



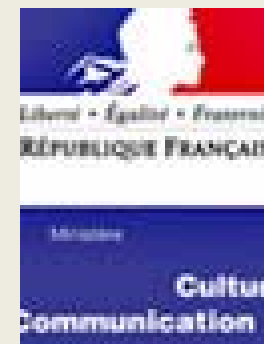
DC-NET

Digital Cultural Heritage Network

“Identifying New e-Infrastructures Service Priorities for the Cultural heritage and Building a Joint Activities Plan”

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Why DC-net ?

- Contribute to the planning of European e-Infrastructures
- Increase the participation of cultural heritage sector
 - ⇒ a definition of new service priorities adapted to digital cultural heritage (content and users)
 - ⇒ a Joint activities plan.



The methodology

Building on the achievements and on the existing network in digital cultural heritage

-> Minerva (network of best practice)

-> Michael (service to access digitised collections)

Developing further links with Research and Technology



New services priorities

- The objectives are :
 - to define the needs and priorities of the cultural heritage sector taking into account the existing services offered by e-Infrastructures.
 - to increase the usability of digital cultural content for research communities and specifically for research activities performed in cultural institutions,
 - to provide for Cultural institutions enhanced tools for digitising their content, and for manipulating and preserving it once it's been digitised.



New services priorities

- Participating Cultural Ministries are reviewing and combining their priorities in terms of new services which they wish to deliver using the e-Infrastructures in such areas as
 - standards and interoperability,
 - metadata and automatic extraction of knowledge,
 - semantic search engines,
 - advanced repositories architectures,
 - use and re-use of content
 - etc....
- An identification of best practice is also underway in these fields.



A perspective for the network : the Joint Activities Plan (JAP)

- "DC-net" new service priorities will be integrated in a Joint Activities Plan (JAP) agreed upon by all participating Ministries in order to plan concrete cooperation actions to be carried out beyond the end of the DC-NET funding period.
- The JAP will detail a range of activities articulated over two main streams building on the existing achievements of previous initiatives:
 - guidelines and recommendations (follow up of MINERVA)
 - Data and service infrastructure (evolution of MICHAEL).
- Training initiatives are planned in the course of next year as a first implementation of these Joint Activities.



the Joint Activities Plan (JAP)

A plan of activities:

- agreed among the partners of DC-NET,
- shared with the new members who will join the DC-NET network along the project life time,
- receiving the endorsement and commitment of the participating Ministries,
- containing a set of **concrete actions** for the implementation of the research agenda defined in the project ,
- supporting the implementation of a comprehensive cultural heritage e-Infrastructure



Committing for the continuation of the joint activities

- In DC-net we will prepare a commitment decision about the continuation of the research programme as outlined in the Joint Activities Plan
- The decision will be shared among:
 - Cultural bodies,
 - e-Infrastructure providers
 - research sector,
- The decision will include sustainability :
 - identification of the initial financial resources
 - financial plan for a longer term



Thank you for your attention

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