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Abbreviations

Consortium participants

EF	Europeana Foundation, The Netherlands (Coordinator)
AIT-Graz	AIT Angewandte Informationstechnik Forschungsgesellschaft mbH, Austria
AIT-Vienna	AIT Austrian Institute of Technology GmbH, Austria
APEF	Archives Portal Europe Foundation, The Netherlands
CAPG	Capgemini Nederland BV, The Netherlands
CARARE	Connecting Archaeology and Architecture in Europe, Ireland
DARIAH	Digital Research Infrastructure for the Arts and Humanities, France
DATO	Datoptron P.C., Greece
DFF	Deutsches Filminstitut & Filmmuseum e.V., Germany
EFHA	European Fashion Heritage Association, Italy
EUN	EUN Partnership AISBL, Belgium
EuroClio	Euroclio European Association of History Educators, The Netherlands
F&F	Facts & Files Digital Services GmbH, Germany
INCEPTION	Inception s.r.l, Italy
MCA	Michael Culture AISBL, Belgium
NISV	Stichting Nederlands Instituut voor Beeld en Geluid, The Netherlands
Photocons	International Consortium for Photographic Heritage Photoconsortium, Italy
PSNC	Instytut Chemii Bioorganicznej Polskiej Akademii Nauk - Poznańskie Centrum Superkomputerowo-Sieciowe, Poland
TMO	Time Machine Organisation, Austria

Other

CHIs	Cultural Heritage Institutions
DS AGG	Data space aggregators
EAF	Europeana Aggregators' Forum
EDM	Europeana Data Model
ECBF	Europeana Capacity Building Framework
EIF	Europeana Impact Framework
ELF	Europeana Licensing Framework
ENA	Europeana Network Association
EPF	Europeana Publishing Framework
IIIF	International Image Interoperability Framework

Please see [glossary available on Europeana Pro](#) for more formal definitions of terms used frequently.

Highlights

In the reporting period, we extended the data space offering with a new mechanism (MVP) to share services and tools in the data space. [The MVP is available online](#). We continued to refine our implementation plan for the data exchange strategy (V1), specifically towards introducing a dataset offer.

In the reporting period, we saw a high increase of new datasets published. This strong increase is caused by the Twin It II campaign contributions (19 datasets in the period Feb - Apr 2026). The total number of 3D items published increased by 8% (to 6,700 records) and the total number of CHIs sharing 3D content increased by 21% (to 135). We also improved the reusability of 3D materials through the data space. The EDM schema and the various components in the Metis ingestion pipeline now support a variety of (additional) fields that allow the inclusion of relevant metadata and paradata at source, their publication in our dataset, and their serving through our APIs.

As part of our training and capacity building offer, we published role specific learning pathway(s) on 3D (V1). The goal of these role specific learning pathways is to support anyone interested in 3D digitisation in plotting their learning journey. The roles can vary from decision makers to new professionals interested in becoming experts in 3D digitisation and users from different industries who want to (re)use digitised 3D cultural heritage. The current result (V1) is [a complete visual overview of all topics for all roles](#). We also published role specific learning pathway(s) for sharing data (V1). The learning pathway for sharing data supports data providers who want to share their data with the data space. The result is a first version of [a learning pathway](#) that distinguishes two different scenarios: sharing data on item level and as datasets.

In the reporting period between Feb 2026 and Apr 2026 we organised 22 events (including instructor-led training events) reaching 1,027 people with a high satisfaction rate of 93% of participants being “satisfied” and “completely satisfied”. Highlights were information sessions for a cohort of Italian cultural heritage professionals. Italy wants to make significant progress in heritage digitisation and is exploring the Dutch NDE model.

On Europeana.eu, we updated the display of media specific metadata fields and released a [display for web resource level metadata](#) across the collection. Additionally, we extended the download functionality offering users the possibility to download the media file in multiple formats and resolution.

Introduction

The periodic report describes work carried out under the common European data space for cultural heritage from 1 Feb 2025 (M42) until 30 Apr 2026 (M44) based on the implementation plan (PM. Implementation plan M36).

The report is organised in five work packages (WP): WP1) Development and operation of the data space infrastructure; WP2) Integration of high-quality data; WP3) Capacity building and fostering reuse; WP4) Digital services for the public; and WP5) Programme management (including the balance of efforts as well as reporting on integrations of other EU-funded projects).

All outcomes to be completed in Y4 (Sep 2025 - Aug 2026, as stated in PM. Implementation plan M36) are included in this periodic report with % of completion and expected due date. For outcomes completed in the reporting period a description is added that highlights the objective and result of the outcome and its value for the data space. Additionally, the consortium will report on all outcomes marked as 'ongoing' bi-annually (Feb and Aug 2026).

Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) as well as other reporting metrics are provided and discussed in case of notable occurrences.

Main recommendations from the European Commission (EC) following the 3rd annual review meeting of the deployment of the common European data space for cultural heritage have been added to the [Annex](#) and progress towards the recommendations will be reported with each periodic report.

Another [Annex](#) gives an overview of how deliverables and internal reports contributed to the specific achievement (and outputs).

[Annex: Risk log](#) includes an assessment of foreseen and observed risks with risk responses and other relevant details. The Risk log will be updated periodically and an updated version is attached to this report.

Explanatory notes for tables reporting - colour codes

	Outcomes as stated in the implementation plan ¹
%	Progress until end of current reporting period

¹ Outcomes as stated in the implementation plan are marked with light blue background to be able to refer back to the initial implementation plan.

Work package 1: Development and operation of the data space infrastructure

This work package aims to provide a reliable data space infrastructure and quality of service (Task 1.1.), as well as to develop and ensure interoperability with the broader ecosystem of cultural heritage initiatives (Task 1.2.).

Task 1.1. Provide reliable data space infrastructure and quality of services

Partners: EF, PSNC, DATO, AIT Vienna

The infrastructure consists of four main digital products: the [Europeana website](#) (currently hosting the [data space website](#)), [Europeana Pro website](#), [APIs](#), and aggregation systems. Underlying all of these products is the infrastructure to host, monitor and recover systems.

Under this task, the Europeana DS consortium will deliver the overarching infrastructure and services (Activity 1.1.1), aggregation systems (Activity 1.1.2), and APIs (Activity 1.1.3). The Europeana website will be further developed as part of WP4: Digital services for the public. In Y4 we will decommission the Europeana Pro website and continue to expand the offer on the new data space website (as part of WP3: Capacity building and fostering reuse).

EF will deliver the DS Infrastructure report containing a detailed overview of the infrastructure of the data space, the evolution of its architecture, products and services as well as quality and use of services.

Overview of outputs

Partner	Outcomes	Progress	Due date
Activity 1.1.1. Maintain data space infrastructure and services			
EF	Disaster recovery and failover procedures maintained and tested ²	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)
EF	Inventories of Europeana infrastructure and products (incl. servers, databases, licences) reviewed and maintained	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)
EF	Europeana database reprocessing activities completed ³	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)
EF	Infrastructure supporting products and services are maintained	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)
EF	Logging infrastructure extended to cover new requirements	-	Feb/Aug 2026

² This output will feed into DS. Stress test and DS. Disaster recovery reports.

³ outputs in other tasks might require a reprocessing activity. The planning will be aligned with those outputs.

			(updates)
EF	Compliance with data protection maintained ⁴	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)
EF	User satisfaction with the feedback response tracked and evaluated	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)
Activity 1.1.2. Maintain aggregation systems and services			
EF	Metis suite further integrated with V3 of the Record API	Not started	Aug 2026
PSNC, EF	New processing engine further integrated in the Metis Suite and eCloud	60%	Aug 2026
PSNC	IIIF image service maintained and kept up-to-date	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)
EF, PSNC	Metis Suite applications (incl. Metis, Sandbox, Clio, and Data Statistics Dashboard) and eCloud are maintained and kept up-to-date	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)
DATO	MINT based infrastructures maintained and kept up-to-date	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)
EF	LOD/SPARQL based harvesting supported for Sandbox and Metis users	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)
Activity 1.1.3. Maintain Application Programming Interfaces (APIs)			
EF	New Search API validated and first complete version made operational	50%	Aug 2026
EF, AIT Vienna	Europeana APIs are maintained and well performing	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)

Reporting metrics: provide reliable data space infrastructure and quality of services

No.	Description	Measured by	Frequency	Target Y4	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2026
KPI 1.2	Response time of Europeana website	Average time (seconds) for accessing item pages	Monthly	1.0s	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.7
KPI 1.3	Uptime of Europeana website	% of time record pages were available	Monthly	99.90%	99.58	98.87	99.47	99.99

⁴ According to the Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 concerning the processing of personal data by the EU institutions (IDPR)

KPI 1.4	Uptime of public APIs (all)	% of time the Europeana APIs were available	Monthly	99.90%	99.36	99.69	99.61	100
KPI 1.5	Uptime of Europeana Pro	% of time the website was available	Monthly	99.90%	100	100	100	100
KPI 4.5	User satisfaction rate with user feedback mechanism	Total % of 'satisfied' and 'completely satisfied' responses on a 5-point Likert scale	Quarterly	75%	-	-	100% ⁵	-
RM 1.1	Website accessibility	The Europeana website (except for the media) and data space website meet the WCAG 2.1 conformance level AA accessibility standard	Annually	-	-	-	-	Expected Aug 2026
RM 1.2	Response time of all public APIs ⁶	Average response time (seconds)	Monthly	-	0.14	0.12	0.14	0.17
RM 1.3	Response time of Europeana Pro	Average response time (seconds)	Monthly	-	2.61	1.84	1.64	1.71
RM 1.5	Uptime of Metis	% of time Metis was available	Monthly	-	100	100	100	100

⁵ Based on three feedback scores.

⁶ Public APIs are the APIs serving external users requests: the Search and Record APIs, the Annotation, User sets and Entity APIs and the IIIF dedicated APIs.

RM 1.6	Data publication in Metis (full workflow from harvest to successful indexing/publication)	Average time required for data publication (incl. full and incremental processing) (cumulative)	Bi-annually	-	-	35.9 ⁷	-	-
RM 1.8	Environmental impact of data space	Total carbon footprint of Europeana's digital services per calendar year ⁸	Annually	-				25,800 kg CO2e (2025)
RM 4.7	Average of initial response time to user feedback	Average time to react on user requests	Monthly	-	24.55	10.18	5.24	7.9
RM 4.8	Average of total resolution time to user feedback (excl. user feedback where the responsibility lies outside of Europeana DS consortium)	Average time to final resolution of user requests	Monthly	-	32.54	11.02	6.05	11.46

In this period we measured the environmental impact of the data space measured by the total carbon footprint of Europeana's digital services per calendar year. In the period, 1 Jan 2025 - 31 Dec 2025, we calculated 25,800 kg CO2e. This is 25% lower than over 2024 (34,200 kg CO2e). This is primarily due to a lower carbon intensity per generated kWh in countries where we rented servers. Also one organisation that we cooperate with increased their usage of renewable energy.

⁷ On average a dataset contained 24,945 records. This gives an average of 5.18 seconds per record.

