MoU between PREFORMA and Europeana Space

A new agreement has been signed between **PREFORMA** (represented by the Project Coordinator Borje Justrell) and **Europeana Space** (represented by the Technical Coordinator Antonella Fresa).

The main objective of this agreement is the integration of the open source tools developed in PREFORMA (that control if a file complies with standard specifications and with other acceptance criteria specified by memory institutions) in the Technical Space of Europeana Space.

This would have the following benefits:

- For Europeana Space, the Technical Space could offer to its users a new functionality, i.e. to control if a file complies with the standard specifications and with other acceptance criteria specified by memory institutions. This is very important to ensure the long-term preservation of the digital data, which is a key aspect to be taken into account when creating, migrating and ingesting file into archives.
- For PREFORMA, this experiment could represent a proof of concept / test case where to try to embed the newly implemented software into a specific environment, as it is the ESpace web-based technical platform.

Europeana Space] (www.europeana-space.eu) is a Best Practice Network project funded by the EC within the framework of the CIP BNP Programme, and its aim is to create new opportunities for employment and economic growth within the creative industries sector based on Europe's rich digital cultural resources.

PREFORMA] (www.preforma-project.eu) is a Pre-Commercial Procurement project co-funded by the European Commission within the framework of the FP7 ICT Programme with the aim to address the challenge of implementing good quality standardised file formats for preserving data content in the long term and to give memory institutions full control of the process of the conformity tests of files to be ingested into archives.