

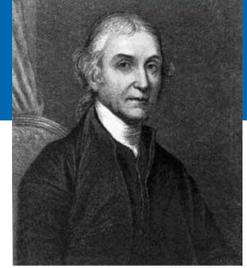
EGI: an Open e-Infrastructure for the Digital European Research Area and the Humanities

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- Introduction: the road to collaboration...
- ERA and e-Infrastructure
- The European Grid Infrastructure
 - The EGI ecosystem
 - Virtual Research Communities in EGI
 - Europe 2020
- Digital Cultural Heritage and the Humanities
- Conclusion



Joseph Priestly Library of Congress

- The road to collaboration
 - From lone scientist and small groups...
 - To multi-disciplinary border-crossing collaborations



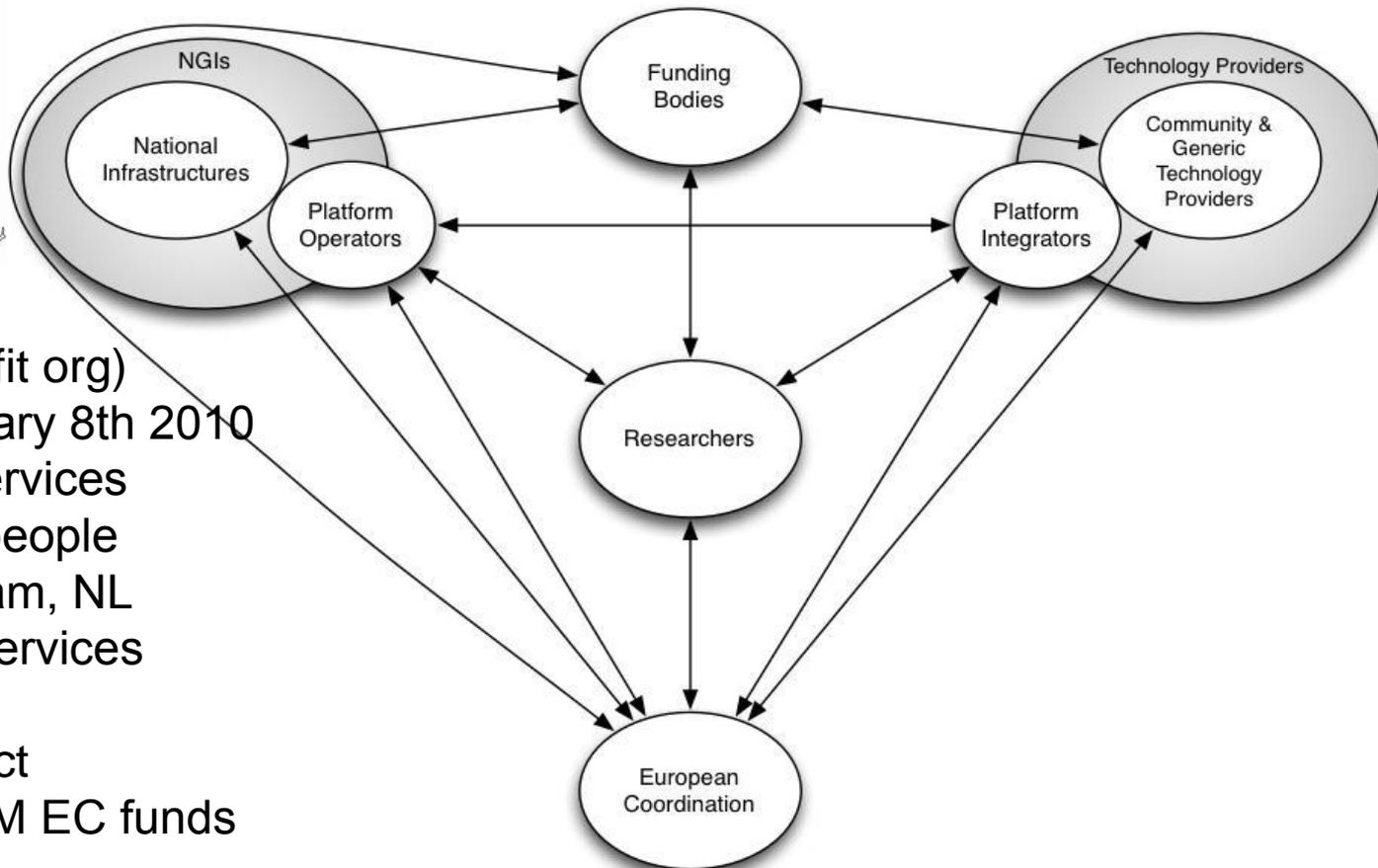
DC-MAP Kick-off meeting

- Big Science requires
 - new instruments
 - vast amounts of data
- EGI aligned to EU 2020 vision:
 - Community building
 - Operational infrastructure
 - Virtual Research Environments



