

Report on the outcomes of a Short-Term Scientific Mission¹

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Details of the STSM

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Description of the work carried out during the STSM

During the STSM that I completed at the Centre for Textile Research in Copenhagen, Denmark, the following activities were fulfilled:

- I organised a hybrid *EuroWeb Digital Atlas Workshop* that took place on the 9th - 10th of May 2022. The Workshop was open for all the EuroWeb members that wanted to learn more about the stage of the development of the **EuroWeb Digital Atlas of European Textile Heritage** and to contribute for the development of the map in the future. As an organiser and trainer during this workshop I gave 3 presentations and a practical demonstration on the EuroWeb Digital Atlas, offering an overview of the recent progress made by the Digital Atlas team and contributing to the training of the participants on how to import their own data.

A total number of 28 EuroWeb members registered to this Workshop via Eventbrite platform, with a slight variation of people that stayed connected during the two days of the workshop. The event was recorded and it is available on the Slack channel for the EuroWeb members who, due to other obligations, could not assist.

- I did many test of data import into the EuroWeb Digital Atlas Database, identifying a software bug - an error in the design of the Atlas that produced an incorrect result of data import in the **Textile Tools Section**. Due to my repeated data import tests this bug was solved by the Atlas IT specialist, Piotr Kasprzyk.
- I imported new sets of data from Romania in the EuroWeb Atlas, greatly enriching some of the Atlas database section as well as the pinpoints on the Atlas Map.
- I discussed terminological issues related with some of the Atlas sections with other EuroWeb members that were present at the Workshop and at CTR during my visit.
- I documented some co-authored presentations on the EuroWeb Atlas that will be given as contributions during future International Conferences (see details in the next section of the report).

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- I advertised the EuroWeb COST Action to the scholars from CTR that are not currently part of the project, but would like to be involved in the future into the development of the EuroWeb deliverables, including the Atlas.
- I made preliminary plans for the organisation of future events related to the dissemination of the Digital Atlas:
 1. A preliminary plan for organising a round table with participants from all the EuroWeb countries that would like to contribute to the enrichment of the Atlas, that will presumably take place in 2023 with the aim of discussing the challenges that scholars faced in their efforts of developing Atlas. This plan was discussed during the Digital Atlas Workshop and it will be developed in the following months.
 2. A strategy of disseminating news about the Atlas into a broader scientific environment was established together with Catarina Costeira. The first concrete plan will take the form of a Conference Poster that will be presented as a common contribution during the VIIIth Purpureae Vestes International Conference in Athens, 19-21 October 2022.

Description of the STSM main achievements and planned follow-up activities

The STSM goals and specific outcomes that were fulfilled during the STSM that I completed at CTR:

- A Digital Atlas workshop was organised on the 9th-10th of May 2022 at CTR and online. My contributions during the Workshops were:
 1. An updated tour of the EuroWeb Digital Atlas database;
 2. A presentation about the selection, organisation and the import of textile resources into the DA;
 3. An extensive presentation on the sources that can be used in order to enrich the Atlas;
 4. A practical demonstration of data bulk import into the Atlas;
- One section of the Atlas was updated due to the import tests that I undertook during my stay at CTR: The Atlas's **Textile Tools Section** contained a bug that was identified and removed after I tried to import data into this section and I received errors. Later on, after this bug was corrected, I added more data and I observed that the References field is not updated correctly during the import. This error was corrected too on the basis of my tests.
- New data was uploaded into the Atlas enriching more of the Atlas sections: Archaeological sites (currently 298 sites from Romania are stored into the database); Institutions (more than 1000 institutions from Romania) Collections (over 200 collections from Romania); textiles (around 500 textile items from Romania); textile tools (150 textile tools);
- Presentations documented:
 1. **Learning about Textiles. The Importance of the EuroWeb Digital Atlas of European Textile Heritage** (co-author: Catarina Costeira, PT) that will be presented during the EAA Session *Dressing Europe: Mapping and Disseminating European Textile Heritage through Digital Resources* in the framework of the 28th EAA Annual Meeting in Budapest, Hungary, 31 August - 3 September 2022.
 2. **The Valorisation of a Romanian Heritage Database Containing Textile Resources Through the EuroWeb Digital Atlas** (co-author: Ania Stan, RO) that will be presented during the EAA Session *Dressing Europe: Mapping and Disseminating European Textile Heritage through Digital Resources* in the framework of the 28th EAA Annual Meeting in Budapest, Hungary, 31 August - 3 September 2022.

3. **The EuroWeb Digital Atlas of European Textile Heritage: The Challenges of a common project** (co-author: Catarina Costeira) for *Dressed Conference. The Widespread Role of Clothes, Textile Production and Clothing Concepts in Society - Interweaving Perspectives*, Online conference organised in the framework of the BMBF-funded InnoTexGes project 22/23/24 June 2022.

- Terminology discussions regarding the terms included into the Atlas within the framework of the *EuroWeb Digital Atlas Workshop* and with other scholars that I met at CTR during the STSM.
- Advertising the EuroWeb Digital Atlas at the CTR during the CTR general meeting that took place on the 11th of May but also in individual or group discussions with other scholars at CTR.
- The plans for follow-up collaborations include the organisation of a round table event in 2023 for sharing the common experience and knowledge that EuroWeb members gained during their interaction with the Digital Atlas and advertising the Atlas in future conferences, such as *Purpureae Vestes 2022* in Athens.

Report approved

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