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A ROADMAP FOR DIGITAL PRESERVATION OF CULTURAL HERITAGE CONTENT A CONDENSED VERSION



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SHORT TERM / 2014-2015

A short term action plan is proposed by DCH-RP project in order to initiate the development of a preservation services infrastructure.

STEP 1

WHERE ARE WE NOW AND WHERE WE WANT TO GET TO?

Before starting planning for the use of distributed digital preservation solutions, there are some basic considerations:

→ Agree on a vision – what will distributed digital preservation look like?

→ Decide about challenges to target

→ Have a clear understanding of advantages to explore

STEP 2

TAKE ACTIONS IN MAJOR IDENTIFIED AREAS OF THE ROADMAP

Harmonise data storage and preservation

- Define critical system requirements (general and specific) - understand and articulate your requirements
- Choose a suitable AA control system
- Look into laaS

Improve interoperability

- Review best practice and how-to guides (avoid re-inventing the wheel)
- Consider aspects of internal interoperability to avoid building digital silos within the organization – set up a mandate

Establish conditions for cross-sector integration

- Decide about standards to use and look into available tools for guidance
- Use the DCH-RP registry of preservation tools to find what suits your organization best

Establish a governance model for infrastructure integration
Decide on high level models for

- General governance
- Trust
- Business

STEP 3

CHOOSE SERVICES TO ADDRESS

Decide about addressing services according to:

- Functional areas
- Service types and objects
- Type of architecture
- Level of maturity
- Licence conditions

MID TERM / 2016-2017

Summarize priorities, decisions and considerations made during the short-term stage into a Preservation as a Service (PaaS).

STEP 1

WHERE ARE WE IN 2 YEARS FROM NOW AND WHICH ARE THE NEXT STEPS

Summarise priorities, decisions and considerations made during the short-term stage into a Preservation as a Service (PaaS) adjusted to conditions and needs of the institution in mind.

STEP 2

TAKE FURTHER ACTIONS IN IDENTIFIED MAJOR AREAS OF THE ROADMAP

Harmonise data storage and preservation

- Transform the PaaS into solid technical solutions
- Test these technical solutions in DCH environment with focus on the following parameters:
 - Long-term storage, bit-level preservation
 - Multiple entry points
 - Operational benefits
 - VRE development
 - Support framework
 - Middleware services
 - Authentication and authorisation infrastructure
- Investigate possibilities for sharing technical solutions with other services.

Improve interoperability

- Develop and test tools facilitating interoperability addressing the following aspects:
 - Technical
 - Semantic
- Decide about what to preserve.

Establish conditions for cross-sector integration

- Fill in gaps in cross-sector integrations according to needs identified at the end of the short-term stage.
- Introduce a programme for raising awareness about distributed digital preservation targeting different stakeholders like owners and managers of digital collections and holdings and their staff as well as policymakers

Governance models for infrastructure integration

- Make solid analysis of needs for redesign of existing internal infrastructure in order to get it effectively integrated with solutions for distributed digital preservation services
- Define a set of governance principles for digital preservation in DCH aiming at e-infrastructure integration

STEP 3

PLAN FOR WORK DURING THE LONG-TERM STAGE

LONG TERM / 2018 and beyond

TAKE FURTHER ACTIONS IN IDENTIFIED MAJOR AREAS OF THE ROADMAP

HARMONISE DATA STORAGE AND PRESERVATION

Consolidate mature requirements for preservations in the DCH environment

IMPROVE INTEROPERABILITY

Implement tools, developed and tested in earlier stages, in selected e-Infrastructures facilitating interoperability aspects in the technical and semantic field.

ESTABLISH CONDITIONS FOR CROSS-SECTOR INTEGRATIONS

Fill in remaining gaps in cross-sector integration according to needs identified in earlier stages.

GOVERNANCE MODELS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE INTEGRATION

Offer mature business model for preservation services for different types of institutional settings