⁸ Total carbon footprint of Europeana's digital services for the systems that are under our direct control (including rented computer servers, hosting platforms and large data storages). Noting that the metric reflects the data space footprint only partly (i.e. some servers, for example for aggregation are hosted by other partners). Hence this metric does not reflect the total footprint of the data space.

Task 1.2. Develop and ensure interoperability with the broader ecosystem of cultural heritage initiatives

Partners: EF, DS AGG, NISV, DATO, TMO, AIT Vienna, AIT Graz

Under this task, the Europeana DS consortium will grow the function and purpose of the data space infrastructure towards new types of data, an extended service offer and interoperability within the ecosystem of data spaces.

We will continue to upgrade the data space infrastructure to support persistent and reliable unique identifiers (Activity 1.2.1) to support the sharing of cultural heritage data. The consortium will develop new mechanisms to support the publication of datasets, tools and services (Activity 1.2.2). Moreover, the consortium will continue to establish synergies with other European cultural heritage initiatives, including the Data Space Support Centre (DSSC), and other data spaces to support interoperability and technological innovation by investigating and adopting new protocols and standards (Activity 1.2.3).

Overview of outputs

Partner	Outcomes	Progress	Due date
Activity 1.2.1. Improve persistent and unique identification system for the data space			
EF	Communicate to CHIs / aggregators detected PIDs and their planned upgrade	Completed	Oct 2025
EF	All identifiers recognisable as PIDs are upgraded into PIDs	20%	Aug 2026 ⁹ (Mar 2026)
EF, DS AGG	Onboarding activities around PIDs with selected aggregators undertaken	20%	Aug 2026
EF	Companion document(s) to the policy are made available to support providing institutions with the adoption of PIDs	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)
Activity 1.2.2. Extend the discovery and exchange of data in the data space			
EF, DATO	First mechanism (MVP) to share data space services in the data space implemented	Completed	Feb 2026
EF	First mechanism (MVP) to enable publication of datasets implemented	15%	Jul 2026
EF	Compliance quality criteria for datasets established	20%	Jul 2026

⁹ Adjustment confirmed with EC.

Activity 1.2.3. Establish synergies with other European cultural heritage initiatives and data spaces to support interoperability and technological innovation			
EF	Implementation plan for data exchange strategy (V1) delivered (R1.2)	Completed	Feb 2026
EF, NISV, AIT Vienna	Feasibility study(ies) on data access and interoperability between data spaces and other initiatives undertaken (R1.1)	30%	Jun 2026
EF	Maturity assessment of data space for cultural heritage (based on DSSC Blueprint) updated	Not started	Jul 2026
EF, TMO	Prototype pipeline between the data space and Time Machine further extended	50%	Jul 2026
EF, NISV	ENA EuropeanaTech community is supported	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)
EF	EDM updated and documented	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)
EF	Data mapping and conversions with stakeholders is supported	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)
EF, AIT Graz	Continuous involvement in IIIF community (e.g. IIIF Executive Committee, Technical Review Committee, IIIF & Europeana)	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)
EF	Collaboration with the Data Space Support Center (DSCC), other data spaces and related initiatives	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)

First mechanism (MVP) to share data space services in the data space implemented - In Y3 in Task 2.2, we developed requirements and criteria for the provision of services and tools to the data space, which was the foundation for the development of a first mechanism (MVP) to share such services and tools. We used the same services as in Y3: Metis Sandbox, Share3D, EUreka3D Data Hub. The MVP is available online: <https://tools.dataspace-culturalheritage.eu/>.

Implementation plan for data exchange strategy (V1) delivered (R1.2) - we continued to refine our implementation plan for the data exchange strategy (V1). In the past 15 years, Europeana has focused on providing open and high quality item-level metadata. This data offer is available via the Europeana APIs and the Europeana.eu and will continue to be a focus for data publication as outlined by the European Commission Recommendations 2022 to member states. With the emergence of AI and new data types for data processing tools, users require access to large volumes of data at once and a diversity of new data. At the same time, we are aware the data space currently does not fully represent the diversity of the data available in CH collections.

The data space will introduce a dataset offer. A dataset will consist of a metadata description following the Datasheets standard pointing to a self contained package of one or more data

items (metadata describing a CH asset, and/or data under different access conditions) and made compliant with the FAIR and CARE principles. What datasets will be made available through the data space? We start by publishing datasets that are generated based on item level metadata already available in the Europeana APIs and we will also publish unique datasets provided by CHIs by Y4. We will then extend to make curated datasets available in the Europeana.eu galleries also available as datasets to be downloaded, and accept more diverse datasets from CHIs.

In addition, we will prepare an AI ready dataset offer specifically tailored to the needs of AI agents. Datasets consisting of metadata already available will be made available through an API and through an implementation of the EDC connector compatible with SIMPL. Other datasets requiring specific data transaction conditions will be served via the SIMPL connector. The data space catalogue is the place where all datasets will be referenced. A first proof of concept will be available at the end of Y4 and will be later developed in a full production system.

Communication and dissemination activities

Partner	Name of event	Activity	Location	Date
EF	Data Spaces Symposium 2026	Speaker	Madrid, Spain	10-11 Feb

Reporting metrics: develop and ensure interoperability with the broader ecosystem of cultural heritage initiatives

No.	Description	Measured by	Frequency	Target Y4	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2026
KPI 1.1	Records with identifiers using a recognisable persistent identifier scheme	Total number of records in the data repository (incl. Tier 0)	Annually	11.4 million	-	-	-	Expected Aug 2026
RM 1.7	ENA EuropeanaTech community mailing list	Number of listserve subscribers	Quarterly	-	1,452	-	-	1,485

Work package 2: Integration of high-quality data

This work package aims to contribute to a significant and sustained increase of high quality, reusable and 'fit for intended use' data with the data space. The efforts will contribute to an increase in high quality data by at least 10% each year. The Europeana DS consortium aims, to the best of its capacity, for all new data to be at least in tier 2 for content and tier A for metadata, as defined by the current [Europeana Publishing Framework](#). The consortium will also work with the cultural heritage community to source high quality data with particular attention to 3D data, and to support their availability through the data space. To achieve these objectives, the consortium will integrate the requirements needed to implement the [EC Recommendations 2021 and the Digital Europe programme](#) and will collaborate closely with the cultural heritage community, the Member States (in the framework of the CEDCHE) and the European Commission. (Task 2.1)

In addition to the increase of the total amount of high-quality assets as stated in the 2021 Recommendation, the consortium aims to include datasets in the data space (e.g. new types of data or data that is not EPF compliant) based on their reuse potential (Task 2.2). We will also work on automated approaches improving the quality and reusability of data in the data space. (Task 2.3)

EF will report on data demand and data reuse as part of the DS. Data supply and reuse report M44 (Apr 2026).

Task 2.1. Increase the availability of reusable data in line with the Recommendations 2021

Partners: EF, DS AGG, Inception, TMO

This task will aim to support the reusability of data aggregated to the data space, by supporting processes and practices that improve the interoperability of metadata and the availability of datasets which are licensed for reuse. This activity will be supported by proactively working with data aggregators and data providers to encourage the provision of reusable datasets and content. EF will also work towards bringing new CHIs into the data space to contribute good quality reusable data of all types, including 3D.

Overview of outputs

Partner	Outcomes	Progress	Due date
Activity 2.1.1. Integrate high quality data and raise the quality of existing content and metadata			
EF, DS AGG	Europeana DS AGG annual progress report completed	Not started	Aug 2026
EF	Entity collection maintained	-	Feb/Aug 2026

			(updates)
EF, DS AGG	Data quality improvements and new content delivered	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)
EF, DS AGG	Data partners supported with data quality improvements and data publication	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)
EF, DS AGG	Regular link resolution process is maintained and improved	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)
EF	Materials with personal or sensitive data mitigated upon request	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)
Activity 2.1.2. Reusability of 3D materials through the data space is improved			
EF, CARARE, Inception, Photocons, TMO	Further components of EDM profile for 3D implemented to cover future EPF needs (R2.1)	Completed	Apr 2026 ¹⁰ (Feb 2026)
EF, CARARE, Inception, Photocons, TMO	EPF for 3D validated and updated (R2.1)	20%	Jun 2026
EF	3D working group is supported	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)
Activity 2.1.3. Maintain and develop data governance frameworks and mechanisms			
EF, APEF	Data governance mechanisms for datasets reviewed and outlined (incl. contractual clauses) (R2.2)	20%	Aug 2026
EF	Data governance stakeholder working group coordinated	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)
EF, DS AGG	Data Quality Committee is supported	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)
EF	ENA Europeana Copyright Community is supported	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)
EF	Continuous support to the Rights Statements Consortium community (e.g. Steering Committee, Statements Working Group)	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)
EF	Europeana Publishing Framework (EPF) and Europeana Licensing Framework (ELF) maintained	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)

¹⁰ Adjustment confirmed with EC.

EF, Inception, DS AGG	Guidelines for CHIs and aggregators updated to reflect changes in EDM, EPF and ELF	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)
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Further components of EDM profile for 3D implemented to cover future EPF needs (R2.1) - The EDM schema and the various components in the Metis ingestion pipeline now support a variety of (additional) fields that allow the inclusion of relevant metadata and paradata at source, their publication in our dataset, and their serving through our APIs. This has been done in conjunction with the Twin it! Part II campaign.

Reporting metrics: increase the availability of reusable data in line with the Recommendations 2021

No.	Description	Measured by	Frequency	Target Y4	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2026
KPI 2.1	High quality data	Number of Tier 2+ material in Tier A+ (excl. content Tier 0)	Monthly	41.0 million	39.0 million	39.0 million	39.8 million	39.9 million
KPI 2.2	High quality content	Percentage of Tier 2 + material (excl. content Tier 0)	Monthly	>80%	75.89% ¹¹ (78.89%)	75.82%	75.83%	75.83%
KPI 2.3	High quality and reusable content	Percentage of Tier 3+ material (excl. content Tier 0)	Monthly	>60%	57.52%	57.47%	57.82%	58%
KPI 2.4	High quality metadata (search, browse and explore)	Percentage of Tier A+ material (excl. content Tier 0)	Monthly	>80%	80.73%	80.76%	80.82%	81.21%
KPI 2.5	Broken links in the repository	Number of broken links (out of total, incl. content Tier 0)	Bi-annually	<1%	-	-	-	11.04%
KPI 2.6	Non-EPF compliant content (Tier 0)	Percentage of Tier 0 content	Quarterly	<6%	5.63%	5.62%	5.52%	6%
RM 2.1	ENA Europeana Copyright community	Number of listserve subscribers	Quarterly	-	861	-	-	869

¹¹ There was a typo in the past periodic report (M42) - the value is not 78.89 but 75.89%.