map of scientific collaboration

- ERA - The European Research Area
 - A transnational combination of research centres, on-going programmes and projects
 - Offers the benefits of the '*fifth freedom*'
 - Free circulation of researchers, *knowledge* and technology
- Supported by EGI & other infrastructures
 - GEANT (networking),
 - PRACE (supercomputing)

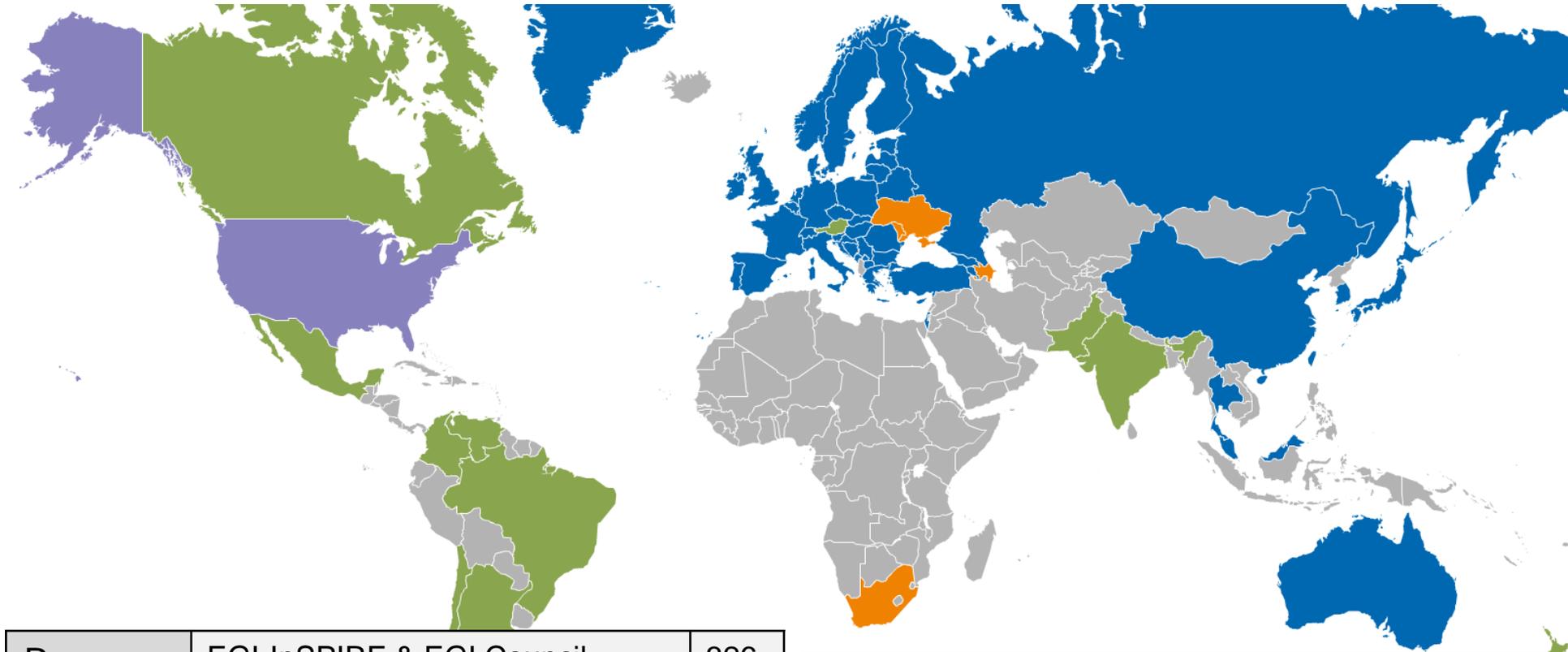


EGI.eu (not-for-profit org)

- Established February 8th 2010
- Central policy & services
- Sustainable, ~20 people
- Based in Amsterdam, NL
- Partners provide services

EGI-InSPIRE project

- 4 year project, 25M EC funds
- 50 project partners



Resource Centres	EGI-InSPIRE & EGI Council members	326
	Including integrated RPs	352
Countries	EGI-InSPIRE & EGI Council members	42
	Including integrated RPs	54

Integrated EGI-InSPIRE Partners and EGI Council Members

Internal/External Resource Providers

External Resource Providers (integrated)

Peer Resource Providers

- Europe 2020 vision captures European Commission's goals for the future
- EGI will be a key enabling foundation for the European Research Area through:
 - **Community building and coordination**
 - **Operational infrastructure (inc. virtualisation)**
 - **Virtual Research Environments (VREs)**



EGI Technical forum, Prague

17-21 September 2012



Call for Participation is OPEN!

