

TAKO network: Supports shared museums' acquiring, documenting and collecting

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Main challenges of collecting and collection management

- ▶ Problems of mass production and contemporary collecting
- ▶ Full museum storages
- ▶ Limited knowledge of own collections
- ▶ Overlapping themes of collecting
- ▶ Diversity of contemporary themes
- ▶ Impact on quality and use of resources
- ▶ How to tackle these challenges? With nationwide museum co-operation!

TAKO Network in Finland

- ▶ National network for collections management co-operation and present day documentation (called TAKO) in Finland was established in 2009
- ▶ Network is
 - ▶ free to join for all Finnish professional museums
 - ▶ A forum for new innovations and joint projects regarding the collections management and development
- ▶ Main idea of the network
 - ▶ to unite the museum professionals, make use of shared resources and share best practice policies
- ▶ Network has two main themes for the co-operation and development work: **present day documentation** and **national division of collecting**
- ▶ Next steps: broadening the active co-operation towards researchers and archives

Two main activities of TAKO Network

▶ Present day documentation

- ▶ Museums are capturing the contemporary themes in work groups
- ▶ Museums plan, execute and publish projects together
- ▶ With projects museums are able to capture large and versatile themes and provide them with various viewpoints

▶ National division of collecting tasks

- ▶ TAKO Network has created a model for national division of collecting tasks
- ▶ In the model the themes that museums collect are divided under seven main categories. Museums take nationwide responsibility of collecting and preserving certain restricted sub-themes that are called collecting tasks.
- ▶ With the model we are able to rationalize the collecting nationwide and reduce the overlapping themes, as well as raise the shared knowledge of existing collections

Experiences of the TAKO Network

- ▶ Museums should:
 - ▶ Increase interaction & dialogue
 - ▶ Share information
 - ▶ Clarify the shared terms and responsibilities
- ▶ This helps with:
 - ▶ Acquisitions, deaccessions, disposals, relocations
- ▶ Which will show up as:
 - ▶ Specialized museums & collections
 - ▶ Active collection management
 - ▶ Innovative co-operation
 - ▶ Contemporary themes secured
 - ▶ Boost in professional pride and image

Thank You!

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