	mailing list							
RM 2.2	Updates to datasets	Total number of newly created and updated datasets per month (out of total)	Monthly	-	20	22	24	39
RM 2.3	Updates to records	Total number of newly created and updated records per month (out of total)	Monthly	-	607,825	424,818	1,908,029	812,674
RM 2.4	New CHIs providing data to the data space	Total number of new CHIs (cumulative)	Annually	-	-	-	-	Expected Aug 2026
RM 2.5	New content on the Europeana website	Total number of new datasets published (cumulative)	Quarterly	-	54	-	-	102
RM 2.6	Records in the data repository	Total number of records (excl. content tier 0)	Quarterly	-	61.2 million ¹² (64.9 million)	-	-	62.6 million
RM 2.7	Records in the data repository by accredited aggregators	Total number of records (excl. content tier 0)	Quarterly	-	49.1 million	-	-	50.6 million
RM 2.8	3D content available in Europeana (items)	Total number of 3D items published (Tier 2+ and Tier A+ material)	Quarterly	-	6,216	-	-	6,700
RM 2.9	3D content available in Europeana (CHIs)	Total number of CHIs sharing 3D content with Europeana (Tier 2+ and Tier A+)	Quarterly	-	112	-	-	135

¹² There was a typo in the past periodic report (M42) - the actual value is 61,242,877.

		material)						
RM 2.10	Coverage of entity collection (items)	Total number of items linked to (at least) one entity collection	Quarterly	-	43.3 million	-	-	43.7 million
RM 2.11	Coverage of entity collection (collections)	Total number of entity collections with items	Quarterly	-	56,014	-	-	56,044
RM 3.17	CHIs supported by DS AGG	Total number of CHIs supported by individual consultation (cumulative)	RM 3.17	-	66	-	-	109
RM 3.18	Coverage of CHIs supported by DS AGG	Total number of countries that received support by individual consultation (cumulative)	RM 3.18	-	19	-	-	23
RM 3.19	Outreach to CHIs	Total number of new CHIs collaborating with DS AGG (cumulative)	RM 3.19	-	20	-	-	35

In the reporting period Feb - Apr 2026, we have updated 85 datasets (newly created and updated ones) and almost 3.2 million records. We saw a high increase of new datasets published (48 new datasets in the period Feb - Apr 2026), this strong increase is caused by the Twin It II campaign contributions (19 datasets). The total number of 3D items published increased by 8% in the reporting period (to 6,700 records) and the total number of CHIs sharing 3D content increased by 21% (to 135). The Twin It! campaign also contribute significantly to the metrics on CHIs supported by DS AGG (RM 3.17) and number of new CHIs collaborating with DS AGG (RM 3.19).

We also measured broken links in the repository. With the latest assessment, we have 11.04% of the records in the database with broken links. A number of points are coming together, explaining this huge number of broken links: (1) we have reduced the frequency of holistic broken link assessments. Doing one or two assessments per year instead of four naturally leads to a higher number of broken links; (2) the majority of the issues are coming from only 5 datasets, containing 4.6 million records with broken links out of the total of 7.3 million records with broken links. When large sets develop problems it has a much higher impact on the

numbers. It is also very likely that these 4.6 million records will be depublished as it is quite old data that is very unlikely to be fixed; (3) another 1.4 million records are marked as broken but actually are not really broken as they suffer from bot traffic blocks that is preventing Europeana.eu to accessing the media. This is becoming a more frequent issue, when organisations are protecting their media from bot traffic and at the same time also excluding other users, including Europeana.eu. Given the variety of mechanisms used to prevent bot traffic, there is currently no one size fits all solution to ensure continuous access to media resources, and it will be a continuous concern to ensure we keep links working for organisations struggling with bot traffic.

Task 2.2. Expand data products and services within the data space

Partners: EF, DS AGG, DATO

Under this task, the Europeana DS consortium will support the integration of new types of data (datasets) in the data space and further develop an expanded offer for services and tools.

Overview of outputs

Partner	Outcomes	Progress	Due date
EF	New iteration of the EDM dataset profile completed	60%	Jun 2026
EF, DS AGG	Three use cases (and scenarios) for datasets validated with reuse audiences (R2.3)	15%	Aug 2026
EF, DATO	New data space services identified and prioritised for integration in the data space based on reuse potential	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)
EF, DS AGG	CHIs datasets identified and prioritised for integration in the data space based on reuse potential	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)

Task 2.3. Deploy automated approaches improving the quality and reusability of data in the data space

Partners: EF, NISV, DS AGG

In this task, we will work on automated approaches to address data quality issues at scale, especially to develop approaches to support content and data-based enrichments as well as metadata-based enrichments.

Overview of outputs

Partner	Outcomes	Progress	Due date
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Activity 2.3.1. Develop approaches to support metadata-based enrichments			
EF, NISV	Consolidated version of 'Alignment paper on AI and the data space for cultural heritage' completed	Completed	Jan 2026 (Dec 2025) ¹³
EF	Workflow to publish provenance information established	Completed	Apr 2026
EF	Position(s) of the data space towards specific aspects of AI delivered (R2.4)	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)
EF, DS AGG	Assessment of additional prioritised problem patterns for future implementation	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)

Workflow to publish provenance information established - Following a revision of the EDM profile to represent the provenance of enrichments, a workflow has been developed to stamp each record with a reference indicating which activities carried out by the Europeana Foundation has been applied to it. Once this information becomes visible on the website, it is expected to encourage aggregators that perform similar activities on the data to provide equivalent provenance information alongside their records.

¹³ Adjustment confirmed with EC.

Work package 3: Capacity building and fostering reuse

The overarching objectives of WP3 is to develop the capacity and capability of cultural heritage professionals, cultural heritage organisations and a variety of audiences to engage in the provision and use of high quality data. This includes engaging audiences with capacity building activities such as training (e.g. on the use of services, tools, and data) and community engagement.

Working with the [Europeana Network Association \(ENA\)](#) and the [Europeana Aggregators' Forum \(EAF\)](#), we will develop training and event programmes that empower members, and cultural heritage professionals, to learn, to share and use the tools and services offered in the data space, and become agents of change in their organisations and in the sector.

These efforts will be underpinned by continued secretariat support that enables the ENA membership and communities to thrive, and the DS. Communication and dissemination plan (M47) to strengthen the position of the data space.

Task 3.1. Nurture the sustainable development of the data space and its ecosystem

Partners: EF, APEF, BL, MCA, DS AGG

Under this task, the Europeana DS consortium aims to fulfil the promise of the data space to enable cross border cooperation and collaboration. In particular, by developing and implementing sustainable methods of cooperation and collaboration between the Europeana Initiative (EI) - Europeana Foundation (EF), [Europeana Network Association](#) (ENA), and [Europeana Aggregators' Forum](#) (EAF) - and Member States.

Overview of outputs

Partner	Outcomes	Progress	Due date
Activity 3.1.1. Develop sustainable collaborative governance model			
EF, APEF, BL, MCA	Methods of cooperation maintained, optimised and improved (R3.1)	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)
Activity 3.1.2. Provide secretariat for Europeana Aggregators' Forum (EAF) and Europeana Network Association (ENA)			
EF	User conversion needs for ENA online presence gathered	Completed	Feb 2026
EF	Automated workflow to gather membership data piloted	30%	Aug 2026
EF	Automated workflow for membership renewal tested	20%	Aug 2026
EF	Membership experience further enhanced	-	Feb/Aug 2026

			(updates)
EF, APEF, BL, MCA	Enhanced EAF Accreditation Scheme further implemented	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)
EF, APEF, BL, MCA	New aggregators reviewed for accreditation	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)
EF	General management support for ENA and EAF (incl. ENA MB and MC, EAF Steering Group, Task Forces, Working Groups and communities) provided	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)
Activity 3.1.3. Further develop collaborative model to support and engage Member States			
EF	EI Country Groups Terms of Reference implemented	Completed	Feb 2026
EF	Final event under Cypriot Presidency organised	80%	May 2026
EF, DS AGG	Centralised system for inter-organisational coordination, tracking and aligning established	Not started	Jun 2026
EF	Capacity building activities in support of Twin it part II campaign delivered	90%	Jun 2026
EF	Ambassadorship piloted	60%	Aug 2026
EF, APEF, BL, MCA	Europeana Initiative coordination of Country Group activities undertaken	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)
EF	Member States Engagement Strategy 2024-2026 refined and partly implemented (R3.3)	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)

User conversion needs for ENA online presence gathered¹⁴ - We interviewed several members of the ENA MB and MC to understand their needs and plans for the future development of the ENA. These findings were recorded in a report and advised the design of the ENA online presence, specifically on the onboarding flow. The ENA online presence will be released at the end of Aug 2026.

EI Country Groups Terms of Reference implemented - The implementation of the ToR has been completed. The procedure for Country Groups has been adapted accordingly and applied to the installation of Country Groups. This process will be reviewed on an ongoing basis.

Reporting metrics: nurture the sustainable development of the data space and its ecosystem

No.	Description	Measured by	Frequency	Target Y4	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2026
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¹⁴ Available on request.

KPI 3.1	Satisfaction of the Europeana Network Association members with the ENA	Total % of 'satisfied' and 'completely satisfied' responses on a 5-point Likert scale	Annually	75%	-	-	-	Expected Jul 2026
KPI 3.2	Growth of Europeana Network Association members	Number of members in the ENA	Quarterly	5,500	6,009	-	-	6,143
RM 3.1	Participants engaged in Europeana Initiative activities	Number of participants contributing time and expertise to activities (such as governance, TFs, WGs and CTAs) (cumulative)	Quarterly	-	512	-	-	524
RM 3.2	Task forces in the Europeana Initiative	Number of active task forces per month (ENA, EAF, Initiative)	Quarterly	-	2	-	-	2
RM 3.6	Satisfaction with the Europeana EU presidency activities	Total % of 'satisfied' and 'completely satisfied' responses on a 5-point Likert scale	Bi-annually	-	-	-	-	Expected May 2026

Task 3.2. Develop capacity building as a service

Partners: EF, DS AGG, TMO, INCEPTION

Under this task we will develop capacity building tools and services (Activity 3.2.1), further develop the training platform (Activity 3.2.2) and event programming (Activity 3.2.3).

Overview of outputs

Partner	Outcomes	Progress	Due date
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Activity 3.2.1. Develop capacity building tools and services			
EF, DS AGG	Capacity Building Working Group supported	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)
EF	ENA Europeana Climate Action Community supported	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)
EF	Partnership with European Students Association for Cultural Heritage (ESACH) supported	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)
EF	ENA Europeana Impact community supported	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)
EF	Europeana Impact Framework (EIF) and Europeana Capacity Building Framework (ECBF) maintained	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)
Activity 3.2.2. Develop content and manage training platform			
EF, TMO, INCEPTION, CARARE, PHOTOCONS	Role specific learning pathway(s) on 3D developed and published (V1)	Completed	Apr 2026
EF	Role specific learning pathway(s) for sharing data updated and published (V1)	Completed	Apr 2026
EF, TMO, INCEPTION, DS AGG	Training programme and resources extended, maintained and evaluated	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)
Activity 3.2.3. Develop the event programming			
EF, NISV	Cross-Community Workshop on AI organised	Completed	Oct 2025
EF, DS AGG	Europeana Academy events delivered	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)
EF	Events programme delivered and improved	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)

Role specific learning pathway(s) on 3D developed and published (V1) - The goal of these role specific learning pathways is to support anyone interested in 3D digitisation in plotting their learning journey: what should they remember, understand or be able to apply - and in what order - when working on or with 3D cultural heritage? 3D digitisation can be quite complex, from planning to production and using it. The learning pathways contribute to more 3D models to become available, usable and used. The roles can vary from decision makers to new professionals interested in becoming experts in 3D digitisation and users from different industries who want to (re)use digitised 3D cultural heritage.

