Training Seminar for European Documentation Centres

Venue: Palazzo dei Congressi/Villa Salviati, Florence, Italy

Monday, 2 December 2019

08:00-08:50   **Registration**

08:50-09:00   **Presentation of the program**

Sheona Dorson-King and John Macdonald, Moderators

09:00-09:30   **Welcome address**

Vincenzo Amendola, Italian Minister for European Affairs (tbc)

Prof. Renaud Dehousse, President of the European University Institute

Vito Borrelli, Acting Head of Representation of the European Commission in Italy

09:30-10:30   **Strategic priorities for 2020-2024**

Richard Kühnel, Director for Representation and Communication in Member States, Directorate-General for Communication, European Commission

Followed by Q & A

10:30 -10:50   **The revamped EDC network as a bridge to the academic community**

Presenting conclusions of the Pan-European Working Group (PEWG) on outreach activities

Foreword by Alessandro Giordani, Head of Unit, Networks in the Member States Unit, Directorate-General for Communication, European Commission

Members of the Pan-European Working Group (tbc)

10:50-11:10   *Coffee break*

11:10-12:10   **Parallel working group sessions – Strengthening partnerships for a better outreach**

Based on the conclusions of the Pan-European Working Group, EDCs will discuss at parallel sessions their best practices for strengthening contacts with their key

partners with a view to involve the academic community more closely in the debates on the future of the EU

- **Workshop 1 - Best practices for cooperating with host structures and academic staff**

This workshop will explore best practices of EDCs to maximize support from their own host structures and to cooperate with academic staff, lecturers and professors for a better outreach

- **Workshop 2 - Closer partnership with other Europe Direct networks**

This workshop will focus on how EDC's cooperation with other Europe Direct members – notably, with Europe Direct Information Centres and Team Europe – could be strengthened and how these networks could work closer together in order to reach an increased outreach capacity.

- **Workshop 3 - Joining forces with other EU outreach networks**

This workshop will explore how EDCs can join forces and efficiently cooperate with selected other EU outreach networks, which are also present in the academic community (e.g. Erasmus+ offices, Creative Europe Desks, EURAXESS – tbc the most relevant ones).

12:10-12:15   ***Participants return to plenary room***

12:15-13:15   **Discussing conclusions of the workshop sessions with EDC partners**

The speakers of this session – who were also (co-)moderators of the parallel sessions - will summarize the key points of their discussions, underlying what they could do more/better in partnership with EDCs

Jean Monnet chair from the European University Institute

Team Europe member (who cooperates closely with EDCs)

EDIC member (who cooperates closely with EDCs)

EDC member active on outreach

13:15-14:30   ***Lunch***

14:30-15:30   **What can my EDC do for improving outreach? - Open floor discussions +Sli.do**

At the beginning of this session, moderators will ask EDCs who are already active on outreach to stand on the right side of the plenary room, those who are less or not involved in outreach, to stand on the left side. Then the moderators will ask EDC members from both camps questions to identify how EDCs will bring forward the

points discussed during the day, how they plan to implement the best practices in concrete terms and what they can recommend to overcome the obstacles identified for a better outreach.

15:30 ***Departure from Palazzo dei Congressi by bus***

16:00 ***Arrival at the Historical Archives of the European Union***

16:00-18:00 **Presentations by the Historical Archives of the European Union**

Participants will be divided into four groups of approximately 80 participants each. Guided by the colleagues of the Historical Archives, the 4 groups will hear 30-minute presentations, rotating among the below premises:

1. **The European University Institute as a European research hub (Sala del Consiglio)**

Presenting research projects on European integration history, oral history programmes and audio-visual collections (e.g. History of the European Commission volume 3, 1986-2000), related collaborative projects of the Historical Archives of the EU and EUI library on digitisation of Agence Europe collection and on MARC-coding of archival inventories for insertion in library catalogues

2. **The Historical Archives of the EU and the written memories of the European integration (HAEU Archives Reading Room)**

Introducing the HAEU and its holdings, presentation of a set of original documents from numerous EU institutional and private archival holdings.

3. **70 years after the Schuman Declaration (Cloister)**

Presentation, selected display, concept and implementation of the 2020 exhibition project of the Historical Archives of the EU about the Schuman Declaration

4. **Visit to the Archives Repository Vault**

Guided visit to the physical archives, introducing the preservation of original papers, digitisation and on-site access, maintenance and security of archival storage area

18:00-20:00 ***Cocktail dinner in the mensa area of Villa Salviati***

Tuesday, 3 December 2019

08:00-09:00   **Arrival of participants**

09:00-09:05   **Presentation of the programme**

Sheona Dorson-King and John Macdonald

09:05-10:00   **New developments of the EU Publications Office**

Marina Tataram, Publications Office of the European Union (tbc)

Representative(s) of the EU Publications Office (tbc)

10:00-10:30   ***Coffee break***

10:30-11:30   **Updates on EU opportunities for researchers and students**

This panel will take stock of novelties regarding EU programs and opportunities for students and researchers (Marie Skłodowska-Curie, Erasmus+/Jean Monnet, Horizon 2020 etc.)

Claire Morel, Head of Unit, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Unit, Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, European Commission (tbc)

Minna Wilkki, Head of Unit, Communication and Citizens Unit, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, European Commission (tbc) and/or Representative of the Joint Research Centre (tbc)

11:30-12:15   **EDCs in the forefront for fact-checking and preventing disinformation**

Paolo Cesarini, Head of Unit, Media Convergence and Social Media Unit, Directorate-General for Communication Networks, Content and Technology, European Commission (tbc)

EDC member with best practice (tbc)

12:15-13:00   **Press and media digitization – the web archive of the EU**

Representative of the Publications Office of the European Union (tbc)

Representative of the Historical Archives of the European Union

13:00-13:15   **Closing address**

Alessandro Giordani, Head of Unit, Networks in the Member States Unit, Directorate-General for Communication, European Commission

13:15   **Sandwich lunch and departure of participants**