AGATE
Chances and Challenges of a European Academies Internet Gateway

Kick-Off Workshop of the Project:
“Elaboration of a Concept for a European Academies Internet Gateway for the Social Sciences and Humanities (AGATE)”
Short Introduction of the Project – Objectives of the Workshop

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• The European science academies are storehouses of knowledge
• Long-term projects in basic Social Sciences and Humanities research (e.g. collections, dictionaries, editions) on cultural heritage and identity
• *Independence, excellence, and* continuity
• Specific challenges of *long-term research*
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- **Our Vision**: AGATE (European Academies Internet Gateway) as a shared platform / digital infrastructure for the SSH-research projects carried out under the umbrella of the European academies
Main objectives of AGATE:

• Enhance **visibility** of European academies’ in general

• Enhance **findability & accessibility** of the respective digital resources

• Improve **sustainability** of digital research and publication practices by fostering knowledge exchange and cooperation
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• Visibility
  o showcase and promote the richness, quantity, quality, and broad relevance of the SSH-research at the European academies and open the doors for reuse and collaboration
Academy A
(cenral repository at the academy)

Academy B
(repository at an institute)

Academy C
(no / external repository)

Academy D
(No electronic project output or data only saved locally)

Research data, publications, etc.

AGATE Search Function

Project 1

Project 2
Linked, but autonomous Institute (SSH)

Project 3

Project 4

AGATE Database
(including information about projects and academies)

External data center or publication repository, e.g. Zenodo

Interlinking of (meta-)data

AGATE Search Function

Academy’s Repository / Data Center

Institute’s Repository / Data Center

Project Information (topic, institution, methods, formats, contact, etc.)
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• “The European Academies constitute a unique pan-European knowledge base that is trusted, non-partisan and long-term. The academies therefore have an important contribution to make to debates regarding sustained digital infrastructures and project-funded artefacts, long-term durable digital preservation, and societal responsibility for the preservation of our cultural heritage.”

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• **Findability & Accessibility needs**
  - more open access in general,
  - access to the data (in contrast to giving access to electronic publications in the form of monographs or books, etc.)
  - interoperability
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• Visibility

• Findability & Accessibility

• Sustainability
  o Service and Information Hub
  o Foster knowledge exchange and cooperation at the academies’ level and with infrastructural partners concerning the development of digital tools, the discussion of digital methodologies, and long term preservation
  o bundle respectively pool the academies’ efforts and activities
Morning Session:

The Status Quo of digital Research Practices and Publications at the European Academies today

Experience Reports

Chair: Laurent Romary
Inria/DARIAH/BBAW
Afternoon Session:

Panel Discussion: A European Academies Internet Gateway – Chances and Challenges

Chair: Eveline Wandl-Vogt
ACDH/Austrian Academy of Sciences
Afternoon Session:

Résumé of the Day and Prospects
Closing of the Workshop

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