Location: University Place conference centre in Manchester, United Kingdom

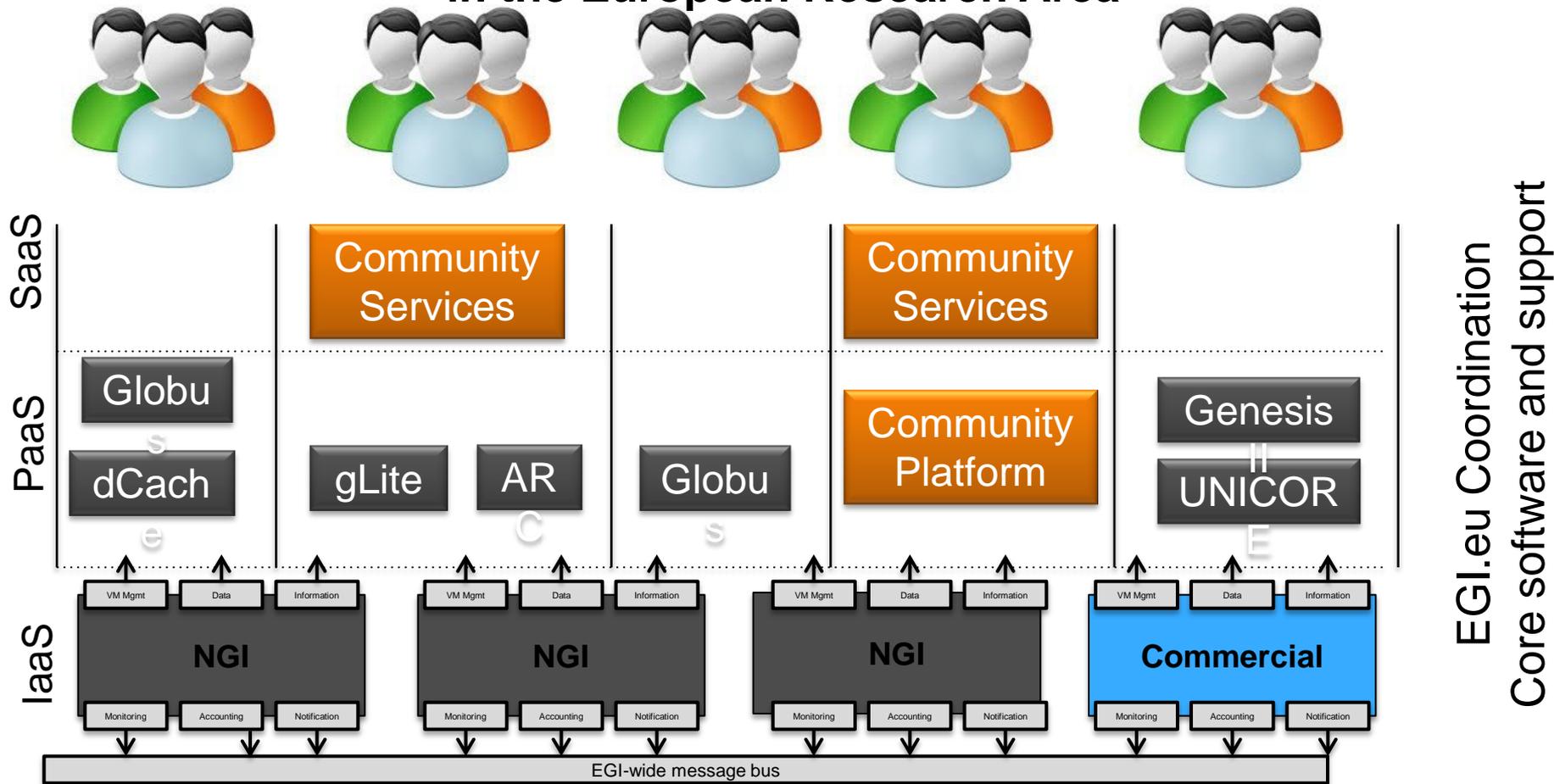
Date: 8-12 April 2013

Host: UK NGI (GridPP and National e-Infrastructure Service (NES) partnership)

