

## DCH-RP Second Plenary Meeting in Venice



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In the wonderful scenario of Venice, the Renaissance building of the **Biblioteca Marciana** hosted the Second Plenary Meeting of the **DCH-RP project**.

DCH-RP (Digital Cultural Heritage Roadmap for Preservation) is a coordination action supported by **EC FP7 e-Infrastructures Programme**, launched last October to look at best practice for preservation standards in use.



The project aims to harmonize data storage and preservation policies in the digital cultural heritage sector; to progress a dialogue and integration among institutions, e-Infrastructures, research and private organisations; to identify models for the governance, maintenance and sustainability of the integrated infrastructure for digital preservation of cultural content.

It involves 13 partners from 8 different European countries and will move to external partners from Europe and other countries.

DCH-RP is part of a wider process, which started 10 years ago among cultural institutions with the projects [DC-NET](#) and [INDICATE](#), two pioneer projects in the DCH e-Infrastructures area which identified the implementation of a preservation infrastructure for DCH as the first priority in this sector.



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The two-days discussion, held in a positive spirit of collaboration, covered both the impacts already achieved by previous projects and those foreseen in the future to be obtained by DCH-RP.

The first step in the discussion is to measure the impact delivered by DC-NET and INDICATE .

To this regard, each CH partner has presented the situation in its respective country with a special focus on:

1. Amount of the investments committed by national authorities on the DCH e-infrastructure within national programmes and projects;
2. The influence obtained by the partner in the national programming, directly, or through other institutions;
3. The role of the partner in the national projects, directly, or through other institutions.

The discussion, supported by partner's presentations, was very useful to provide a clear situation on the European DCH's sector. The references were focused on the real increase of investment for a DCH e-infrastructure, the concrete use of the existing e-infrastructures to activate innovative services that did not exist before, the implementations of new components of e-infrastructures.

The meeting continued with the discussion on the project's activities, where each partner presented its achievements and plans for the next months. (find below all the presentations of the partners)

The next project meeting will take place in **September 2013** in Stockholm, hosted by the **Swedish Royal Archives**.



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