EU Project SG Invitation

It is hard, almost impossible for us to find terms like "Archives" and "archiving" included in any of the EU policies and subsequently there aren't many programs and calls which would offer archives an opportunity to apply for EU funding. That is why archivists with ideas for EU projects search for suitable calls by using other keywords such as "preservation, long-term, interoperability, big data, e-government". These are all buzz words we are familiar with and they show our collaboration with data producers, end-users of archival records, researchers, IT sector and others. But, is this sufficient for us?. Do we need others to pay more attention to our services and our work?

Let's find out.

EU archives have already been involved in EU funded projects: examples of such projects over the last decade are APEnet, APEx and E-Ark. People who were more closely connected to these projects will know that they did not just start as a result of a successful bid on a project call.

What are the topics and issues relevant for a number of EU (public and/or private, national and regional) archival institutions, which affect the level and scope of our services? Which new or better practices, tools, solutions, specifications, recommendations could have pan-European character?

Can DLM Forum, APE and OPF help and support us, pan-European society, to have a better overview over EU policies, programs and calls? What can National archives do on this topic? Which activities are reasonable? Can we join forces?

Some initiatives have already been introduced.

I would like to invite you to take part in the discussion and contribute to the formulation of proposals for concrete actions.