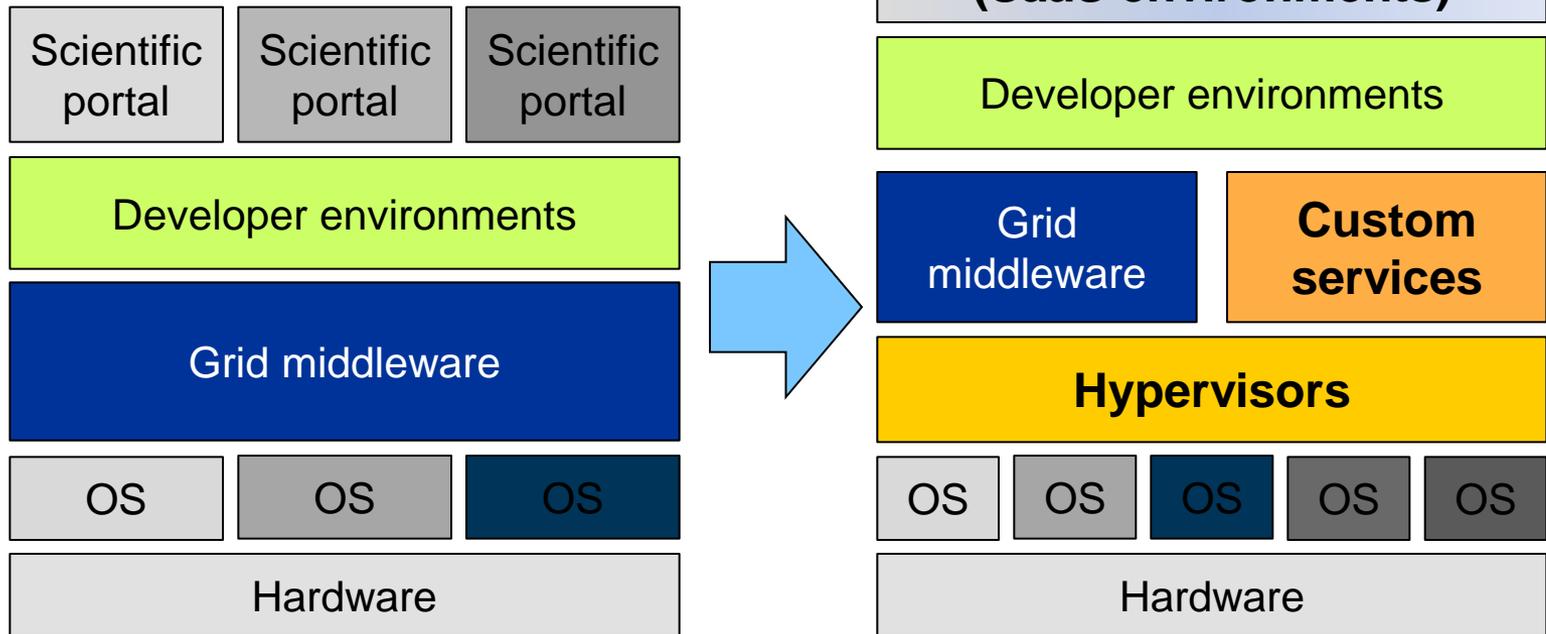


Participate now: <https://indico.egi.eu/indico/conferenceDisplay.py?confId=1222>

Personalised environments for individual research communities in the European Research Area



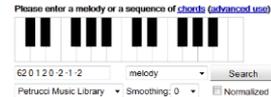
- Federated Cloud Testbed: <http://go.egi.eu/cloud>
- Becomes EGI production infrastructure in April 2013



Musicology – Peachnote project: music score search engine and analysis platform.

