

# 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!

For more information, please contact me!

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