The current result (V1) is [a complete visual overview of all topics for all roles](#). Which topics - and related courses and learning resources - are relevant for the different roles to consider will become clear once the overview can be supplemented with eligible resources. This will allow users to start their learning journey, course by course, resource by resource, ranging from self paced learning to instructor-led courses. The overview was created in close collaboration with the 3D-4CH project. The curriculum from this project has been used as a basis. Enrichments to this curriculum, which resulted from creating this visual overview, have been adopted by the 3D-4CH project. The overview has been promoted through [a blogpost on the data space website](#).

Role specific learning pathway(s) for sharing data updated and published (V1) - The learning pathway for sharing data supports data providers who want to share their data with the data space. Potential data providers can use this learning pathway to gain insight into the needed knowledge, skills and competencies to make their data available through the data space .

The result is a first version of [a learning pathway](#) that distinguishes two different scenarios: sharing data on item level and as datasets. Available training resources and documentation have been added to the relevant steps of the pathway. New resources will be added once these become available. The learning pathway has been promoted through [a blogpost on the data space website](#).

In the reporting period between Feb 2026 and Apr 2026 we organised 22 events (including instructor-led training events) reaching 1,027 people with a high satisfaction rate of 93% of participants being "satisfied" and "completely satisfied".

Overview of events

Partner	Name of event	Activity	Location	Date
Events & training organised				
Ef	Europeana Writers' Room - monthly creative writing workshops	Workshop	Online	4 Feb
DFF (EFG)	Network meeting with Goethe University Frankfurt and local city museums and archives on "Colonial Collections"	Presentation	Frankfurt	6 Feb
NISV (EUscreen)	Van data naar platform. Zo breng je collectiedata sneller bij het publiek	Workshop	LE:EN Utrecht	10 Feb
MCA	De-Bias experience - lecture at the Picasso Study center Paris	Presentation	Paris	11 Feb
Training Team	Preparing image collections in the IIIF standard for Europeana	Training	Online	11 Feb
EF	Online Creative Residency 2026 - Information Session	Presentation	Online	11 Feb

EF	EAF General Assembly	Presentation	Online	24 Feb
EF	Europeana Network Association Members Council and Europeana Aggregators' Forum Spring meetings 2026	Presentation	Hybrid	3-5 Mar
Beth	Europeana Writers' Room - monthly creative writing workshops	Workshop	Online	4 Mar
Training Team	Introduction to collections, audiences and stories on Europeana.eu	Training	Online	10 Mar
Training Team	How to tell great stories and write for Europeana.eu	Training	Online	13 Mar
EF	Copyright office hours: Rights clearance in audiovisual material	Presentation	Online	24 Mar
EF	Digital Wellbeing: Building Critical Digital Spaces	Presentation	Online	24 Mar
EF	DIGICHer project meeting	Presentation	In person	24-25 Mar
EF	Europeana Research Community Café - AI at the intersection of research and cultural heritage	Presentation	Online	25 Mar
EF	Europeana Writers' Room - monthly creative writing workshops	Workshop	Online	25 Mar
Training Team	Copyright basics for cultural heritage professionals	Training	Online	7 Apr
NISV (EUscreen)	EUscreen Symposium 2026	Conference	Warsaw, Poland	8-9 Apr
EF	Climate Change Education Through Cultural Heritage	Presentation	Online	8 Apr
Training Team	Expressing reuse conditions in digital cultural heritage	Training	Online	9 Apr
BL (Europeana Sounds)	Hack & Yack introduction to MINT	Workshop	London, UK	16 Apr
EF	Europeana Network Association Cross-Community Workshop on Culture for AI	Workshop	The Hague, NL	24 Apr

Reporting metrics: develop capacity building as a service

No.	Description	Measured by	Frequency	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2026
RM 3.12	ENA Europeana Impact	Number of listserve subscribers	Quarterly	803	-	-	837

	community mailing list						
RM 3.16	ENA Europeana Climate Action community mailing list	Number of listserve subscribers	Quarterly	599	-	-	623
RM 3.13	Usage of training platform (users)	Total number of enrolled users for all courses (cumulative)	Quarterly	1,027	-	-	1,207
RM 3.35	Usage of training platform (enrollments)	Total number of enrollments to all courses (cumulative)	Quarterly	1,739	-	-	2,065
RM 3.9	Europeana Initiative events (incl. instructor-led training)	Number of events held by Europeana DS consortium, EAF, and ENA (cumulative)	Quarterly	43	-	-	66
RM 3.10	Reach of Europeana Initiative events (incl. instructor-led training)	Number of participants (cumulative)	Quarterly	2,079	-	-	3,141
RM 3.11	Satisfaction rate for Europeana Initiative events (incl. instructor-led training)	Total % of 'satisfied' and 'completely satisfied' responses on a 5-point Likert scale (cumulative)	Quarterly	89%	-	-	91
RM 3.30	Europeana Initiative enables knowledge transfer	% of surveyed participants reporting that the activity helps them stay up to date with best practices and new trends	Bi-annually	85%	-	-	85

RM 3.31	Europeana Initiative delivers practical knowledge	% of surveyed participants reporting that the activity enables them to learn knowledge, skills and information they can use in their job	Bi-annually	90%	-	-	90
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Task 3.3. Develop approach to drive reuse of data space products and services

Partners: EF

In order to increase the reuse of cultural heritage data, in this task we will work on a sustainable model for reuse that, through different audience engagement activities and the documentation of use cases, enables us to verify that the data space offerings (including data products and data services) meet the needs of our target audiences. This model will allow us to scale the offers of the data space while also scaling reuse of the offers, delivering value to our audiences. This model is comparable to the lifecycle of use case development from the [Data Spaces Blueprint 2.0](#) and it supports the activities towards more diverse data products and services offered in the data space (Task 2.2).

Overview of outputs

Partner	Outcomes	Progress	Due date
Activity 3.3.1. Develop methodology and (re)use cases for the data space			
EF	Guided tutorial/or step by step guide for data access and data use formalised (R3.5)	20%	Aug 2026
EF	Use cases (scenarios) and requirements collected to support the sustainable model for reuse in the data space	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)
EF	Social proofs as evidence of successful use cases collected	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)
EF	Audience profiles for key audiences updated	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)

Task 3.4. Facilitate the reuse of data space products and services

Partners: EF, EUN, EuroClio, DARIAH, NISV, PhotoCons

Through this task, we will enhance engagement of professionals working in cultural heritage institutions (CHIs) with tools and services to drive increased data quality, enrichment and reuse (Activity 3.4.1.). We will stimulate engagement of education (Activity 3.4.2.), academia and research (Activity 3.4.3.) audiences, support reuse through API engagement (Activity 3.4.4.), and engage tourism, media, and creative audiences (Activity 3.4.5.) with the goal to demonstrably increase reuse.

EF will report on activities and results towards use and reuse by relevant user groups in the DS. Data supply and reuse reports.

Overview of outputs

Partner	Outcomes	Progress	Due date
Activity 3.4.1. Engage with Cultural Heritage Institutions (CHIs)			
EF	Four information sessions for a cohort of 60 Italian cultural heritage professionals organised	Completed	Feb 2026
EF	CHI usage dashboard refined	10%	Jul 2026
EF	Outreach activities for CHIs delivered	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)
EF	Liaison with CHIs developed and maintained	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)
EF	Curated institution pages are published and promoted to audiences	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)
Activity 3.4.2. Engage with educational communities			
EF	All Digital Weeks contribution added	Completed	Mar 2026
EF	Contribution to OER Commons during OEWeek added	Completed	Apr 2026
EF	Built with Bits 5 organised	90%	May 2026
EUN	Four online cross-national activities organised	Completed	Jul 2026
EUN	Cultural Legacy Award as part of STEM Discovery Campaign 2026 organised	50%	Aug 2026
EUN	One face to face dissemination activity organised	Not started	Aug 2026

EUN	Stories and micro-stories of implementation collected	10%	Aug 2026
EuroClio	Induction workshop for teacher educators organised	90%	Aug 2026
EuroClio	Publication of a guide “Bringing History to Life” introducing the strategies, examples of use, and student testimonies	50%	Aug 2026
EuroClio	National workshops on Historiana and Europeana.eu organised	90%	Aug 2026
EuroClio	Research into the needs and experience of CHIs who are interested in the use of their collections in the field of education (Part II)	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)
EF	Blogs and social media posts (LinkedIn, Facebook) published	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)
EF	ENA Europeana Education community supported	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)
Activity 3.4.3. Engage with academic and research communities			
EF	Report on current landscape of Baltic countries completed	Completed	Apr 2025
EF, DARIAH	‘Collections as Data’ supported, incl. workflow expanded, capacity building activities delivered, and dissemination	30%	Aug 2026
EF, DARIAH	Datasets identified and prioritised for integration in the data space based on reuse potential (especially in academia and research)	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)
EF	ENA Europeana Research Community supported	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)
EF	Liaison with other research and cultural communities developed and maintained (LIBER, GLAMLabs)	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)
EF, DARIAH	Outreach events for academic and research communities (co)organised or contributed to	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)
Activity 3.4.4. Support reuse outcomes through API engagement			
EF	Hack for Europe organised	80%	Jun 2026
EF	One new active API integration developed	Completed	Aug 2026
EF	Liaison with (former and current) API customers developed and maintained (3.7)	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)
EF	API documentation, learning and marketing resources maintained	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)

EF	API capacity building resources in training and workshops used and promoted	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)
Activity 3.4.5. Engage with tourism, media, and creative audiences			
EF	Participate in an international tourism organisation event	Completed	Oct 2025 (Dec 2025)
EF, NISV	Participate in an international media/media heritage organisation event	Completed	Mar 2026
EF	Digital Storytelling Festival organised	50%	May 2026
EF, PHOTOC ONS	Engagement and outreach activities with tourism, media and creative communities facilitating reuse of cultural heritage content delivered / contributed to (R3.6)	60%	Aug 2026
EF	Creative residencies organised	20%	Aug 2026

Four information sessions for a cohort of 60 Italian cultural heritage professionals organised - Italy wanted to make significant progress in heritage digitisation and was exploring the Dutch NDE model. To introduce Italian digital heritage professionals to the Dutch field, they organised a study trip as part of an Erasmus+ program to various Dutch institutions working in this area. The data space (and Europeana Foundation) was one of them. A group of 16 people came to the Netherlands, four times for four days each time, where they visited the Rijksmuseum, B&G, the KB, and the Europeana Foundation. The overarching goal of the study trips was knowledge exchange and inspiration in the broad field of heritage digitisation.

