IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION
ON DIGITISATION AND ONLINE ACCESSIBILITY
OF CULTURAL MATERIAL AND DIGITAL PRESERVATION

PROGRESS REPORT 2011-2013

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NOTE: This template follows the structure of the Recommendation of 27 October 2011 on the digitisation and online accessibility of cultural material and digital preservation. This template should be strictly followed.

The Commission Recommendation was endorsed by Council on its Conclusion of 12 May 2012. The priority actions and indicative timetable contained in these Conclusions should clearly be taken into account in your reporting of progress.

Please note that particular attention should be given to new developments in the reference period 2011-2013, notably:

- Financial resources and quantitative/qualitative targets for digitisation
- Public-private partnerships for digitisation
- Legislative or other actions taken by Member States to facilitate the large-scale digitisation of out-of-commerce works
- Actions taken by Member States to support Europeana (provision of content, funding, etc.)
- Measures taken by Member States to ensuring the wide and free availability of existing metadata produced by cultural institutions (Europeana Data Exchange Agreement)
- Financial and organisational aspects of digital preservation.

Besides your factual report, you are encouraged to raise any implementation problems or highlight any best practice examples to which you think special attention should be paid at national and/or European level. Where implementation is not fully reached, please describe how you plan to continue your work.
Please use the empty boxes underneath the questions to indicate your response/comments.

Please provide as much as possible quantitative indicators on progress achieved.

All reports will be published on the Commission's Digital Agenda for Europe website.

**DIGITISATION: ORGANISATION AND FUNDING**

1. **PLANNING AND MONITORING OF THE DIGITISATION OF BOOKS, JOURNALS, NEWSPAPERS, PHOTOGRAPHS, MUSEUM OBJECTS, ARCHIVAL DOCUMENTS, SOUND AND AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIAL, MONUMENTS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES ("CULTURAL MATERIAL")**

- Is there a scheme to plan, coordinate and monitor digitisation of cultural material?

  If yes, provide details of all relevant aspects of the scheme and of the overall digitisation achievements (number of digitised objects) towards the overall targets mentioned under point 7 (support to Europeana).

Concerning libraries, the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport publishes an annual call for funding digitization projects. From 2011 to 2013 (as of Oct. 31) have been digitised 561,513 digital objects coming from all kind of libraries. The indicative target for minimum content contribution to Europeana set by Commission Recommendation of 27 October 2011 (2,676,000 digital objects) will be reached by the end of 2013.

- Has your country set quantitative targets for the digitisation of cultural material?

  If yes, please specify the targets and indicators/procedures for monitoring progress, if any.

Libraries: a target of 500,000 digital objects was set and has been fulfilled. Hispana, the Spanish national aggregator, allows monitoring progress.

- Has your country set qualitative targets for the digitisation of cultural material?

  If yes, please specify the targets and indicators/procedures for monitoring progress, indicate the expected increase in digitised material which could form part of Europeana and budgets allocated by public authorities.

Libraries: as above mentioned, a target of 500,000 digital objects was set for libraries. All
this materials are part of Europeana as, according calls for fundings, materials digitised with public funds should contribute to Europeana.
2. PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN ORDER TO CREATE NEW WAYS OF FUNDING DIGITISATION OF CULTURAL MATERIAL AND TO STIMULATE INNOVATIVE USES OF THE MATERIAL, WHILE ENSURING THAT PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS FOR DIGITISATION ARE FAIR AND BALANCED, AND IN LINE WITH THE CONDITIONS INDICATED IN ANNEX I

- Have any cultural institutions in your country entered into PPPs (including also partnerships with non-EU partners) for digitisation or for facilitating the access to digital cultural heritage?

If yes, please provide details of the partnerships, compliance of the respective agreements with the conditions in Annex I of the Recommendation as well as contact details of the cultural institution involved.

The National Library of Spain ends in 2013 a PPP with Telefónica, a major company dedicated to telecommunications.

- Has your country adopted legislation on PPPs in place (e.g. fiscal benefits, public procurement provisions) or is any such legislation under preparation?

If yes, provide details and references.

There are some fiscal benefits currently available for PPPs, however the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports is trying to increase the deduction for companies although nothing specific has been announced until now.

3. USE OF STRUCTURAL FUNDS, WHERE POSSIBLE, TO CO-FINANCE DIGITISATION ACTIVITIES

- Is your country using Structural Funds for the digitisation of cultural material?

If yes, provide details of the amounts and the specific programmes.
4. **OPTIMISE THE USE OF DIGITISATION CAPACITY AND ACHIEVE ECONOMIES OF SCALE, WHICH MAY IMPLY THE POOLING OF DIGITISATION EFFORTS BY CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS AND CROSS-BORDER COLLABORATION, BUILDING ON COMPETENCE CENTRES FOR DIGITISATION IN EUROPE.**

- Has your country taken practical measures to optimise the use of digitisation capacity?

