

## AWAD MEETING

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The group proposes to create a platform to be used as a communication medium in order to disseminate knowledge and information about the shared heritage in the Atlantic. Each country will be responsible for the contents of this platform/database/website and will have to make a complete survey of its shared heritage. This survey will give information on aspects such as condition, type, amount and location of the heritage concerned. The AWAD infrastructure could be extended and provide this platform.

### OUTCOMES:

- Create a platform that will be used as a means of communication to share information.
- Generate a complete survey of the shared heritage in each country (condition, type, amount and location).

### SOURCES OF FUNDING:

- Through the commitment of one relevant local institution in each country, ensuring infrastructure and labour facilities. Funds will be locally searched in the public as well as in the private sector.
- Institutions and foundations in the Netherlands and in Europe.

### STEP-BY-STEP PLAN:

Within six months:

- Each country will nominate a core group of experts, one for each specific heritage field (archives, museums, monuments, archaeology, intangible culture, research);

- This core group will nominate one person who will act as the administrator of the database/website for his/her own country;
- The administrator must be linked to an important institution which is willing to commit to the project and support it jurisdictionally and financially;
- A protocol/an agreement should be signed between all parties that commit to participate in, support and host this project;
- The administrator will be responsible for implementing the content for his/her own country with regard to the shared heritage in the Atlantic world;
- The administrator, together with the core group of his/her country, will decide what will be published on the database/website;
- Create a discussion forum.

Within one year:

- Have an overview/inventory of the condition, amount, type and location of our shared heritage;
- Set up priorities;
- Set up project to develop cooperation between the people involved.

Options:

- A. The administrator together with the core group of his/her country adds directly to the database;
- B. The administrator adds indirectly to the database by sending information to a central administrator (webmaster) using a content management system;

The administrator together with the core group in his/her country adds directly to the database with regard to tangible and intangible culture, content, experts, projects and agenda. Information related to archives will be added by the webmaster through a content management system.