



D7.2 Map of the European digitisation landscape

Active projects and networks

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Abstract

The objective of this deliverable is creating and maintaining a *map of the European digitisation landscape*, identifying active projects, centres of competence, networks and any other initiatives to help pinpoint stakeholders, future needs and options for the exploitation of digitised content.



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1. OVERVIEW

The objectives pursued by this deliverable, as settled down in the DoW, aim at *creating and maintaining a map of the digitisation landscape* (in a broad sense), describing active projects, competence centres and networks to help identify stakeholders, future needs and options for the exploitation of digitised content.

It is expected that the map will provide support for helping every heritage institution to find the networks or centres of competence that best match its particular needs, and for forecasting research and implementation challenges and proposing what measures must be taken to address the requirements of digitisation programmes. As it can be seen, the work carried out has strong interdependencies with other WPs, in particular, WP3 & 4 and WP6.

2. METHODOLOGY FOR IMPLEMENTING THE WORK

2.1 Guiding document – February 2013

The work for this deliverable started in February 2013, as scheduled in the DoW (M2). The task leader (BVC) prepared a working document for orientating the participants involved in the implementation of the task (attached to this deliverable as Annex 1), and sent it on 21 February. The document contained background information, the assignation of countries to be covered and mapped by each participant, related work plan and excel table to be filled in with the data considered as relevant for achieving the objectives of the deliverable and paving the way for other project activities.

The excel table can be seen below:

Initiative (type and name)	Country (ies)	Purpose	Participants	Contact pers	Email	Phone number	Address	Web address

The assignation of the countries was suggested to the partners by the BVC taking into account several factors, such as the participants' current networks and geographical linkages.

- **KB:** The Netherlands, Austria, Denmark, Faroe Islands, Finland, FYR Macedonia, Germany, Hungary, Norway, Serbia;



- **BnF**: France, Belgium, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Czech Republic, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Switzerland;
- **BL**: UK, Croatia, Estonia, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland;
- **BVC**: Spain, Albania, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Moldova, Portugal, Sweden, Turkey.

According to the guiding document, the work plan was scheduled in three main steps:

- Intermediate results to be submitted by mid May 2013.
- Final results to be submitted by end July 2013.
- Report to be submitted by BVC to the EC within Sept 2013.

2.2 Face to face discussions – March 2013

Taking advantage of the workshop organised by KB on Deliverable D7.1 on 12 March at The Hague, BVC reiterated the importance of the map for the success of the WP and the project, as it aims at setting the state of play, the landscape of the digitisation community, interests and needs of the entities working in Europe.

2.3 BVC's guiding example – May 2013

As part of the guidelines for the partners, BVC sent the excel table filled in by its staff as an example on 14 May, including initiatives from all the countries indicated in the working document for the BVC (i.e. Spain, Albania, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Moldova, Portugal, Sweden, and Turkey).

2.4 Risks & related measures

The results achieved by the participants face an obvious risk, which is missing a relevant digitisation initiative/action being carried out in Europe.

The minimisation of this risk is twofold:

- Participants' extensive knowledge of digitisation initiatives and actions. They have extensive networks and take part in many actions, EU funded projects included.
- Allowing for the integration and/or completion of the map by the stakeholders themselves through the project website, as explained in the section below.

2.5 Deviation from schedule

The present deliverable was due by the end of month 9. The delay in submitting it has been due to the late and/or incomplete delivery of contributions, but has been corrected without causing major problems by the supplementary work carried out by the partners involved and the WP Coordinator. In addition, having the map on the website is an



additional input (i.e. not foreseen in the DoW) which has taken some additional time, but the benefits of it will by far exceed any minor problems eventually caused by the delay.

3. THE DIGITISATION MAP – FEATURES & FURTHER STEPS

To date, the map consists of a *database of more than 200 initiatives* including networks, projects, private companies and institutions active in digitisation and related fields. This figure may increase both by means of the review and update of the partners and at the users' (digitisation community) own initiative. The database provides key information about the organisations and is attached as part of this deliverable.

As commented above, the database has been turned into a digital map, accessible from the project website, as explained in the next section.

3.1 Public Access to the data, Visibility and Dissemination

One of the most interesting features of the database as a project result is its accessibility by interested parties. In this regard, BVC started to work with the Project Coordinator to place the map on the project website and allow both partners and stakeholders to access, review and include new initiatives.

