



# Strategy and future plans

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## **WP6: Strategy and future plans**

### **Objectives:**

- **Exploring** the current programmes, policies, priorities and plans in the digital cultural heritage domain (both e-culture and e-Infrastructures)
- Seeking **opportunities for harmonization** in the Mediterranean region and further afield.



## **WP6: Strategy and future plans**

3 tasks:

- analysing current national policies and the e-Infrastructures environment
- harmonizing policy in the Mediterranean region
- carrying out strategy and future planning



## Workshop objectives

- Elements for policy Harmonization
- Carrying out strategy and future planning for collaboration between e-infrastructures and cultural institutions
- Validate the Paris Declaration: commitment of the partners for the future



## **Policy presentation and analysis**

Questionnaire filled in by the partners to identify:

- current strategies and mechanisms for access to e-Infrastructures by the digital cultural heritage sector
- co-operations between cultural institutions and e-Infrastructures
- transnational cooperation projects, especially those with Euro-Mediterranean cooperation



# Results

## Strategies and mechanisms

Considerable variability between countries:

- some countries have a **regulatory framework for DCH** (France, Slovenia, Greece, Turkey) while others do not (Spain, Egypt, Italy)
- **DCH strategies** explicitly for DCH exist in some partner countries (Slovenia, Greece, France, Italy)
- **DCH objectives** have been identified by some partner countries (i.e Greece, Slovenia)



# Results

## Strategies and mechanisms

- **Lack of instruments or key indicators** for reviewing the success of implemented DCH and e-Infrastructure policies and initiatives
- Investment in DCH and e-Infrastructure in the partner countries is driven by **national and European funding**



## Results

### Collaborations

- Many cultural institutions are supported by e-Infrastructures including **libraries, museums, cultural ministries, national archives and universities.**
- **Services from e-infrastructures** commonly include connectivity, networking services, videoconferencing, computing, application development and technical support/expertise.
- Majority of the partner countries have e-Infrastructures with **access to the pan-European data network GÉANT**





# Results Collaborations

A number of the INDICATE partner countries are already collaborating together in significant initiatives:

- **EGI-inSPIRE**
- **EUMEDGrid-Support**
- **CHAIN**
- **EPIKH**
- **GEANT**



## Conclusions

- ⇒ Strategy and future planning for the Mediterranean region will need to be **flexible enough to account for the varied national contexts.**
- ⇒ A **standard set of key indicators would be useful to compare progress** in the area of DCH and e-Infrastructures between countries in the Mediterranean region in the future



## Conclusions

⇒ Need to continue and share **best practices**

⇒ Partner countries without **regulatory frameworks and national strategies** for DCH can learn from the experience of others and can use existing examples from other partner countries as a starting point



## Conclusions

=> **Common objectives and priorities for DCH** would be beneficial across the Mediterranean region, i.e:

- **Long-term preservation: potential of e-Infrastructure use for long term storage of DCH** examined in depth: Case Study Report - Long Term Preservation
- **Potential for e-Infrastructure providers to supply more complex and innovative services**



## Paris Declaration

Based on the policies analysis

**Strategic commitment to dialogue and collaboration** between cultural heritage, ICT and e-infrastructures stakeholders:

- Dialogue and best practice
- Open sharing and publication of best practice
- Best practice initiatives and further research should be **international** in scope and **supported** both by Member states and by the European level



## Paris Declaration

- **Need for systematic action** bringing together e-Infrastructures, digital cultural heritage and ICT actors.
- **Communication** across sectoral (cultural heritage, ICT, e-Infrastructures) boundaries
- **End users** (the public, researchers, students and others) should be represented in the planning and delivery
- Demonstration and validation through **joint implementations and pilots**



# Paris Declaration

## Future plans and perspectives

- Identification of **common priorities**
- Establishment of **shared research agendas and action plans**, but **respecting individual national contexts**
- Evolving **from theory to practice** by shared validation activities, pilots and implementation
- **Greater use of e-Infrastructure facilities** by cultural heritage



## Paris Declaration

- Taking into full consideration **related initiatives** at a national and international level
- Developing the **policy context** facilitating the collaboration of digital humanities, ICT and e-Infrastructures stakeholders
- **Securing** the digital patrimony of Europe while **enhancing** social benefit through access, interaction and enrichment services.
- Stimulating the **growth of the International Network**





Discussions are now opened

**Thank you for your attention!**