



Accessible Registries of Rights Information  
and Orphan Works towards Europeana

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## **ARROW at the Europeana Plenary 2009**

**Brussels, 16 September 2009.** Under the name of "Creation, Collaboration & Copyright", Europeana celebrated its Plenary 2009 in The Hague. Approximately 300 attendees were present at this event, where some key issues like copyright, public domain and orphan works had an important presence among the various presentations.

The Europeana Plenary made it clear that one of the most important problems that many of the project partners are still facing in regards to Intellectual Property Issues (IPR), continues to be that of finding the best way to respect copyright legislation while aggregating their collections to one of the largest cross border projects within the European Union. The ARROW project, partnered by both rightholders and library representatives, aims to provide solutions that will assist in addressing important IPR issues such as identifying rightholders, rights and the status of a work.

The finalising of the discussions on the introduction of a Public Domain Charter was put off to a later occasion.

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### **Note for editors**

ARROW - Accessible Registries of Rights Information and Orphan Works towards the EDL – a consortium of European national libraries, publishers and collective management organisations, also representing writers – working through their main European associations and a number of national organisations – is a targeted project co-funded under the European Commission's **eContentplus Programme** (see [http://ec.europa.eu/information\\_society/activities/econtentplus/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/activities/econtentplus/index_en.htm)) which seeks to help make digital content in Europe more accessible, usable and exploitable.