For so doing, UA implemented an online search platform based in Ajax-Solr that allows applying searching filters. The information can be filtered by: type of initiative (i.e. project, EU project, network, centre of competence, company, etc.), country, activity type (i.e. digitisation, exploitation, etc.) and type of content (i.e. text, 3D, audiovisual, etc.). This entails the addition of three fields to those already available in the preliminary database to enable e-search, those fields being 'initiative type', 'country' and 'type of content'. On the first release of the search engine, the last filter is disabled until fully completed by the partners involved.

The first version of the virtual map is available at: <http://www.succeed-project.eu/publications/digitisation-map/index-succeed>

Screen shot of the home page, with filters and first results:





The screenshot shows the 'Succeed' web application interface. At the top, there is a header with the 'Succeed' logo and the title 'Map of the European digitisation landscape'. Below the header, the interface is divided into two main sections: a left sidebar for search filters and a main content area for search results.

Current Selection: (X) initiative:centre*of*competence*

Search: Filter by initiative type

Initiative type: centre of competence

By Country: --select--

Open Planets Foundation:

- Initiativetype:** Centre of Competence
- Country:** Europe
- Web:** <http://www.openplanetsfoundation.org/>
- Participants:** AIT Austrian Institute of Technology The Austrian National Library The British Library The Danish National Archives The Royal Library Denmark The State and University Library Denmark Goportis Joint Information Systems Committee Microsoft Research The National Archives of The Netherlands The National Library of The Netherlands Stanford University Libraries & Academic Information Resources Bibliotheque nationale de France International Institute of Social History University of Freiburg Portico School of Information and Library Science (SILS) at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
- Purpose:** aims to ensure the take-up of digital preservation practices and tools mainly coming from the Planets project fostering that digital preservation challenges meet a solution that is widely adopted.

APARSEN:

- Initiativetype:** Centre of Competence
- Country:** Europe
- Web:** <http://www.alliancepermanentaccess.org>
- Participants:** More than 20 entities across Europe and beyond
- Purpose:** APARSEN will develop into a Virtual Centre of Excellence in digital preservation which will focus on promoting and supporting the spread of digital preservation best practice. This will include providing advice, tool training and workshops services and forums for the exchange of expertise.

The partners involved will take care of the maintenance and updating of the map, and next upcoming features of the search service would include a login system that will allow institutions to include their future projects to the database.

It is expected that the work carried out now will help carrying out T7.3 (New usages. Report on emergent usages for digitised content and the associated quality requirements and business opportunities. M17–M22).

ANNEX 1 – BVC'S BRIEFING DOCUMENT TO PARTICIPANTS, FEBRUARY 2013

T7.2 Digitisation map, M2-M7. Deliverable D7.2, M9 Report

Leader: BVC

Participants: KB, BnF, BL

Background information

Objectives (as in the DoW): To create and maintain a map of the digitisation landscape (in a broad sense), describing **active projects, competence centres and networks**, use case implementation studies, and requirements for the exploitation of digitised content.

Methodology (as in the DoW): This map will provide support for helping every heritage institution to find the networks or centres of competence that best match its particular needs, and for forecasting research and implementation challenges and proposing what measures must be taken to address the requirements of digitisation programmes.

Note: Following conversations with the P.O. in the K-O meeting, the Commission is interested in Succeed helping achieve that stated in Commission Recommendation of 27 October 2011 on the digitisation and online accessibility of cultural material and digital preservation ([Recommendation 2011/711/EU](#)).

Instructions for implementing the activity

1. Please identify *active projects, CoCs, networks, initiatives* in digitisation (including complementary fields to digitisation where possible) in your countries and at the transnational level. We should cover at least the 27 EU Member States and Associated countries to the FP7 (Norway, Switzerland...) and also initiatives at pan-European level (focus on networks and CoCs advisable).

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BL: UK, Croatia, Estonia, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland;

BVC: Spain, Albania, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Moldova, Portugal, Sweden, Turkey.

To facilitate the search, we may suggest using *keywords* (such as digitisation, project, CoC, archive, cultural, library, European,...). If anyone identifies a good search methodology/pattern, it would be great sharing it with the rest of the WP participants.



2. In relation to the initiatives you find, please fill in the excel table attached. This will facilitate the organisation of the relevant information and the preparation of the deliverable.

3. Work plan:
 - Intermediate results to be submitted by mid May 2013.
 - Final results to be submitted by end July 2013.
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EXCEL TABLE (To be filled in by the partners involved in T7.2)

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ANNEX 2 – MAP OF THE EUROPEAN DIGITISATION LANDSCAPE