  If yes, please provide details about the ways to optimise the use of digitisation capacity. Does this involve cross-border collaboration?

  In the case of the National Library of Spain, the importance of the digitisation contracts (during 2011 and 2012 they exceeded 1.000.000 euros) allowed to have good prices.

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**DIGITISATION AND ONLINE ACCESSIBILITY OF PUBLIC DOMAIN MATERIAL**

5. **IMPROVE ACCESS TO AND USE OF DIGITISED CULTURAL MATERIAL THAT IS IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN**

  5.1. Mechanisms to ensure that material in the public domain remains in the public domain after digitisation.

- Has your country encountered obstacles in the process of ensuring that material in the public domain stays in the public domain after digitisation?

  If yes, please provide details of the obstacles and explain how they have been overcome or how they are being addressed.

  5.2. Widest possible access to digitised public domain material as well as the widest possible reuse of the material for non-commercial and commercial purposes.

- Are there projects or schemes for promoting the widest possible access to digitised public domain material?

  If yes, please provide details.

  Libraries: according to calls for funding, the digitisation of materials in the public domain should not generate new rights.
- Are there any schemes promoting reuse of the digitised material for non-commercial and commercial purposes? Please also indicate whether there are mechanisms for monitoring such reuse.

If yes, provide details of the schemes or best practice examples. Please also indicate whether there are mechanisms for monitoring such reuse (take-up by organisations engaging in re-use and take-up by end-users/visitors).

5.3. Measures to limit the use of intrusive watermarks or other visual protection measures that reduce the usability of the digitised public domain material.

- Has your country taken measures to limit the use of watermarks or other visual protection measures reducing the usability of digitised public domain material?

If yes, please describe the measures. Where applicable, please also indicate best/worst practice examples.

Libraries: according with call for fundings intrusive watermarks must be avoided.

**DIGITISATION AND ONLINE ACCESSIBILITY OF IN-COPYRIGHT MATERIAL**

6. IMPROVE CONDITIONS FOR THE DIGITISATION AND ONLINE ACCESSIBILITY OF IN-COPYRIGHT MATERIAL.

6.1. Rapid and correct transposition and implementation of the provisions of the Directive on orphan works

- When and how is your country going to transpose the Directive on orphan works?

6.2. Legal framework conditions to underpin licensing mechanisms identified and agreed by stake-holders for the large-scale digitisation and cross-border accessibility of works that are out-of commerce.

- Are there any legal/voluntary stakeholder-driven schemes in your country to underpin the large-scale digitisation and cross-border accessibility of digital cultural works?
If yes, please provide details of the schemes, references and describe impact.

6.3. Contributing to and promoting the availability of databases with rights information, connected at the European level, such as ARROW.

- How is your country contributing and promoting the availability of such databases at the European level?

**EUROPEANA**

7. **CONTRIBUTE TO THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF EUROPEANA**

7.1. Encouraging cultural institutions as well as publishers and other right holders to make their digitised material accessible through Europeana, thus helping the platform to give direct access to 30 million digitised objects by 2015, including two million sound or audio-visual objects.

- How is your country encouraging cultural institutions, publishers and other right holders to make their digitised material accessible through Europeana? Are there specific measures to encourage the contribution of sound or audio-visual material?

Libraries: contributing to Europeana it’s mandatory for projects funded by the Ministry.

Publishers: the DG for Fine Arts and Cultural Assets and Archives and Libraries signed an agreement with ARCE (Association of Spanish Cultural Magazines) in 2011 in order to digitize and make available through Europeana portal cultural magazines. In the framework of this agreement 21 current cultural magazines have been digitised and are still part of Europeana. Likewise agreements have been signed with rightholders of some newspapers.

7.2. Making all public funding for future digitisation projects conditional on the accessibility of the digitised material through Europeana.

- What measures has your countries taken to ensure that all cultural material digitised by means of public funding will be accessible through Europeana?

Libraries: a mandatory requirement of calls for funding digitisation projects is that
7.3. Ensuring that all their public domain masterpieces will be accessible through Europeana by 2015,

- What measures has your country taken to ensure that your country's public domain masterpieces will be accessible through Europeana by 2015? Have you set indicators to measure progress?

7.4. Setting up or reinforcing national aggregators bringing content from different domains into Europeana, and contributing to cross-border aggregators in specific domains or for specific topics, this may bring about economies of scale.

- Has your country set up a national aggregator bringing content from different domains into Europeana? If yes, please provide details of the aggregator, participating organisations and content domains covered.

Hispana is the Spanish national aggregator that channels to Europeana more than 2,100,000 digital objects (79.78% of the Spanish contribution as of October 2013). Contents channelled by Hispana come from 61 libraries (89% of records), 35 museums depending on the Ministry and 15 archives.

- Are there specific measures the participation of cultural institutions, publishers or other right holders in cross-border aggregators in specific domains or for specific topics? If no such measures have been taken, are you aware of voluntary participation by organisations based in your country? Please provide details of such participation and participants’ motivation.

