TEL-ME-MOR Newsletter

→ The third and final issue of our Project Newsletter will be published in autumn 2006. Stay tuned!