All Digital Weeks contribution added - As part of the All Digital Weeks campaign, we organised the online session [Digital Wellbeing: Building Critical Digital Spaces](#) exploring how young people can develop critical digital literacy while supporting their digital and personal wellbeing. The session highlighted two initiatives addressing these themes: the Build with Bits initiative, which promotes critical thinking, media literacy, and responsible engagement with emerging technologies through the creation of virtual environments focused on social challenges; and the work of Anna Johansson founder of MagnificentH who shared perspectives on immersive digital spaces that foster storytelling, creative expression, and more reflective and meaningful forms of digital engagement. By showcasing initiatives such as Build with Bits and alternative approaches to digital engagement, the session demonstrated how cultural heritage content can be reused to foster critical thinking, creativity, and digital wellbeing.

Contribution to OER Commons during OEWeek added - This year, we added two new resources to OER Commons: [The School Library in the Classroom and Media Literacy with Europeana \(LS-PT-332\)](#) learning scenario from Teaching with Europeana, and the [How to Select an Accurate Rights Statement](#) self-led course from Europeana Academy. By making Europeana-based educational materials available through external educational platforms such as OER commons,

we increase the visibility and reuse of digital cultural heritage resources while supporting educators in their responsible use.

Report on current landscape of Baltic countries completed - In the past few years, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania have been particularly active in supporting digitisation at CHIs, and single institutions, especially national libraries, have responded to that by joining forces with academia to carry on initiatives in digital cultural heritage and digital humanities, and by looking for opportunities to reinforce cooperation with international infrastructures across the two sectors. The report aims to highlight a few areas of potential collaboration with the Europeana Initiative, from data sharing to activities focusing on data curation/ reuse in academia and research.

Participate in an international media/media heritage organisation event - NISV organised the EUscreen Symposium April 2026: Reframing Openness – Empowering Authenticity and Reuse in Audiovisual Heritage in collaboration with Filmoteka Narodowa Instytut Audiowizualny (FINA). Topics included Public Access & Copyright Law, Integrity of Audiovisual Content in the Age of AI, Collaboration & Participatory Practices, and Upskilling the Archives.

Communication and dissemination activities

Partner	Name of event	Activity	Location	Date
EF	Europeana Writers' Room	Online monthly creative writing workshop	Online	04/02 & 04/03 & 25/03 2026
EF	Shut up and Write	Fortnightly quiet writing hour with arts and culture	Online	06/02 & 06/03 & 20/03 & 03/04 & 17/04 2026
EF	Digital Storytelling Festival Residency Information Session	Introduction to the various strands of the 2026 creative residencies and Q&A session	Online	11/02/2026
EF	'Patrimonio Conectado: Wikidata en el Ecosistema GLAM'	Presentation on the data space, Collections as Data, data from Spanish institutions on Europeana.eu, including the Prado Museum, which was the hosting institution. The aim was also to revitalise the exchanges with Wikimedia. Highlights in this news post .	Madrid	25/02/2026
EF	Women's History Month collage workshop	Creative reuse activity with Europeana collections chosen to highlight women's history.	Nimes	08/03/2026
EF	C.R.E.A. Cultura Festival: Digital Creativity Lab and	Showcase and demonstration of Europeana's collections, creative activities, and 2026 edition of the	Foligno	18/03 & 19/03 2026

	collage workshop	Digital Creativity Lab		
EF, ENA	Climate change education through cultural heritage	Panel for educators, GLAM professionals, and climate advocates hosted by the Europeana Education Community and Climate Action Community, exploring how cultural heritage can help learners connect with climate issues.	Online	8/04/2026
NISV (EUscreen)	EUscreen Symposium April 2026: Reframing Openness – Empowering Authenticity and Reuse in Audiovisual Heritage	Annual EUscreen Symposium in collaboration with Filmoteka Narodowa Instytut Audiowizualny (FINA) with topics around Public Access & Copyright Law, Integrity of Audiovisual Content in the Age of AI, Collaboration & Participatory Practices, and Upskilling the Archives.	Warsaw	8-9/04/2026
EF	Europeana x Game Design at Willem de Kooning Academy	Graphic design students reused Europeana content to design experiences for gamers.	Rotterdam	9/04 & 10/04/2026
EF	ConnectLAA (Architectural Archives network) Action meeting	Two 'We're all storytellers' sessions including the 7 storytelling tips to encourage reuse of Europeana collections.	Liverpool	15/04/2026
EF	DO Impact Training at Lithuanian Social Business Enterprise Conference	Keynote about the Digital Storytelling Festival, 7 storytelling tips and impact playbook, followed by an exercise focusing on 'be personal'.	Online	29/04/2026

Reporting metrics: facilitate the reuse of data space products and services

No.	Description	Measured by	Frequency	Target Y4	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2026
KPI 3.4	Aggregator satisfaction with data space products and services (accredited aggregators)	Total % of 'satisfied' and 'completely satisfied' responses on a 5-point Likert scale	Annually	75%	-	-	-	Expected Aug 2026
KPI 3.5	CHI satisfaction with data	Total % of 'satisfied' and 'completely	Annually	75%	-	-	-	Expected Aug 2026

	space products and services	satisfied' responses on a 5-point Likert scale						
KPI 3.6	Educators reached with training activities	Total number of educators (cumulative)	Bi-annually	1,000	-	-	-	2,949
KPI 3.7	Satisfaction rate of educational communities	Total % of 'satisfied' and 'completely satisfied' responses on a 5-point Likert scale (cumulative)	Quarterly	75%	79%	-	-	98%
KPI 3.8	API users (external)	Total number of (external) API users per month	Monthly	200	300	359	622	764
KPI 3.9	API usage (REST API)	Total number of requests per month (external traffic)	Monthly	25 million	33.4 million	16.0 million	24.6 million	61.0 million
RM 2.12	Number of CHIs that signed up via the providing institution form on Europeana.eu	Total number of providing institutions (cumulative)	Quarterly	-	70	-	-	80
RM 2.13	Curated institution pages available on Europeana.eu	Total number of curated institution pages published (cumulative)	Quarterly		18	-	-	37
RM 3.20	New learning resources for education ¹⁵	Total number of new resources created with data shared through	Quarterly	-	-	-	-	Expected Jun 2026

¹⁵ This includes new Stories of Implementation (Sol).

		Europeana.eu (cumulative)						
RM 3.23	Traffic to educational platforms (TwE blog and Historiana blog)	Number of visits to educational resources created with data shared through Europeana.eu (cumulative)	Annually	-	-	-	-	Expected Aug 2026
RM 3.24	ENA Europeana Education community mailing list	Number of listserve subscribers	Quarterly	-	2,704	-	-	2,757
RM 3.25	Outreach events to academic and research communities	Total number of events contributed to or (co)organised (cumulative)	Quarterly	-	4	-	-	5
RM 3.32	Europeana Research and the data space contributions	Total number of cultural heritage domain experts, university teaching staff members, researchers, university students trained in using the data space's outputs as tools (cumulative)	Quarterly	-	130	-	-	180
RM 3.26	ENA Europeana Research community mailing list	Number of listserve subscribers	Quarterly	-	3,042	-	-	3,103
RM 3.28	API sign-ups (REST API)	Total number of API sign-ups (cumulative)	Quarterly	-	836	-	-	2,100

RM 3.33	API conversions (all APIs)	Total number of API users converted to customers ¹⁶	Quarterly	-	46	-	-	32
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In the period Sep 2025 - Apr 2026 the Europeana APIs received on average 36.8 million external API requests per month (e.g. in Apr 2025 61 million requests). This is a 59% increase to the same period last year (Sep 2024 - Apr 2025 on average 23.2 million external API requests per month). We expect the increase is driven by organic growth and is likely attributable to a rising number of AI projects crawling data. Also the number of sign-ups is much higher comparing the same periods of Y3 and Y4 (Sep - Apr). API sign-ups increased by 105%.

Task 3.5. Build awareness and engagement

Partners: EF

Under this task, EF will build awareness and engagement of data space activities among our professional audiences. We will position the data space prominently in our communications and marketing activities, as we develop and strengthen the data space brand.

We will deliver a strategic approach to marketing and communications which identifies the needs of user groups (Activity 3.5.1). We will structure and manage knowledge and resources through the data space to ensure clarity for users about where information sits, and ensure that content is clear and of high quality (Activity 3.5.2), and extend the common European data space for cultural heritage website (Activity 3.5.3.).

Overview of outputs

Partner	Outcomes	Progress	Due date
Activity 3.5.1. Ensure strategic approach to marketing and communications			
EF	Approaches to social media - review and update	Completed	Feb 2026
EF	Approaches to email marketing - review and update	Completed	Feb 2026
EF	Ongoing development of the data space brand and relationship to established Europeana brand clarified	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)
EF	Editorials published and promoted (e.g. Pro news and data space website)	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)

¹⁶ This metric reports the number of project keys granted each quarter. Project keys are intended to represent active business customers (ie. API users who are actively using the API to support their business or projects). So far we have been granting project keys to users who are not yet actively using the API. As we expand our capacity and strengthen engagement, we expect to make the API key issuance to more accurately reflect actual conversion. As a result, the reported number may decrease over time, since not all issued project keys do convert into long-term, active customers.

EF	Newsletter and social media posts (Facebook, LinkedIn, Bluesky, Instagram, YouTube shorts) published ¹⁷	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)
EF	ENA Europeana Communicators Community supported	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)
Activity 3.5.2. Structure and manage knowledge and resources through the data space			
EF	Implementation plan for the migration of Pro updated	Completed	Dec 2025
EF	Platform Strategy updated	Completed	Mar 2026
EF	Editorial strategy updated	70%	May 2026
EF	Europeana Pro decommissioned	75%	Aug 2026
EF	Zoho CRM maintained and customer data in Zoho CRM up to date and accurate	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)
Activity 3.5.3. Extend the common European data space for cultural heritage website			
EF	ENA online presence developed	20%	Aug 2026
EF	Next iteration of the data space website delivered	20%	Aug 2026

*Approaches to social media - review and update*¹⁸ - the approaches to social media document provides a comprehensive overview of the social media landscape and explores its impact on our activities on social media. Our decision making on content and with our social media channels is evidence-based and this document provides key top-level data (supported by data held within the platforms that guides day to day decisions) to help us make informed decisions. This document provides recommendations to ensure that we remain relevant and easily discoverable to raise awareness of the data space and the Europeana Initiative, and drive engagement with key activities and objectives. The recommendations will be implemented during 2026 and evaluated in 2027.

*Approaches to email marketing - review and update*¹⁹ - the Approaches to email marketing document provides results, evaluation and recommendations for email marketing activities. It outlines objectives for our email marketing activity to help raise awareness and drive engagement with the data space and Europeana Initiative activity, and provides data and analysis that informs recommendations to support data space objectives and key activities. The recommendations will be implemented in 2026 and evaluated in 2027.

Platform Strategy updated - the platforms for professional audiences strategy offers an overview of platforms (aimed at professional audiences) currently owned or managed or regularly

¹⁷ Editorial outputs of data space supporting projects are promoted.

¹⁸ Available on request.

¹⁹ Available on request.

contributed to by the Europeana Initiative and defines their purpose; identifies tactics to ensure that user journeys between platforms are consistent and clear; provides staff who create content with guidance about which platform it should be published on; and provides guidance for staff who would like to consider using a new platform not previously used. This has helped to support consistent and coherent user journeys across the data space. The 2026 version represents a final update. The objectives will be achieved through other strategies and processes, and elements of the strategy have been transferred into evergreen guidance that can be used on a continuing basis.

