DLM Forum Members' Meeting
Bern, 24–25 March 2026
«Building New Strategies for Digital Archives»
Preliminary programme
(Speakers subject to change; session timeslots to be confirmed)

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Venue: Hotel Bern, Zeughausgasse 9
Tuesday, 24 March 2026

10:15 Registration and coffee
11:00 Opening Session
• Opening of the conference, John Sheridan, Vice-Chair of DLM Forum • Host's welcome Philippe Künzler, Director of the Swiss Federal Archives • Practical information Stefan Kwasnitza, Deputy Director of the Swiss Federal Archives
Opening speech: Daniel Markwalder, Delegate of the Federal Council for Digital Transformation and ICT Steering, Switzerland
Keynote speech: Matthias Stürmer, Professor at Bern University of Applied Sciences, Head of Institute for Public Sector Transformation
Lunch and networking
Session 1 Data-Centric Futures – AI and Building Trust
Session introduction by Chair
AI for Appraisal – Update, Balint Csollei, Chris Royds, The National Archives (UK)
Automatic Speech Recognition for Films at the Federal Archives of Germany, Vy Nguyen, German Federal Archives
AI Uncovering GLAMs Relationships to SDGs and Communicating it to the Public, Sylvia Petrovic-Majer & Lyndon Nixon, OpenGLAM.at & Modul Technology
Ask_Archilab: A Smart Conversational Assistant for wide and trustworthy archival knowledge access, Prof. Dr. Basma Makhlouf Shabou & Aïchatou Orou Bade, Geneva School of Business Administration, University of Applied Sciences and Arts of Western Switzerland (HES-SO)
Coffee and networking
Session 2 DLM Forum Community
Session introduction by Chair
The E-ARK Forum Update, Janet Anderson & David Anderson, Highbury R&D; István Alföldi, Poliphon; Sven Schlarb AIT Austrian Institute of Technology
Implementing the E-ARK CSIP with Linked Data: PREMIS and Records in Contexts (RiC), Tobias Wildi, docuteam
Documenting the Structure of Geospatial Data: ISO 19110 Feature Catalogues for Long-Term Accessibility, Interoperability, and AI-Ready Preservation, Gregor Završnik, Geoarh
17:00-18:00 Annual General Meeting
19:30 Conference dinner at Restaurant Kornhauskeller, Kornhausplatz 18

Wednesday, 25 March 2026

09:00 Session 3 Unlocking Data Value – Interoperability and Integrity
Session introduction by Chair
Building New Strategies for Dissemination across Boarders, Karin Bredenberg, Kommunalförbundet Sydarkivera; Tor Eivind Johansen, KDRS SA
Archiving SAP Data: What to Preserve, How to Preserve It, Stefan Kwasnitza & Violeta Vogel, Swiss Federal Archives
OLOS Swiss National Solution for Enhancing Trustworthy Digital Repository: Strategies, Technologies, and User Engagement, Prof. Dr. Basma Makhlouf Shabou, Geneva School of Business Administration, University of Applied Sciences and Arts of Western Switzerland (HES-SO); Dr Pierre-Yves Burgi & Hugues Cazeaux, University of Geneva; Dr. Samuel Pfyffer (to be confirmed), Berner Fachhochschule BFH
From Preservation Strategy to Data Spaces: The HAEU DAMS Blueprint for Trust, Interoperability and Integrity, Samir Musa, Historical Archives of the European Union (HAEU) – European University Institute (EUI)
Coffee and networking
Session 4 From Archives to Data Spaces – Resilience and Cooperation
Session introduction by Chair
Open Source Approaches to Data/Digital Sovereignty for Evidence Professionals, Justin Simpson and Kelly Stewart, Artefactual Systems
Securing the Future – New Approaches to Resilient Information, Stina Westman, South-Eastern Finland University of Applied Sciences (XAMK)
Managing Risk in Moving to the Cloud. Some Learnings from The National Archives (UK), Steve Daly, The National Archives
Simplification and Resilience in Digital Archiving in France, Dominique Naud, Emmanuel Laborde, Alice Grippon, Interministerial Service of Archives of France & Vitam Program
Lunch and networking
Data Maturity Workshop, Ed de Heer & Jasper Slob, National Archives of the Netherlands
Session 5 Archiving by Design – Embedding Policy and Governance
Session introduction by Chair
Bringing Data Governance and Data Archiving Methodologies and Practices: The Case of the Catalan Government (Spain), Carlota Bustelo Ruesta & Anna Sancho Pedra, Gabinete Umbus SL; Aniol Maria Vallès, Generalitat de Catalunya
Archiving by Design: The Challenges of Policy Development, Vincent Hoolt, National Archives of the Netherlands
From Design to Archiving: The Czech Republic's Approach to Information-System Lifecycle and Appraisal, Zbyšek Stodůlka, National Archives of the Czech Republic
16:00-16:30 Summary and Closing: Welcome to Dublin

Social programme
(Pre-registration required during event registration. Limited spots available.)

City tour – 24 March 2026, 09:00–10:30
"UNESCO Stroll through the Old City"

Stroll through Bern's medieval alleys and baroque buildings while exploring the city's rich heritage as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Tour of the Clock Tower (Zytglogge) – 25 March 2026, 17:15–18:15
Discover the centuries-old mechanism behind Bern's famous clock tower, learn about its history, and enjoy panoramic views from the top.