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Current composition of the group

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6	Barbara Gumbert	NL	Erfgoed Leiden en Omstreken
7	Rhonda Robinson	UK	Historic Monuments with the Historic Environment Division (HED), Department for Communities Northern Ireland
8	Claire Tsang	UK	Historic England
9	Regina Smolnik	DE	Landesamt für Archäologie Sachsen

Corresponding members:

1	Till Scholz	CH	Archäologische Bodenforschung Basel-Stadt, Switzerland
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We are still seeking members from southern and Mediterranean Europe.

Activities of the Working Group

1. Two **meetings** were organised in Dublin (Feb. 2019) and Dresden (Oct. 2020).
2. The **selection guidance** announced last year is now in progress. The group is preparing a draft to be presented to other working groups and the Board in October.
3. As promised, the group has also approached the issue of **digital archaeological archiving** by reviewing the existing legal and organisational solutions in this regard from countries of the WG members. These reports will allow to identify main digital archiving issues and be the base for the future guidance that is to cover both selection and management of digital archaeological archives.

The group is also considering the possibility of co-operation with one of the working groups of the SEADDA (Saving Archaeology from the Digital Dark Age) COST Action.

4. During the **EAA conference** in Budapest David Novák will present a paper entitled “*Selecting archaeological archives – an old topic still to be dealt with*” in a session organised by the EAC - *Decision-Making in Archaeological Heritage Management: Moving forward*.