Reporting metrics: build awareness and engagement

No.	Description	Measured by	Frequency	Target Y4	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2026
KPI 3.3	Satisfaction rate for Europeana Pro	Total % of 'satisfied' and 'completely satisfied' responses on a 5-point Likert scale	Annually	75%	78%	-	-	-
KPI 4.4	Social media reach	Total number of impressions on social media (Facebook, Pinterest, GIPHY, Instagram, LinkedIn) (cumulative)	Monthly	480 million	339 million	-	-	529 million
RM 3.15	ENA Europeana Communicators community mailing list	Number of listserve subscribers	Quarterly	-	1,675	-	-	1,706
RM 3.7	Traffic to Europeana Pro	Number of visits per month	Monthly	-	38,795	-	-	12,395
RM 3.8	Traffic to Confluence	Total number of views to key landing pages (Knowledge Base and Impact Playbook) (cumulative)	Annually	-	-	-	-	Expected Aug 2026

RM 3.34	Traffic to data space website	Number of visits per year (cumulative)	Quarterly	-	5,275	-	-	28,487
RM 3.36	User satisfaction rate with the data space website	Total % of 'satisfied' and 'completely satisfied' responses on a 5-point Likert scale	Annually	-	-	-	-	Expected Jun 2026
RM 4.12	Social media engagement	Total number of likes, shares, comments (Facebook, Pinterest, Instagram, Medium, LinkedIn, Bluesky, Youtube Shorts) (cumulative)	Quarterly	-	455,432	-	-	652,339

Work package 4: Digital services for the public

The main gateway for audiences to access and reuse the cultural heritage data shared in the data space is the well-established Europeana website. Experience shows that the primary audiences that the website successfully reaches are overwhelmingly cultural heritage professionals, and, equally successfully, educators, researchers and students. Specific attention will be given to better serve current audiences and position the website as an attractive option to new audiences (media, tourism, cultural/creative industries). In this context, we will focus on eliminating prioritised points of friction that are impacting users' journeys in the website (such as search engines optimisation, improvement of search).

The consortium will continue to engage audiences with digital cultural heritage by expanding pan-European themes and perspectives, inspiring use, reuse, and participation, and communicating activities to audiences (Task 4.2).

EF will assess and report on users and usage of digital services for the public as part of DS. Users and usage reports.

Task 4.1. Deliver high-performing Europeana website

Partners: EF

The Europeana website offers pan-European content to anyone with an interest in cultural heritage. People can search, browse and access the website's content in all 24 official languages of the EU. The ability to explore a vast range and volume of cultural heritage in one place, and make connections across European collections, is what makes the Europeana website unique.

In Y4, EF will continue to improve search accuracy and the browsing experience (Activity 4.1.1), and expand multilingual coverage including all EU official languages (Activity 4.1.2).

We aim to turn new visitors into returning visitors by improving the findability and display of our content and turn returning visitors into brand ambassadors who help us improve the website by providing feedback and curating content. EF will do this by improving entry points for researchers and educators (Activity 4.1.3) and optimising user interaction and display of content (Activity 4.1.4).

EF will deliver the DS. Infrastructure report containing a detailed overview of the evolution of the Europeana website as well as quality and use of services.

Overview of outputs

Partner	Outcomes	Progress	Due date
Activity 4.1.1. Optimise search and browse experience to improve content discovery			
EF	Sorting options on search results improved	Completed	Jan 2026
EF	Aggregator pages on europeana.eu	50%	May 2026
EF	Map to explore providing institutions or content across Europe	10%	Jul 2026
EF	Search relevance and performance maintained	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)
Activity 4.1.2. Expand multilingual coverage to include all EU official languages			
EF	Phased deployment and promotion of multilingual search in three more languages (R4.2)	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)
EF	Maintain user interface translations in supported languages	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)
Activity 4.1.3. Improve entry points for audiences			
EF	Landing page for Education released	Completed	Dec 2025
EF	Landing page for Research released	Completed	Dec 2025

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EF	Phased deployment and promotion of multilingual search in three more languages (R4.2)	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)
EF	Maintain user interface translations in supported languages	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)
Activity 4.1.3. Improve entry points for audiences			
EF	Landing page for Education released	Completed	Dec 2025
Activity 4.1.4. Optimise user interaction and media display			
EF	Download widget updated to display 3D media specific metadata fields	Completed	Mar 2026 ²⁰ (Feb 2026)
EF	Improve the media player for video and audio	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)

Download widget updated to display 3D media specific metadata fields - We took a different approach to the display of the 3D specific metadata than planned. We decided to follow a more holistic approach that benefits users of any type of media. Therefore, we chose to release a [display for web resource level metadata](#) across the collection. Additionally, we extended the download functionality offering users the possibility to download the media file in multiple formats and resolution.

Reporting metrics: deliver high-performing Europeana website

No.	Description	Measured by	Frequency	Target Y4	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2026
KPI 4.1	Traffic to the Europeana website	Number of visits per year (cumulative)	Monthly	5.0 million	3.4 million	-	-	7,4 million

²⁰ Adjustment confirmed by EC.

KPI 4.2	User satisfaction rate with Europeana website	Total % of 'satisfied' and 'completely satisfied' responses on a 5-point Likert scale	Bi-annually	75%	-	-	-	80%
RM 4.3	User participation: account holders	Total number of account holders	Quarterly	-	61,175	-	-	64,325
RM 4.4	User participation: liked items	Total number of items liked by users	Quarterly	-	79,678	-	-	86,963
RM 4.5	User participation: galleries	Total number of user-created galleries	Quarterly	-	15,075	-	-	15,759
RM 4.6	Downloads of digital items on the Europeana website	Total number of downloads (cumulative)	Quarterly	-	115,631	-	-	180,240

Visitor satisfaction is stable - in Apr 2026, the Europeana website received a very good satisfaction rating with 80%, where users stated that they were either 'satisfied' or 'completely satisfied' with the Europeana website. This is the same as in Jun 2025 (80%).

Task 4.2. Engage audiences with digital cultural heritage

Partners: EF, F&F, DS AGG

In Y4 under this task EF and consortium partners will strive to empower the public to reuse cultural heritage, with activities that foster data literacy as well as digital skills (Activity 4.2.1). EF will also work with consortium members, cultural heritage institutions and other partners to produce impactful content on pan-European themes and perspectives (Activity 4.2.2).

EF will report on activities engaging audiences with digital cultural heritage in the DS. Data supply and reuse reports.

Overview of outputs

Partner	Outcomes	Progress	Due date
Activity 4.2.1. Drive participation with cultural heritage			

EF	GIF IT UP organised	Completed	Oct 2025
EF, PhotoCons	Two walking tours published	Completed	Feb 2026 (Apr 2026)
EF	Stories and guided tutorials of reuse of digital cultural heritage published	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)
EF, F&F	Transcribathon events, online runs and workshops organised and promoted in partnership with CHIs	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)
F&F	Europeana Transcribe maintained	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)
Activity 4.2.2. Broaden impact of cultural heritage by expanding pan-European themes and perspectives			
EF, DS AGG	Multilingual editorial content (exhibitions, blogs, and galleries) ²¹ published	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)
EF, DS AGG	New and existing pan-European thematic seasons organised	-	Feb/Aug 2026 (updates)

Reporting metrics: engage audiences with digital cultural heritage

No.	Description	Measured by	Frequency	Target Y4	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2026
KPI 4.3	Audience satisfaction with editorial (exhibitions, blogs)	Total % of 'satisfied' and 'completely satisfied' responses on 5-point Likert scale (cumulative)	Quarterly	75%	84%	-	-	84%
RM 4.13	Reach of activities contributed to or (co)organised that promote the use/reuse of cultural heritage	Number of participants taking part in activities (incl. DSF, GIF IT UP, Transcribathon events and others)	Quarterly	-	1,060	-	-	1,703

²¹ Editorials from data space supporting projects contribute to this outcome.

RM 4.14	Audience creations made with digital cultural heritage	Total number of tracked reuse/remix cases (including but not limited to GIFs, social media posts, transcribed items)	Quarterly	-	3,317	-	-	4,779 ²²
RM 4.1	Multilingual coverage of editorial content	Percentage of stories (blogs and exhibitions) published in more than one language during contract year	Annually	-	-	-	-	Expected Aug 2026
RM 4.2	Multilingual coverage of editorial content	Percentage of stories (blogs and exhibitions) published in all 24 EU languages during contract year	Annually	-	-	-	-	Expected Aug 2026
RM 4.11	Traffic to exhibitions and blogs	Number of visits to all exhibitions and blogs (cumulative)	Quarterly	-	341,816	-	-	592,645

²² RM 4.14 includes examples of reuse in: (Online) media (17), Creative writing and writing networks (285), Collage-making (50), Digital experiences for gamers (20), Transcribathon activities (1,087), Other digital products (3)

Work package 5: Programme management

EF will provide high-quality programme management of the data space for cultural heritage, including continuous progress monitoring and reporting (task 5.1). We will work closely with the European Commission, the Commission Expert Group on the Common European Data Space for Cultural Heritage (CEDCHE) and its subgroups to review activities and developments of the data space (task 5.2.). We will manage the relations with the projects funded under the different EU programmes (e.g. Digital Europe Programme, Horizon Europe, Erasmus+) to ensure the smooth integration of their results into the data space (task 5.3.).

Task 5.1. Ensure continuous progress monitoring and reporting

Partners: EF

Under this task, EF will manage and coordinate the programme as described in the tender and in the work package sections of this implementation plan. [Annex: Progress on deliverables](#) provides an overview of completed and upcoming deliverables.

Major changes in staff

The main contact person for NISV for the data space contract changed. Emma O'Hare left NISV, the role was taken over by Johan Oomen.

Risk management

Risk management is an essential part of the data space programme management. EF has a risk management approach in place for managing risks throughout the contract that nominates relevant people responsible²³. [Annex: Risk log](#) includes an assessment of risks with risk responses and other relevant details. The Risk log will be updated periodically and an updated version will be provided to the EC via the PM. Periodic reports and/or ad hoc via direct communication (for example, via email, if needed).

Balance of efforts

The table below provides an overview over the balance of efforts for Y4 (Sep 2025 - Aug 2026) of the data space. It states the foreseen and actual percentages of resources allocated to each of the five work packages and its related tasks.

Work packages & tasks	Foreseen % of the full contract value	Actual April 2026
WP 1: Development and operation of the data space infrastructure	22.5%	26.6%
Task 1.1 Provide reliable data space infrastructure and quality of services	17.2%	20.9%

²³ A RACI (Responsible, Accountable, Consulted, Informed) approach will be used for this purpose.

