## The Museum Network of the Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB): an innovative initiative in a university context

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## **Abstract**

The Museum Network of the Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB) was created in May 2003. It assembles 10 museums under the guiding principle of the Belgian national adage *L'union fait la force*. The Network has two main objectives: one 'public' – to construct a distinct image and increase visibility – the other 'non-public' – administrative and scientific aspects related to the collections. The former is now well implemented (logo, internet site, joining museum associations, collaborative activities and events, etc.), while the latter is still in progress (statutes, regulations, collections policies, etc.). Presently, the Network develops collaborative activities and aims at establishing a strategic plan, including the creation of an Association of Friends of the ULB Museum Network.