



LAUNCH OF THE COMMUNIA INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION

16 JUNE 2011, BRUSSELS

The Communia Thematic Network (<http://www.communia-project.eu>) has been funded by the European Commission from September 2007 until February 2011. Coordinated of Politecnico di Torino (Italy), the Network gathered over 50 members from academia and civil society researching and promoting the digital public domain in Europe and worldwide. Four years later, Communia members wish to pursue the cooperation under the form of an International Non-Profit Association based in Brussels. The Association's mission is to educate about, advocate for, offer expertise and research about the public domain in the digital age within society and with policy-makers.

After decades of measures that have drastically reduced the public domain, typically by extending the terms of protection, it is time to strongly reaffirm how much our societies and economies rely on a vibrant and ever expanding public domain. The role of the public domain, already crucial in the past, is even more important today, as the Internet and digital technologies enable us to access, use and re-distribute culture with an ease and a power unforeseeable even just a generation ago.

The Communia Association aims at pursuing this discussion...

- *Help us create a more balanced discussion about copyright in the digital environment and maximize the economic, social and cultural impact of our cultural and scientific heritage.*
- *Join the launch event after the first plenary session of the EC Digital Agenda Assembly...*

COMMUNIA ASSOCIATION LAUNCH, 16 JUNE 2011

VENUE: THE MONK CAFÉ, RUE STE-CATHERINE, 42, 1000 BRUSSELS
FROM 19H ONWARDS - IN THE PRESENCE OF COMMUNIA ASSOCIATION CO-FOUNDERS

Programme:

Open discussion about the public domain in the digital world, the future challenges
Prospectives on the future activity of Communia
Drinks and networking