

Call for Papers

DLM Forum Members' Meeting in Gdańsk, 4–5 June 2025

The DLM Forum is seeking contributions for our upcoming members' meeting, to be hosted by the State Archives of Poland at the City Culture Institute in the Kunszt Wodny (Waterworks) building, in Gdańsk, 4–5 June 2025.

The DLM Forum provides a unique opportunity to discuss digital data, records, and archiving, as well as to reach out to one another and explore cooperation opportunities.

The theme of the meeting is “Keeping up to date”

Technological change is inevitable. The pace of change is accelerating. The latest technologies can be difficult to understand, manage, and keep secure. How do we keep up? Come to the DLM Forum Members' Meeting to share experiences with building, running, and improving records management and archival information systems.

For the members' meeting in Gdańsk, we are looking for presentations, panels, and workshops related to the following aspects of the theme (read more on page 2!):

- Development of modern and secure public e-services
- Challenges in archiving big data
- Building and expanding systems for electronic records and archives management and keeping them up to date

The contributions should be in any of the following formats:

- 5-minute presentations for lightning talk sessions
- 20-minute presentations for thematic sessions
- 30-60-minute discussion panels with a moderator and 3–4 panellists
- 90-minute thematic sessions with three 20-minute presentations and panel discussions
- 90-minute workshops

In the programme, we will try to mix participants from different institutions within the sessions.

The event will mainly take place on-site, and contributors are expected to be present in Gdańsk. Please note that the DLM Forum does not reimburse speakers for their travel expenses or pay any performers' fees.

Please submit your proposal for the programme by using the extended abstract form on our website no later than **15 March 2025**. We plan to open registration in mid-February and publish the agenda in early April. If you would like to know more or have any questions, please contact us at: secretariat@dmlforum.eu.

Please check the next page for a full description of the theme.

Ideas behind “Keeping up to date” – deepening the theme

1. Development of modern and secure public e-services. Challenges in archiving big data.

One of the main elements of the European Digital Decade is the continuous development of e-government. As a result, the number of public electronic services is growing rapidly, and they are gaining in popularity as a means for citizens and businesses to interact with public authorities. This leads to an increase in the volume of data and records that necessitate management, preservation, and subsequent transfer to archives. The Polish presidency of the Council of the European Union also emphasises the importance of modern and secure public e-services as an integral component of information security. During the DLM Forum Members’ Meeting in Gdańsk, we want to look at these issues and the challenges related to them from the perspective of records and archives management. We suggest these specific topics:

- Better be prepared – Designing e-services from the perspective of records and archive management
- Big data or big mess? – Managing and archiving big data and databases
- Untangling the tangle – Describing and providing access to archived big data
- Do it yourself – Developing e-services in the archival sector

2. Building and expanding systems for electronic records and archives management

For the last three decades, we have witnessed the rapid growth of information technology and the emergence of e-government. Public institutions are undergoing continuous digital transformation and regularly introducing novel electronic systems and databases. Some of the newest technologies and formats can be difficult to manage and archive. Systems designed for managing electronic records and for electronic archiving are often one step behind the latest solutions and can easily become outdated. Archivists and record keepers face a challenge in keeping them up to date and need to be ready for any upcoming changes. During the DLM Forum Members’ Meeting, we would like to share and discuss our experiences with building and improving records management and archival systems. We suggest these specific topics:

- Do not forget the past – Learning from mistakes in developing systems for records and archives management
- Share the blueprints – Experiences in designing systems for records management and the archival sector
- Keep up the pace – How to keep records management and archival systems up to date?
- Foreseeing the future – emerging challenges in building electronic systems for electronic records and archives management