Task 1.2 Develop and ensure interoperability with the broader ecosystem of cultural heritage initiatives	5,3%	5.7%
Work package 2: Integration of high-quality data	14.2%	15.3%
Task 2.1 Increase the availability of reusable data in line with the Recommendations 2021	7.4%	7.9%
Task 2.2 Expand data products and services within the data space	3.9%	4.4%
Task 2.3 Deploy automated approaches improving the quality and reusability of data in the data space	2.9%	3.0%
Work package 3: Capacity building and fostering reuse	37.7%	34.3%
Task 3.1 Nurture the sustainable development of the data space and its ecosystem	6.3%	7.5%
Task 3.2 Develop capacity building as a service	7.6%	6.9%
Task 3.3 Develop approach to drive reuse of data space products and services	5.3%	5.5%
Task 3.4 Facilitate the reuse of data space products and services	12.3%	10.6%
Task 3.5 Build awareness and engagement	6.2%	3.8%
Work package 4: Digital services for the public	17.2%	17.5%
Task 4.1 Deliver high-performing Europeana website	12.2%	11.4%
Task 4.2 Engage audiences with digital cultural heritage	5,0%	6.1%
Work package 5: Programme management	8.4%	6.3%
Task 5.1 Ensure continuous progress monitoring and reporting	5.5%	4.5%
Task 5.2 Governance	0.5%	1.0%
Task 5.3 Manage relations with other EU-funded projects	2.3%	0.8%
Task 5.4 Phasing-in and phasing-out periods	0.1%	0.0%
TOTAL	100%	100%

Task 5.2. Governance

Partners: EF

Under this task, EF reports regularly to the European Commission and, by invitation, to the Commission Expert Group on the Common European Data Space for Cultural Heritage (CEDCHE) on the status of the data space activities and developments, risks and performance indicators.

The Commission and EF meet monthly in Operational Management Board (OMB) meetings to review and discuss deliverables, operational matters, contractual matters, coordination and other implementation aspects.

Task 5.3. Manage relations with other EU-funded projects

Partners: EF

EF maintains regular contact with projects supporting the data space and assists them with the ingestion of content and metadata (if applicable), consultation on the Europeana frameworks, policy and development guidelines, tool integration into the data space and dissemination of the project results. The table below shows the progress against Annex 4 of PM. Implementation plan M36 for all project outcomes that are expected to be delivered and integrated in the data space by the end of Y4 (31 Aug 2026).

Overview of progress: Projects against Annex 4

Note that this table only reports on actions/outcomes/milestones of the projects funded within Y4 of the data space for cultural heritage contract (as outlined in Annex 4 of PM. Implementation plan M36, Sep 2025 - Aug 2026). Some projects might finish outside this period.

Expected Outputs	DS contribution	Status	Comment
Data Space - supporting projects (DIGITAL-2023-CLOUD-DATA-AI-05-CULTHERITAGE)			
3DBigDataSpace (Jan 2025 to Jun 2026)			
Guidelines and recommendations on storage solutions	Task 2.2. Expand data products and services within the data space	In progress	Producing guidelines and recommendations on storage solutions is a deliverable (M18) in the project that EF is leading. It will therefore be helpful in both the project and the DS. EF has started drafting a document and initiating discussions, including a small workshop.
Aggregation of 3D content and its metadata into the DS using the Europeana Metis aggregation infrastructure	Task 2.2. Expand data products and services within the data space	In progress	Re-launching the aggregation pipeline via Carare has finished. Carare is now checking sample records on their side. The Heritage Data Processor has been developed by Jena University to also include more data processing options.

Development of a unified 3D model viewer that will be embedded into Europeana.eu	Task 1.1. Provide reliable data space infrastructure and quality of services	In progress	Multiple viewers (dLibra & Room) have been developed and are being tested.
Education material available in the Europeana Learning Management System	Task 3.2. Develop capacity building as a service	In progress	Multiple workshops have happened and are happening. For example Hunt Museum workshops (about data and viewers), Heritage Data Processor Webinar (previously 'Zenodo Toolbox'), a successful version of the Summer School happened on 7-8 May, first self paced training courses have been published on the Europeana Training Platform, more to come. Grant winners of first round are known and should be ingested into Europeana,
Project entries on DS website	Task 3.5. Build awareness and engagement	In progress	Project page on DS website has launched and content will continue to be added. Project news posts were published related to the final project event happening in Poznan on 1 July and a second training course was added spotlighting history in 4D.
XRCulture (Feb 2025 to Jul 2026)			
Development of Middleware Protocol	Task 2.2. Expand data products and services within the data space	In progress	Implementation on Middleware Deployment viewers, harmonisation and integration into DS to be completed by M18.
Integration of 3D web viewers into the Data space	Task 1.1. Provide reliable data space infrastructure and quality of services	In progress	Viewers to be fully developed by M18. Integration under discussion and with 3D Working Group.
Project entries on DS website	Task 3.5. Build awareness and engagement	In progress	Project page on DS website was launched and content will continue to be added.
EUreka3D-XR (Feb 2025 to Jul 2026)			

EUreka3D Data Hub, improved and expanded to accommodate the EDM extension and a viewer for animated 3D objects	Task 2.2. Expand data products and services within the data space	Completed	The existing metadata input form of the EUreka3D Data Hub is being expanded with the new EDM fields recommended and implemented as EDM extensions. Additional functionalities for a viewer to visualize animated 3D objects are under development which will be enabled in Europeana with a new oEmbed endpoint. D3.3 The final cloud infrastructure has been submitted
The 5 tools of EUreka3D-XR for CHIs: - AR Tour Builder - AR Tour Experience - AI 3D Builder - 3D XR Studio - Avatar Builder	Task 2.2. Expand data products and services within the data space	Completed	Five different tools openly accessible to CHIs will allow different functionalities of reuse for 2D and 3D contents in XR scenarios. The tools will be compatible and made available in the data space The final release of D3.5 EUreka3D-XR toolbox has been submitted and finalised.
Paradata and sustainability guidelines	Task 2.2. Expand data products and services within the data space	Completed	Documenting and parsing paradata is handled throughout the project. The final recommendations and guidelines have been submitted under D3.8 Paradata and sustainability report, with EF involvement and review
Aggregation of the 2D and 3D collections used in the pilots for publication in Europeana and integration in the Data Space for Cultural Heritage	Task 2.1. Increase the availability of reusable data in line with the Recommendations 2021	In progress	3D and 2D content will be made available through the data space and published on europeana.eu using Photoconsortium as the accredited aggregator. 3D content will be aggregated via the EUreka3D Data Hub. The report on the 3D and 2D

			content used in the pilots and aggregated to Europeana / Data Space for Cultural Heritage has been submitted
Course on 3D digitisation guidelines published on Europeana Learning platform and other capacity building resources	Task 3.2. Develop capacity building as a service	In progress	Launch of the course in September 2025, still further expanded in 2026. Learning resources produced by the project to be disseminated in the data space. Cfr. D5.1 Capacity Building Implementation plan.
Project entries on DS website	Task 3.5. Build awareness and engagement	In progress	Project page on DS website is launched. Several news posts published on the data space, including overview of EUreka3D-XR project's events and capacity-building activities and toolbox launch.
Editorials on Europeana.eu	Task 4.2. Engage audiences with cultural heritage	In progress	Planning on project website: https://eureka3d.eu/eureka3d-xr-editorials/
Other DIGITAL projects			
Deploytour (Oct 2024 to Sep 2027)			
General interoperability between data spaces	Task 1.2. Develop and ensure interoperability with the broader ecosystem of cultural heritage initiatives	In progress	Continue to attend WP2 calls and meetings, give feedback and present infrastructure and interoperability choices (e.g. data model)
Development of the Ano Syros use cases	Task 3.4. Facilitate the reuse of data space products and services	In progress	Continue to contribute to the use case with relevant data, narratives and stakeholder engagement
Development of synergies between data spaces		In progress	Establish and implement synergies with DS
Project entries on DS website	Task 3.5. Build awareness and engagement	In progress	Project page on DS website is launched. New content will continue to be added.
3D-4CH (Feb 2025 to Jan 2028)			

Contribution to and alignment of the 3D-4CH capacity building framework with the Europeana Capacity Building Framework	Task 3.2. Develop capacity building as a service	In progress	Ensure that training developed in 3D-4CH uses and respects the “<i>guidelines for training development and delivery</i>” used and maintained by EF. Ensure that training developed by other 3D projects are compatible with and integrated in learning pathways developed and maintained by 3D-4CH. EF provided several rounds of feedback on the 3D-4CH Competence Centre in February and March, following its launch.
Aggregation of existing and enhanced 3D Models and models from Ukraine.	Task 2.1. Increase the availability of reusable data in line with the Recommendations 2021	In progress	Ensure alignment with metadata requirements for reuse of 3D models; ingestion and publishing of 3D models in DS; support aggregation pipeline for Ukraine CHIs.
Project entries on DS website	Task 3.5. Build awareness and engagement	In progress	Project page on DS website is launched. Continue to highlight new developments, Including event on AI for 3D Digital Twins in Cultural Heritage in March 2026 and new learning pathways for 3D assets and data publication

Horizon Europe projects

[DIGICHer](#) (Feb 2024 to Jan 2027)

Project entries on DS website	Task 3.5. Build awareness and engagement	In progress	Project page on DS website is launched. New content will continue to be added.
Editorials on Europeana.eu	Task 4.2 Engage audiences with cultural heritage	In progress	New project content will continue to be added.

[ECHOES](#) (Jun 2024 to May 2029)

Project entries on DS website	Task 3.5. Build awareness and engagement	In progress	Project page on DS website is launched. New content will continue to be added.
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Gap analysis and integration strategy reusing datasets, tools and workflows in ECHOES	Task 2.2. Expand data products and services within the data space	In progress	Use results from gap analysis Contribute to the design of a procedure for integrating the data, tools and vertical applications resulting from these projects into the ECHOES platform
Mapping the existing communities of professionals	Task 1.2. Develop and ensure interoperability with the broader ecosystem of cultural heritage initiatives	In progress	Participation in mapping through May 2026
Data integration routines	Task 2.2. Expand data products and services within the data space	In progress	Data flows between the DS and ECCCH are being defined and will serve as requirements for extending the data aggregation pipeline between the two initiatives.
Heritalise (Jan 2025 to 31 Dec 2028)			
Project entries on DS website	Task 3.5. Build awareness and engagement	In progress	Project page on DS website is launched. New content will continue to be added.
(Geo)spatial and CH representation standards review Identification and review of the existing cultural and (geo)spatial data structures or ontologies including the Europeana Data Model	Task 2.2. Expand data products and services within the data space	In progress	EF will contribute to the review of relevant standards.
Data exchange interoperability Review of current platforms and architectures including Europeana and the common European data space for cultural heritage	Task 2.2. Expand data products and services within the data space	In progress	EF has given feedback on a wide state-of-the-art survey and will contribute to the review especially focusing on the interoperability requirements for the data space and the cultural heritage cloud.
Excentric (Feb 2025 to Jan 2028)			

Project entries on DS website	Task 3.5. Build awareness and engagement	In progress	Project page on DS website is launched. New content will continue to be added.
INFINITY (Jan 2026 to Jun 2029)			
Project entries on DS website	Task 3.5. Build awareness and engagement	In progress	Project page on DS website is launched. New content will continue to be added.
Ensure alignment and interoperability with the DS	Task 1.2. Develop and ensure interoperability with the broader ecosystem of cultural heritage initiatives	In progress	INFINITY results must be technically compatible with the DS (e.g., through interoperable data models) and aligned with its community and capacity-building initiatives.
ECHOLOT (Jan 2026 to Dec 2028)			
Project entries on DS website	Task 3.5. Build awareness and engagement	In progress	Project page on DS website is launched. New content will continue to be added.
Ensure alignment and interoperability with DS	Task 1.2. Develop and ensure interoperability with the broader ecosystem of cultural heritage initiatives	In progress	The DS is an important initiative for ECHOLOT to consider as a data dissemination platform to interoperate with, alongside Europeana, and will be examined in more detail during the Discovery phase to derive relevant requirements for integration and further cooperation.
Other EU projects			
AISTER (Feb 2025 to May 2027) – Erasmus+ KA2			
Project entries on DS website	Task 3.5. Build awareness and engagement	In progress	Project page on DS website is launched. New content will continue to be added.
Data Conversations (Mar 2025 to Nov 2027) – Creative Europe CREA-CULT-2024-COOP-2			
Project entries on DS website	Task 3.5. Build awareness and engagement	In progress	Project page on DS website is launched. New content will continue to be added.
CommonsDB (Feb 2025 to Jul 2026) – PPPA			

Contribution to at least 5 million verifiable (signed) registrations in the working prototype of the public registry	Task 1.1. Provide reliable data space infrastructure and quality of services	In progress	A first batch of 100.000 declarations has been created as part of the CommonsDB infrastructure. More declarations will be added before the end of the project.
Project entries on DS website	Task 3.5. Build awareness and engagement	In progress	Project page on DS website is launched. New content will continue to be added.

