

Updating the web we have now:

Updating the The Icelandic and the European web together at the same time:	Cost: 75.000 Icelandic krona each (about 532 EU and taxes included)
Both webs have so much in common that they both benefit of the work and programming that need to be done when updating, therefore they divide the cost between us. If we do it seperatly we would have to pay more. We don't need to do this upgrade right now. We can postpone it until next summer or autumn. The price should be almost the same although we wait for some months (maybe a few Euros higher because of changes in currency). Our benefits of updating is that then we have more „up to date“ website that you can view in tablets and phones without difficulties. And the newer versions of the editing program also have some benefits the the older ones doesn't have. F.eks. The European Forum web is younger than the Icelandic one and you can f. eks. see one of the difference between those two webs on how photos are viewed on those two webs: If you click on a picture on our Icelandic website. f.eks. choose one from this one: http://dkg.muna.is/is/gallery/40_ara_afmaeli_dkg_a_islandi/ and then click on a picture on our European website, f.eks one from this one: http://dkgeurope.org/gallery/european_reional_conference_bor_s_sweden_2015/ you see the difference in viewing the photos. And it is not just how you look at photos that are otherwise in newer edition of the editing program, it is also easier to manage in many other ways and have more possibilities. And when using this service we also have support from the company without having to pay for it. They always answered my questions and give advice without charging us for that. But upgrading is not just the question of our „benefits“. It is also that our editing program that we use for building the web is so old that it is giving our webhosting company hard times in many ways (maintaining and such) and now they are asking all those that still have webs that use the old versions of the editing program to update. They also tell that they can't any longer let us have our webhosting free the year round. As I have told you many times, we were supposed to pay yearly fee for hosting but they have never collected that money. Now they will probably start collecting that money (and that has nothing to do with updates) and the montly fee is 25.31 Euros (303,72 Euros for the whole year – taxes included). They have not said exactly when they will start collecting that money, but that can be true any time from now . We were also supposed to pay a little yearly fee for our domain (.org) which our webhosting company have paid for us since the web was first made and they have just one or two times sent us the bill... the last time they did so was last spring when Helii paid 15,89 Euros. If we move our web to some other services we would still have to pay that money (given that we still want to be dkgeurope.org in the future)	

Using services like weebly.com

The biggest advantage of using Weebly and such services is of course the cost ☺

The free part of the Weebly services gives us the opportunity to have as many pages as we wish, we can have links and photos (even Photogallery) and we can even have a blog (news) and videos on the website. View this test site: <http://eyglob.weebly.com/> and this one: <http://vefleidangurha.weebly.com/> and you can see some of the possibilities the free Weebly has.

If we use the free part of the Weebly service we are not able to be dkgeurope.org any longer. We will have to be <http://dkgeurope.weebly.com>, unless we at least pay their cheapest package (The Starter Package) which cost 4,55 Euros a month (54,60 for the whole year). The Starter package gives us one year free connection to our domain name (dkgeurope.org) but after that year we probably will have to pay around 16 Euros a year for the domain in addition to the Starter package cost.

Weebly (free or paid) does not offer any mailing lists to let people know when we update our news (like we do now on our web) and if we use the free service we can't have password protected pages like we are able to have on our web now (although we do not use it).

If we pay for our Weebly service we can have more possibilities. The more we pay the more possibilities. But if we want to have f.eks. password protected pages (use the membership option) we have to buy the most expensive edition, The Business package (19,06 Euros a month), because that is the only package that allows unlimited membership. You can see the possibilities on this page:

https://secure.weebly.com/weebly/apps/purchasePage.php?s=www.weebly.com&siteID=636699812178786480&refer=editor_top_bar&type=premium&comparison=1

But one of the cons is that we can start with the free one and update to paid one if and when we want.

The biggest trouble using free services is that we can't choose our own design.... we have to choose from some of the themes the service offer. We can change it a little bit...maybe change the links color, have our own logo and such...but not much more than that.

But as you can see on this site: <http://erc2015.weebly.com/> we are able to have fine looking website although using free services ☺

Moving our web from where it is now takes time and is a lot of work, but is not something that can't be done. I could start it soon and have it ready in spring

I don't know if this overview gives you any answers to the question what to do... but if we just think about the money and that the forum has very little budget it is probably wisest to change to free services ☺