

**The General State Archives of Greece organize**  
**the EBNA Conference / EAG Meetings**  
**on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of June 2014**  
**in Zappeion Megaron**

The year 2014 is very important for the General State Archives (G.S.A.) because 100 years are completed since the establishment of the G.S.A. Central Service. Therefore we are very happy that the centenary coincides with **the European Board of National Archivists (EBNA)** Conference and the **European Archives Group (EAG)** meeting.

Specifically, the General State Archives of Greece have the honour and the pleasure to organize in Athens the 29th Conference of the EBNA and 16th Meeting of the EAG within the framework of the Hellenic Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

The meetings will be held in Athens on the 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> of June 2014 at the building of Zappeion Megaron, which is situated in the city centre and, in particular, in the National Park of Athens. Zappeion Megaron has a great historical value, since it was the place the Treaty for Greece's accession to the European Union was signed in 1979.

The EBNA and EAG meetings constitute significant meetings in the field of archives in which distinguished representatives specialized in the archival subjects exchange their positions on the recent developments of the field.

In particular, EBNA is a gathering of the National Archivists (Directors-General) of the National Archives services of the European Union Member States. EBNA convenes twice a year under the chairmanship of the current EU Presidency. In their meetings the National Archivists discuss the strategic questions of their profession and services. The meetings of EBNA are also attended by representatives of the National Archives of European countries outside of the EU and of applicant countries.

EAG, established at the beginning of 2006, comprises experts from all EU Member States as well as from the institutions of the Union. Since its inaugural meeting in April

2006, the EAG has met once every semester to discuss the progress achieved in the implementation of the Council Recommendation and to provide guidance and general orientations for the work undertaken on the five priority actions, i.e.:

1. Preservation of and prevention of damage to archives in Europe
2. Reinforcement of European interdisciplinary cooperation on electronic documents and archives
3. Creation and maintenance of an internet portal to the archival heritage of the Union
4. Promotion of best practice with regard to national and European law with regard to archives
5. Measures to prevent theft and facilitate the recovery of stolen documents.

The participation of the General State Archives of Greece to these scientific events is of particular importance as it is a great opportunity for Greece to play an active role at the strategic decisions that are undertaken and the developments within the archival sector in the European Union.