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Guidelines

Cultural Heritage
Line of Action "Digitisation of Prints Listed in National Bibliographies - VD 16 / VD 17 -"

Funding Goals

Retrospective digitisation plays a key role in the preservation and transmission of cultural heritage. Not only does it prevent the loss of our cultural heritage, it also makes this heritage much more accessible. The Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG, German Research Foundation) therefore supports libraries, archives and museums in their endeavour to rapidly provide digital reproductions of as many academically relevant public-domain holdings as possible.

Large-scale digitisation projects should build upon existing high-quality metadata. Furthermore, a coordinated concept is required to avoid redundant work. The existing bibliographic record systems for 16th and 17th century prints published in the German-speaking areas (VD 16 and VD 17) already provide these high-quality index data within a nationally coordinated structure. These directories are to be complemented by the coordinated digitisation of the prints they list. Enhanced indexing is not the focus of this line of action.

In the context of digitisation as a funding priority, subject-specific individual proposals — independent from the VD 16 / VD 17 line of action — are central to the DFG's funding activities. Individual proposals are not subject to any particular deadlines and may be directed in writing to the DFG Head Office, Scientific Library Services and Information Systems Division.

Funding Opportunities

Expenses for personnel, equipment, consumables, and travel, according to the intentions of the funding programme, are all eligible for funding.

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How to Apply

Proposals should be directed in writing by 1 June of any year to the DFG Head Office, Scientific Library Services and Information Systems Division. The funding proposal should include a detailed project plan, a clear framework regarding tasks, quantities and time, as well as information on the institution's own financial contributions and the proposed total funding period. When submitting a proposal, please follow the guidelines according to *Merkblatt und Leitfaden für die Antragstellung (LIS)* (Information and Guidelines for Submitting Proposals, DFG form 12.01), which pertain to all of the Division's programmes. The form is available for download at
http://www.dfg.de/forschungsfoerderung/formulare/bibliotheksfoerderung.html
and can be imported directly into a word processing program.

Information

For more information, please contact the programme directors listed at
http://www.dfg.de/en/research_funding/scientific_instrumentation_and_infrastructure/scientific_library_services_and_information_systems
(category "Contacts").