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OpenGLAM CH Working Group

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Swiss OpenGLAM Working Group

Working Group of the Swiss chapter of Open Knowledge

- **Mission:**
  - Promote and facilitate the adoption of the OpenGLAM principles in Switzerland

- **Members:**
  - NGOs (Open Knowledge; Wikimedia; Creative Commons)
  - GLAMs
  - Research and educational institutions
  - Service providers

  At present: ca. 50 people subscribed to the mailing list; ca. 20-25 people participating in real-life meetings and engaging in projects.

Functioning (as of summer 2014)

- We are a **loose network of OpenGLAM related projects**.
- The OpenGLAM Working Group primarily functions as a **contact platform** to meet people, to keep each other up-to-date and to initiate projects.
- New projects or task forces can be launched in a rather **informal** way if there is a critical mass of people interested in promoting them - new topics can be announced through the mailing list or at coordination meetings; also, the projects and task forces are encouraged to report back to the mailing list about their progress .
- **Coordination meetings** are held twice per year.

OpenGLAM CH Task Forces / Projects

- **Active Task Forces**
  - Outreach to smaller institutions
  - Open Cultural Data Hackathon
- **Dormant Task Force**
  - Open Cultural Data platform(s)
- **Planned Project(s)** *(funding applications in preparation)*
  - Multi-stakeholder evaluation of GLAM-Wiki cooperations and open data projects in the heritage sector, based on comparative case studies
  - Open Cultural Data Masterclasses
  - Outreach to all Swiss heritage institutions to ask them to contribute content to Wikipedia /Wikimedia Commons
- **Related Projects**
  - GLAM-Wiki cooperations
  - Open Data projects in the heritage sector
  - OpenGLAM Benchmark Survey

OpenGLAM CH – A Brief History

- **2013**
  - Mandate to build up an OpenGLAM working group in Switzerland / OKFN
  - BREF project submission «OpenGLAM CH»
  - Publication of the OpenGLAM Principles by the OpenGLAM Working Group of the Open Knowledge Foundation
  - Trilateral meeting opendata.ch / Wikimedia CH / Digitale Allmend to discuss a common working group
  - OpenGLAM workshop at OKCon: Announced launch of a Swiss OpenGLAM Network and Working Group
  - Approval of the OpenGLAM working group by the opendata.ch board

OpenGLAM CH – A Brief History (Cont.)

▸ **2014**
  ▸ Official kick-off of the OpenGLAM CH Working Group
  ▸ Initialization of 3 task forces:
    • Small Institutions
    • Open Cultural Data Hackathon
    • Open Cultural Data platform(s)
  ▸ Swiss Open Government Data Strategy: The Federal Government mandates the Federal IT Steering Unit and the Federal Archives to negotiate with the heritage sector about its inclusion in the national open data strategy *(N.B.: The EU PSI-Directive is not applicable in Switzerland!)*

Some advice

▸ **OpenGLAM is the goal**
(and not organization building or turf wars)
(avoid the not-invented-here syndrome)

▸ **There is value in diversity**
(in Switzerland, the Open Knowledge chapter has so far turned out to be a good host for it)

▸ **Think global, act global**

▸ **Assume good faith and be bold**
(not everyone will be ready to move as fast as you)
(there is a lot of sleeping potential, even in organizations where you wouldn't expect it at first sight)

Thank you for your attention!

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