Current composition of the group

| 1 | Agnieszka Oniszczuk | PL | National Heritage Board of Poland; Chair |
| 2 | David Novák | CZ | Institute of Archaeology CAS; Co-chair |
| 3 | Peter Bisták | SK | Pamiatkový Úrad Slovenskej Republiky |
| 4 | Christoph Blesl | AT | Bundesdenkmalamt Abteilung für Archäologie |
| 5 | Kaatje De Lange | BE | Flanders Heritage Agency |
| 6 | Ann Degraeve | BE | Brussels Regional Public Service/Brussels Urban Development – Direction of Monuments and Sites |
| 7 | Barbara Gumbert | NL | Erfgoed Leiden en Omstreken |
| 8 | Filipa Neto | PT | Direção-Geral do Património Cultural |
| 9 | Rhonda Robinson | UK | Historic Monuments with the Historic Environment Division (HED), Department for Communities Northern Ireland |
| 10 | Claire Tsang | UK | Historic England |
| 11 | Regina Smolnik | DE | Landesamt fur Archäologie Sachsen |

Corresponding members:

| 1 | Till Scholz | CH | Archäologische Bodenforschung Basel-Stadt, Switzerland |
| 2 | Marcus Smith | SE | Riksantikvarieämnet, Sweden |
| 3 | Agnes Stefansdottir | ISL | Cultural Heritage Agency of Iceland/Minjastofnun Islands |

In 2018 the composition of the group changed due to the resignations of David Bibby, Duncan Brown, and Manuela Fischer (new members in bold). Agnieszka Oniszczuk became new chair with David Novák as co-chair. We are still seeking members from southern and Mediterranean Europe.

Activities of the Working Group

1. EAC Guidelines

   Thanks to David Bibby, new language versions (PL and PT) of the Guidelines were printed by the Landesamt für Denkmalpflege Baden-Württemberg im Regierungspräsidium Stuttgart, Germany (50 copies each); new print of the Czech version was made as well.

2. Questionnaire on selection in archaeological archiving

   The questionnaire stemmed from the making choices theme from the Amersfoort Agenda and the subsequent work of the Making Choices WG. Request for participation was sent out in the beginning of July 2018 with the deadline being the end of September 2018.

   We received 40 answers from 18 countries. Distribution of answers is shown on the map below.

   The general report presenting the results was prepared by Duncan Brown. 11 answers from Poland, coming mainly from museums, were analysed separately as a case study by Agnieszka Oniszczuk. The drafts of these report has already been presented to the Board and will be disseminated among the EAC members after they are finalised.

3. Dissemination

   The distribution of the printed versions of the translations into Portuguese and Polish (50 copies each) have started in those respective countries, and due to high demand a second batch of 50 printed copies was sent to the Czech Republic.
In January, the WG activities were promoted at the annual Austria Archaeology Roundtable.

In April, Agnieszka Oniszczuk presented a paper entitled “Is selection a bad word in post-medieval ceramology” during the Europa Postmaedievalis conference in Prague.

In September, Duncan Brown and Barbara Gumbert co-chaired a session on “Artefact reporting and selection” during the annual meeting of European Association of Archaeologists in Barcelona.

4. Plans (to be updated after the WG meeting in Dublin)

Main focus of the group activities may be summarised in two points:

a. guidance on selection in archaeological archiving based on the results of the questionnaire,

b. digital archiving.

Both issues were discussed in Dublin. With regard to the former, based on the drafts of the selection questionnaire reports, we discussed the recommendations for the group’s activities in the future, as well as the scope and form of the resulting guidance. As for the latter, we initiated the discussion from the first look into the template of the fact sheet on the practice of digital archiving being prepared by David Novák.