



1st International **COMMUNIA** Workshop “Technology and the Public Domain”

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The European Thematic Network on the digital public domain

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Goal

Building a **network of organisations** that shall become the single European point of reference for high-level policy discussion and strategic action:

- on all issues related to the public domain in the digital environment
- on related topics such as:
 - alternative forms of licensing (e.g. Creative Commons)
 - open access to science & research results
 - management of orphan works

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Output

Strategic policy guidelines

that will help all the stakeholders,
public and private, from the local to the
European level, understand the role of
the digital public domain and its potential
for economic, technological, scientific progress
and
for the cultural and democratic development
of
European societies

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Duration: 36 months

36 partners for the 1st year – to reach 50 by the 3rd year)

Country coverage: Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, The Netherlands, United Kingdom, Croatia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Switzerland, USA, Brazil

6 Work Packages

5 Working Groups

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Instruments and tools

COMMUNIA will:

- convene 3 European-wide conferences
- organize 9 open workshops
- launch an academic journal on the digital public domain (subject to a feasibility study)
- edit and publish a book on the digital public domain (subject to a feasibility study)
- produce a “best practices guide” for research centers on the multi-disciplinar analysis of the digital public domain

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Working Groups

- WG1: education and scientific research
- WG2: technology
- WG3: libraries and archives
- WG4: economic analysis and new business paradigms
- WG5: the public sphere

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Plenary Talk



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**4 posters
micro-presentations**

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**Session #1:
“Technology for
the science commons”**

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**Session #2:
“Software and formats
for the commons”**

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lunch break

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Welcome



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**Session #3:
“Infrastructural commons”**

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**Session #4:
Reports by Rapporteurs
&
Plenary Discussion**

thanks

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a thought

technology is not neutral

ethics of responsibility

consequences

multidisciplinary

everything about nothing

nothing about everything

let's keep trying

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a final thank

you