EFE is participating through Europhoto.

Generalitat de Catalonia is participating through Linked Heritage

7.5. Ensuring the use of common digitisation standards defined by Europeana in collaboration with the cultural institutions in order to achieve interoperability
of the digitised material at European level, as well as the systematic use of permanent identifiers.

- How does your country encourage the use of common digitisation standards defined by Europeana? How do you support the systematic use of permanent identifiers?

Libraries: as to the extent that materials digitised with public funding must contribute to Europeana, the implementation of EDM is mandatory for funded institutions.

7.6. Ensuring the wide and free availability of existing metadata (descriptions of digital objects) produced by cultural institutions, for reuse through services such as Europeana and for innovative applications.

- Which measures has your country taken to ensure the wide and free availability of existing metadata? How do cultural institutions in your country take up the Europeana Data Exchange Agreement?

- What experience has your country been able to gather to re-use of free metadata for re-use if the underlying content through services such as Europeana or for innovative applications? Please provide details, examples and references.

All content providers contributing through Hispana have signed the DEA.

7.7. Establishing a communication plan to raise awareness of Europeana among the general public and notably in schools, in collaboration with the cultural institutions contributing content to the site.

- What measures has your country taken to establish a communication plan to raise awareness of Europeana? Are there specific measures targeting schools or other specific user communities? If yes, please provide details.

Europeana awareness days have been organized by the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport.

A PR campaign targeting schools is scheduled in the second term of 2014 as a part of activities involved in the EuropeanaAwareness project in which the MECD is participating.

DIGITAL PRESERVATION
8. **REINFORCE NATIONAL STRATEGIES FOR THE LONG-TERM PRESERVATION OF DIGITAL MATERIAL, UPDATE ACTION PLANS IMPLEMENTING THE STRATEGIES, AND EXCHANGE INFORMATION WITH EACH OTHER ON THE STRATEGIES AND ACTION PLANS.**

- Does your country have a strategy for the long-term preservation of digital material? What actions are you planning to implement the strategy? Have you exchanged information with other Member States in order to devise your strategy and action plan? If yes, please provide details.

The National Library of Spain is starting a project to assure long term preservation and access to their digital content.

9. **EXPLICIT AND CLEAR PROVISION IN YOUR COUNTRY’S LEGISLATION SO AS TO ALLOW MULTIPLE COPYING AND MIGRATION OF DIGITAL CULTURAL MATERIAL BY PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS FOR PRESERVATION PURPOSES, IN FULL RESPECT OF EUROPEAN UNION AND INTERNATIONAL LEGISLATION ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS.**

- Have your country made explicit and clear provision in its legislation to allow multiple copying and migration of digital cultural material by public institutions for preservation purposes?

10. **MAKE THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DEPOSIT OF MATERIAL CREATED IN DIGITAL FORMAT IN ORDER TO GUARANTEE ITS LONG-TERM PRESERVATION, AND IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF EXISTING DEPOSIT ARRANGEMENTS FOR MATERIAL CREATED IN DIGITAL FORMAT.**

10.1. Ensuring that right holders deliver works to legal deposit libraries without technical protection measures, or that, alternatively, they make available to legal deposit libraries the means to ensure that technical protection measures do not impede the acts that libraries have to undertake for preservation purposes, in full respect of European Union and international legislation on intellectual property rights.

- What arrangements has your country made to ensure that technical protection measures do not impede the acts that libraries have to undertake to guarantee long-term preservation of material created in digital format?
10.2. Where relevant, making legal provision to allow the transfer of digital legal deposit works from one legal deposit library to other deposit libraries that also have the right to these works.

- Has your country made legal provision to allow the transfer of digital legal deposit works from one legal deposit library to other deposit libraries that also have the right to these works? If yes, please provide details.

10.3. Allowing the preservation of web-content by mandated institutions using techniques for collecting material from the Internet such as web-harvesting, in full respect of European Union and international legislation on intellectual property rights.

- What measures has your country adopted to allow preservation of web-content by mandated institutions? Please provide details, e.g. of the types of web-content preserved and the organisations mandated.

There is work in progress to develop the Electronic Legal Deposit Law so no further details are yet available.

11. TAKING INTO ACCOUNT DEVELOPMENTS IN OTHER MEMBER STATES, WHEN ESTABLISHING OR UPDATING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE DEPOSIT OF MATERIAL ORIGINALLY CREATED IN DIGITAL FORMAT, IN ORDER TO PREVENT A WIDE VARIATION IN DEPOSITING ARRANGEMENTS.

- How is your country taking into account developments in other Member States in order to prevent a wide variation in deposition arrangements? Please provide details.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS
- Please indicate in the box below any suggestions or other comments you would like to make, or any further information you consider of use for the purposes of this progress report and/or the further implementation of the Recommendation.