

What ICARUS is all about...

- **ICARUS unbureaucratically connects archives and people working for the archival heritage**
 - Means of exchange and contact:
 - Bi-annual conventions
 - Regular lectures on current topics
 - Regular jour fixes
 - Regular information via newsletter or website
- **ICARUS helps to create and promote digital content**
 - In case an archive or any other institution is still at the beginning of the digital path, the network can give support with experience (standards, cost calculations, workflow etc.) and ICARUS concretely can help in publishing the content via one of the portals or can help to develop new possibilities.
- **ICARUS shares best practices in the field of archives**
 - Archives mostly share very similar challenges. When you are faced with a problem that you cannot solve on your own, you can reach 200 archives immediately, serving gladly with their experiences and/or solutions. It would be very unusual to have a task that has never occurred before.
- **ICARUS welcomes everyone interested in the archival world**
 - ICARUS is not exclusively a network of archives, but of all kinds of institutions that have an archive or are interested in archives but have other focus in their daily business (universities, research institutes etc.). The expertise of both sides can have a mutually beneficial effect.
- **ICARUS works for you and together with you**
 - Of course, ICARUS supports you with all kinds of help and informs you about current developments, but we highly appreciate your proactive participation in the network.
- **ICARUS gives people a central place**
 - Through the human factor, even large and supposedly unapproachable institutions get a human face. Professional and technical exchange takes place on a collegial basis and always at eye level. You can create your own network within the network according your specific requirements AND your individual affinities. It is much more fun to work together with friends than with just any experts.

Tasks of ICARUS Ambassadors...

- **Acts as an interface between local/regional ICARUS members and the headquarter**
 - Contact point for the headquarter to get in touch with partners in the region
 - Informs the headquarter about local/regional needs and suggestions

- **Acts as liaison officer between ICARUS members in his/her area of responsibility**
 - Being the representative person of ICARUS in the region
 - Brings members together at a local/regional level and fosters the regional cooperation
 - Collection of needs and suggestions of the partners
 - Shares information with the partners about activities, calls, and financing opportunities

- **Increases members' involvement in ICARUS activities in his/her area of responsibility**
 - Motivation for active participation in projects, lectures, presentations etc. initiated by ICARUS
 - Encourages members to start ICARUS activities themselves

- **Creates new contacts with institutions by promoting ICARUS in local events, which might join the community**
 - Organizes ICARUS-information events for local/regional institutions
 - Uses personal contacts for promotion of the network
 - Gives short introduction of ICARUS at any public appearance in the region

ICARUS regions and their ambassadors

Balkans

Countries: Slovenia (4), Croatia (11), Serbia (9), Bosnia-Herzegovina (4), Montenegro (2), Kosovo (1), North Macedonia (1), Bulgaria (4), Romania (3), Albania (1), Greece (1)

Current Situation: All together 34 partners mainly in Croatia and Serbia. Croatian area covered by ICARUS Croatia

Proposal: 1 Ambassador in Croatia, Serbia and Romania , covering the region due to personal relations

Balticum

Countries: Estonia (1), Latvia (0), Lithuania (0)

Current Situation: Very strong partner in Estonia, no presence in the other countries

Proposal: 1 Ambassador in Estonia

BeNeLux

Countries: Belgium (3), Netherlands (3), Luxembourg (0)

Current Situation: Very active local partner in NL, but hardly any knowledge about ICARUS in the region

Proposal: 1 Ambassador in the Netherlands

East-Central Europe

Countries: Austria (23), Hungary (7), Czech Republic (13), Slovakia (2), Poland (3), Switzerland (7), Ukraine (1)

Current Situation: Strong presence in AT, HU and CZ. Other countries are sleeping

Proposal: 1 Ambassador in Hungary, Czech Republic and Austria

France

Countries: France (2), Monaco (0)

Current Situation: One active partner in France. ICARUS is hardly known but has big potential - perhaps boost after spring 2022

Proposal: 1 Ambassador in France

Germany

Countries: Germany (32 - North, Middle and South Germany)

Current Situation: Quite strong presence in the south and in Middle Germany, hardly in the north.

Proposal: 1 Ambassador in South Germany, 1 Ambassador for Middle and North Germany

Iberian Peninsula

Countries: Spain (7), Portugal (1), Andorra (0)

Current Situation: Very good connections but only few members in both countries

Proposal: 1 Ambassador in Spain

Italy

Countries: Italy (21), Vatican (0), San Marino (0), Malta (1)

Current Situation: Quite many partners but due to the fragmented archive landscape it is difficult to expand the position. ICARUS Italia very active

Proposal: 1 Ambassador for the south, 1 for North Italy

Scandinavia

Countries: Norway (1), Sweden (1), Finland (2), Denmark (1), Iceland (0)

Current Situation: All State Archives are members. Not a lot activities but big potential for the future

Proposal: 1 -2 Ambassador(s) in Finland/Sweden/Norway

British Isles

Countries: United Kingdom (1), Ireland (0)

Current Situation: Currently hardly any contacts.

Proposal: ??