

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The European Association of Archaeologists (EAA) Deutsche Gesellschaft für Ur- und Frühgeschichte (DGUF)

1. Introduction

This Memorandum of Understanding sets out the basis for cooperation between the two organisations in order to foster collaboration.

2. The organisations

The European Association of Archaeologists (EAA)

The EAA is an international non-governmental Association, as stated in its Statutes, for all archaeologists of Europe and beyond: anyone may join. It has participatory status with the Council of Europe, is a member of the European Heritage Alliance 3.3 and has been chosen to be one of the Voices of Culture and Heritage for the European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018. The EAA is a community which helps to improve archaeological method, practice and understanding on a European scale through constant discussion and consultation with EAA members at EAA annual conferences and through EAA publications.

The EAA aims

- a) to promote the development of archaeological research and the exchange of archaeological information
- b) to promote the management and interpretation of the European archaeological heritage
- c) to promote proper ethical and scientific standards for archaeological work
- d) to promote the interests of professional archaeologists in Europe
- e) to promote cooperation with other organisations with similar aims

The EAA's official language is English; it has an office in the Czech Republic.

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Ur- und Frühgeschichte e.V. (DGUF)

The DGUF has been promoting archaeology and archaeological policy concerns of prehistory and early history for half a century, primarily in Germany. It contributes to the dissemination of certain and well-founded knowledge pertaining to archaeology and to the advancement and improvement of the framework conditions for a modern archaeology in research and teaching as well in the preservation and maintenance of archaeological heritage sites. Membership of the DGUF is open to

everyone. DGUF is based mainly on individual memberships. Although most of its members have a degree in archaeology, membership is open to everyone. DGUF sees itself as a learned society and a NGO as well. Within Germany, DGUF complements traditional local and regional societies in being the only NGO for European pre- and protohistoric archaeology acting on a national (and European) scale.

On the national level, the DGUF collaborates with suitable partners by sharing the work, for example with ClfA Deutschland, the professional association, which is in the process of being set up. The DGUF collaborates on both the national and the international level with other specialist associations and particularly with NGOs engaged on archaeological policy.

The official language of the DGUF is German, but publications and conferences of DGUF are regularly also bilingual, German and English. The DGUF is listed with the register of associations in Bonn (Germany) as an “e.V. (registered association)”, it has non-profit status for tax purposes and its permanent office is in Kerpen-Loogh (Rhineland-Palatinate, Germany).

3. Areas of cooperation and support

Both organisations have a commitment to the promotion of archaeology, care for our cultural heritage and good practice in archaeology for the benefit of archaeological research, heritage and practice as well as the social valuing of archaeology in our societies.

- EAA encourages the adoption of professional and ethical standards for archaeological work and demands its members to agree and to adhere to *Association’s Codes of Practice and Code of Conduct*. EAA is an association that any archaeologist may join, providing a forum – in English – for pan-European debate on archaeology and fostering collaboration between archaeologists in Europe and beyond.
- DGUF is an association that any archaeologist or citizen interested in archaeology may join, providing a forum for debate on archaeology and fostering collaboration between archaeologists with a focus on Germany and German-speaking countries. It pioneers in areas like open access publishing, citizen science and election benchmarks.

It is therefore recognised that while EAA and DGUF share common values on archaeology and cultural heritage as learned societies and NGOs, their purposes and roles are different. The two organisations are distinct; by putting their different strengths into common projects they can support each other.

Each organisation will

- a) seek to strengthen its relationship with the other
- b) consider working in partnership where corporate objectives and priorities coincide
- c) take care not to compete with the other
- d) encourage archaeologists to engage with the EAA and with DGUF depending on their geographical and institutional focus of work resp. their language preferences
- e) seek to cooperate with the other on advocacy where policy or interests are common to both
- f) seek to promote the other’s events, publications and services for members, where appropriate
- g) allow to label / sponsor sessions or contributions in each other’s Annual Meetings

At the date of this Memorandum the following areas have been identified for cooperation

- 1) promotion of membership of EAA and DGUF
- 2) promotion of each other's events
- 3) exploration of the potential for shared discounts, even if in a limited number, to members for conference registration fees
- 4) providing reports on recent activities for each other's publications
- 5) promotion of common statements between both organizations for valuing archaeology in the international, European and national (German speaking) arenas
- 6) taking influence into the sphere of politics, parliaments and legislation related to archaeology and cultural heritage, with a focus on "European Union election benchmarks "Wahlprüfsteine" in 2019

4. Liaison

Each party will appoint a representative to form the link between the institutes. At the date of this Memorandum the representatives are:

- the president of the EAA, Felipe Criado-Boado and an EAA Executive Board member to be decided,
- the DGUF chair Diane Scherzler and a vice chair to be decided.

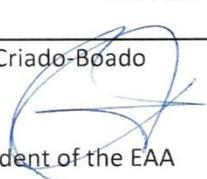
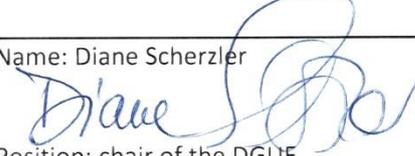
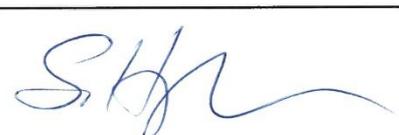
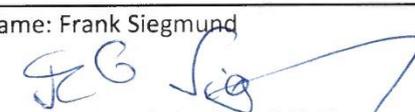
The representatives will seek to attend conferences and relevant meetings of the partner organisation; if this is not possible, they will send a nominee or a report.

The representatives will meet annually (virtually or in person) to review progress with the Memorandum and with shared endeavours.

5. Duration and termination

This Memorandum shall continue in force until 31 December 2021 unless terminated by either party or superseded by another agreement.

Any party wishing to terminate this Memorandum must notify the other party in writing, giving no less than three months' notice.

For and on behalf of: the EAA	For and on behalf of: DGUF
Name: Felipe Criado-Boado  Position: President of the EAA	Name: Diane Scherzler  Position: chair of the DGUF
	Name: Frank Siegmund  Position: vice-chair of the DGUF
Date: September 5, 2018	Date: September 5, 2018