

BASIC INFORMATION ON THE AEMI MEMBER INSTITUTIONS AND PROJECTS

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The Association of European Migration Institutions (AEMI) was founded in 1991. One of the reasons for its founding, although not the only one, was to create a means by which member institutions could keep in touch with each other, pass on information among each other, and not the least, to create a forum through which one of its members – or the Association at large – could invite other members to join in cooperative trans-national projects within the field of migration.

In keeping with this founding ideal, member institutions have initiated several trans-national projects, and invited other member institutions to join them. In several cases, these projects received funding from the EU commission. One such project was the »Routes to the Roots« cultural tourism project, initiated in Germany in 1994. Another was the SEE-ME (Emigration History on CD-ROM) initiated in Northern Ireland in 1995. A third is the on-going »Scandinavian Roots – American Lives« Millenium Exhibition Project (1998–2000). All of these, and several others have involved at least three, and most often four or five, member institutions. In most cases, the projects would not have been possible had not AEMI existed as a means by which members could quickly and easily contact each other.

At this last meeting in Portorož, the membership decided that AEMI itself would initiate three projects. Three institutions were each assigned the task of coordinating one of the three projects, and creating a working group for that project among the membership. Thus, the Finnish Migration Institute was assigned the task of looking into the number and kind of research projects within the field of migration, which are either under way or in planning throughout Europe, creating a working group for this work, and reporting their findings at the next meeting. The Research Center for Lower Saxons in the USA at the University of

Oldenbourg was assigned the task of looking into the problems associated with digitalized emigrant lists, while the »Routes to the Roots« organization was assigned the task of creating a working group concerned with European cultural tourism. Member institutions were invited to join any – or all – of these three working groups. Also, the Finnish Migration Institute, the Swedish Migration Institute, and the Norwegian Emigrant Museum agreed to begin work on a common project concerning interviews with emigrants. All of these projects are designed with one thing in mind: to be trans-national, and indeed, pan-European.

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