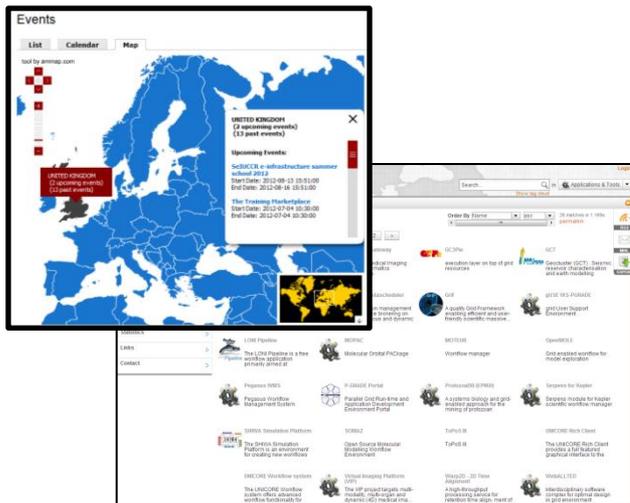
Linguistics – CLARIN project: scalable 'British National Corpus' service (BNCWeb).

Digital Cultural Heritage – Use cases may emerge from DCH-RP project



Communities build their own gateways:

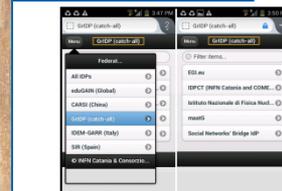
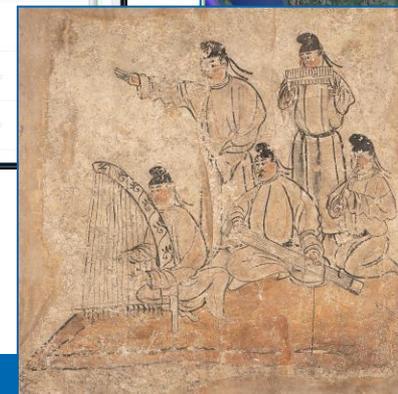
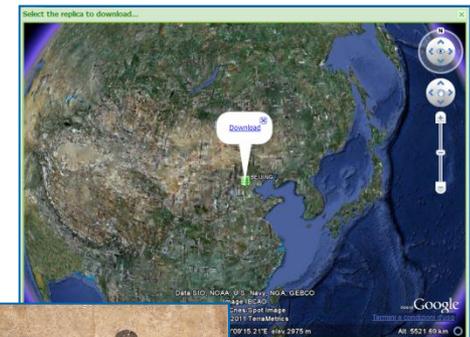
- EGI will collect and promote tools needed
- EGI will support the integration of services



EGI Training Marketplace & Applications Database



The e-Culture Science Gateway



EGI has priority to expand the user base in terms of both absolute numbers and diversity. Engagement with Humanities researchers:

- CLARIN and DARIAH
 - Common Language Resources and Technology Infrastructure
 - Digital Research Infrastructure for the Arts and Humanities
 - Letter of Intent signed
 - Needs: long-term data storage and availability, curation of datasets, hosting and monitoring of middleware services, authentication and authorisation services
- DCH-RP – Digital Cultural Heritage – Roadmap for Preservation
- ASTRA Project
 - Ancient Instruments Sound/Timbre Reconstruction Application
 - Archeological remnants used to create complex models



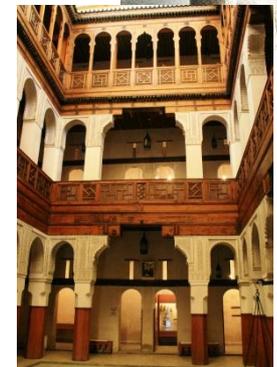
DCH-RP project summary

2 year coordination action to design and validate a:

Roadmap for Preservation

Key features of project:

- Many stakeholders involved:
 - DCH experts, infrastructure providers, developers
 - Memory Institutions participating
- Infrastructure as a Service will be investigated
- Authentication and Authorisation issues to be addressed
- Best practices will be captured and analysed
- Proofs of Concept will be tested and evaluated



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Community building and coordination

- EGI representatives attend DCH meetings:
 - NEERI 2010, INDICATE, DC-NET and EuroMed 2012
- DCH and Humanities-relevant sessions at EGI Forums
- EGI-InSPIRE part-funded by the EC e-Infrastructure Unit, now under the DG Connect umbrella which leads Digital Agenda
 - Always interested to reach out to other projects
- EGI tracking other initiatives in the DCH research landscape:
 - Gallica – to digitise and distribute French texts
 - E-Heritage from Microsoft covering Asia-Pacific
 - Google Books Library project

EGI provides significant added value to multi-disciplinary research through:

- Uniform and reliable computing resources
- Allowing researchers to focus on research
- Services that cross organisational and national boundaries
- Effective return on Europe's e-Infra investments
- Enabling of knowledge transfer and support
- Promotion of open science

Digital Cultural Heritage research is key part of this

Thanks!



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