Task 5.4. Phasing-in and phasing-out periods

Partners: EF

As EF was the current Europeana DSI operator, no phasing-in period was required. The work related to the phasing-out and transfer processes to a successor contractor (i.e. a third party contractor awarded by the EC to continue the operation, in full or in part, of the data space) will start in the fourth contractual year if a contract takeover is required from 1 July 2026.

No activities in M42 - M44.

Annex: Progress on deliverables

This table states progress on deliverables for Y4 (1 Sep 2025 - 31 Aug 2026).

Type	Name	Due	Completed
PM.	Risk management plan	-	M39 (Nov 2025)
PM.	Periodic report	M48 (Aug 2026)	M39 (Nov 2025), M42 (Feb 2026), M45 (May 2026)
PM.	Annual report	M48 (Aug 2026)	-
PM.	Final report	M48 (Aug 2026)	-
PM.	Phase-out report	M48 (Aug 2026)	-
DS.	Infrastructure report		M45 (May 2026)
DS.	Technical documentation	M46 (Jun 2026)	-

DS.	Stress test reports	M47 (Jul 2026)	-
DS.	Disaster recovery	M47 (Jul 2026)	-
DS.	Data supply and reuse report		M44 (Apr 2026)
DS.	Users and usage report	M46 (Jun 2026)	M38 (Oct 2025)
DS.	Communication and dissemination plan	M47 (Jul 2026)	-

Annex: Progress on recommendations

This section reports on progress towards the main recommendations from the European Commission (EC) following the 3rd annual review meeting of the deployment of the common European data space for cultural heritage.

Work package 1. Development and operation of the data space infrastructure

R1.1: Within Y4, it is recommended to define concrete data interoperability and pilot specifications with other Data Spaces, as well as the EC's Simpl initiative (i.e. a roadmap of concrete actions with specific timelines) so that implementation of hands-on cross-DS interoperability experiments can start immediately after the end of Y4. Where relevant, the establishment of cross-data space working groups should be sought, beyond collaborations already supported through ongoing EC funded projects and conventional networking cross-DS activities, notably with the DS on tourism/media and any other DS with which exchange of data and interoperability is desired.

In this reporting period we continued collaborations on the items from the previous period, notably:

- *Continued discussions with DeployTour based on the Ano Syrus use case and start of investigations on setting an EDC Data Space Connector that could support the exchange of data with them*
- *Launching a task force with ECHOES partners to organise work on the data flows that have been identified in the previous period. This includes the start of an effort to align the EDM with ECHOES' Heritage Digital Twin Ontology.*
- *Investigations of the SIMPL tooling for implementing an MVP for a data catalogue*

Additional efforts to support interoperability across initiatives, included:

- *Preliminary steps for making dataset descriptions in the Trusted European Media data space more interoperable (ultimately, aligned with the DCAT-AP standard that our data space's datasheet will also be aligned with)*
- *Discussion on feeding dataset descriptions from the Dutch Digital Heritage Network Dataset Registry into the coming data space Data Catalogue*

R1.2: It is recommended to specify in the Y4 implementation plan concrete experiments implementing the data exchange strategy, including the decentralised transactions to be supported in addition to the existing aggregation approaches, and deliver a clear long-term implementation roadmap, broken down into concrete use cases and timelines within which each use case will be supported until the full realisation of the data exchange strategy. Emphasis should be placed on how decentralisation enhances currently available (meta)data usage by various types of end users and how it integrates into all strands of the Strategy 2025-2030 for the data space. The validation activities to be carried out for each of the data exchange use cases should be clearly defined and reported in the respective outcomes. The implementation roadmap should allow for the initiation of implementation work already within Y4 or right after the end of it.

The implementation plan for the data exchange strategy (V1), due Feb 2026, outlines the actions that will be taken in the course of Y4. It will focus on the introduction of a new data product offer in the form of datasets. We will approach development from two angles: one which consists in converting our current data offer into datasets, a second which consists in bringing datasets currently not available into the data space. Those efforts are currently ongoing focusing on the implementation of the EDC data space connector that will facilitate the management of different data policies. Activities are also ongoing in testing a tool developed by the community to create datasheets for datasets.

Work package 2: Integration of high-quality data

R2.1: It is recommended to specify in the Y4 implementation plan a concrete implementation roadmap, with concrete actions and specific timelines, towards the full delivery of of the EDM profile for 3D and of the 3D data quality criteria, as well as towards the implementation of all relevant recommendations that will render relevant information searchable by interested users.

In Y3, we have delivered the EDM profile for 3D and the EPF for 3D (the EPF for 3D was formalised as recommendations for data quality criteria for 3D digital cultural heritage objects) and also implemented selected components of the EDM profile for 3D in the aggregation pipeline. In Y4, we will continue to implement further components of the EDM profile for 3D aligned with the further development of the EPF for 3D.

In the reporting period, we progressed on the following:

EDM for 3D:

- *Support for a new type of 3D representation: Gaussian splatting*

Capacity building for 3D:

- *Refined documentation for providing alternative 3D representations of an object*

With the ingestion of items for TwinIt! Part II we have tested the implementation of the EDM profile and quality criteria for 3D and collected a lot of experience that will contribute to the validation of our recommendations. The ingestion of items also supported the work on the implementation of frontend features to make the relevant information provided via the new EDM properties accessible to users to improve the reuse potential for the items ingested during TwinIt! Part II.

R2.2: It is recommended to continue and intensify this strand of work, specifying in the Y4 implementation plan a concrete time schedule (and linked outcomes) of updates or new contracts to be delivered.

In Y4, we will not work on new contracts. We'll be working towards an output about suggesting new contractual clauses.

In the reporting period, we researched the requirements that need to be put in place when sharing datasets, in view of future operations, for example facilitating the enrichment of datasets by users, or communicating re-use preferences beyond those legally established, and requirements stemming from operating with other data spaces, for example using SIMPL.

R2.3: The Y4 implementation plan should include concrete outcomes for the further definition of 'datasets', elaborating on the vision underlying the expansion of the data space with the addition of datasets. It is recommended to plan for an early Y4 outcome, including a set of use cases and an accompanying report to clarify the offering (and role) of datasets in the data space and elaborate on the several open issues around their (re)use, e.g. are datasets dynamically created on request based on end users' demand, or are they static collections already available to dataset providers? Are datasets part of the decentralised services to be offered by the data space or are they offered only at an aggregation level? Are datasets available (also) for commercial use? Once these aspects are clearly defined, an implementation roadmap should be delivered as part of the Y4 implementation plan towards the delivery of all relevant use cases, so that implementation work of use cases can start immediately after Y4. The data exchange strategy should be revised accordingly.

In the reporting period, the following progressed:

- *Work on DCAT-AP alignment (cf R1.1)*
- *Progressing on documentation for datasheets (paper on guidelines finalise)*
- *The EuropeanaTech Data Quality Committee working group has started identifying a first set of quality criteria for datasheets.*

Datasheets will be the mechanisms to describe all datasets in the data space while the scope of what is in a dataset may vary. We foresee the following:

Datasets generated from our Metadata

Metadata-only datasets will be made available for bulk access.

- *Two categories of datasets can be offered:*
 - *Datasets that reflect the provisioned dataset structure.*
 - *Curated datasets that span multiple providers, enabled through gallery functionality.*
- *Datasets can be accessed both via Simpl and directly through the Dataset API.*

Datasets provisioned by the data providers

Providers can share new datasets composed of a combination of metadata and content.

- Providers must specify the applicable policies, conditions, and access mechanisms (e.g. URLs) for sharing.
- These datasets can then be made available for reuse via Simpl.

Datasets combining metadata & content

New datasets can be created that include both metadata and content.

- Existing metadata (only) datasets can serve as input for generating content-rich datasets.
- Content is only incorporated into datasets when a local copy is available.
- For openly licensed datasets, database rights may be asserted.
- Access to content-based datasets may require payment. Revenue can be directed to EF to cover infrastructure and network costs, and to CHIs to support ongoing digitisation efforts.

Internally & 3rd party enriched dataset

Content datasets can be enriched either internally or by third-party projects.

- Enriched datasets are encouraged to be shared via Europeana to enable wider redistribution.

R2.4: Considering the important (horizontal) role of AI in the data space Strategy 2025-2030, it is recommended to define within Y4 a clearer, more concrete roadmap of actions and AI-related offerings of the data space, beyond the already initiated consensus-making activities, as well as an accompanying implementation roadmap for the delivery of the various AI-related offerings.

In Y4, we will focus on sense-making and capacity building activities. The [Alignment paper on AI and the data space for cultural heritage](#) has been consolidated: presenting the outcomes of the [Europeana Network Association Cross-Community Workshop on Culture for AI](#), the roadmap and actions that resulted from it, as well as a first structure for a coming white paper to outline our vision for AI in the data space. In parallel, the Europeana Foundation and the Open Future Foundation have published an [impulse paper about publishing cultural heritage data in the context of AI training and use](#). It develops a framework based on a differentiated access model in order to help institutions decide whether—and under what conditions—to make collection data available for AI training.

In the reporting period, the group working on the Alignment paper on AI and the data space continued the work on the white paper, focusing on positioning the Cultural Heritage sector and future data space activities with respect to the idea of Public AI. We produced a draft that was discussed at an ENA Cross-Community Workshop on Culture for AI and is going to be finalised in May. Some of these ideas were presented as part of an event on Public AI and Europe's Digital Sovereignty at the European Parliament in January.

In the meantime, EF worked on identifying options to include AI in its data and service offers, especially in the search service and as a data publication as part of the EU Data Union Strategy.

Work package 3. Capacity building and fostering reuse

R3.1: It is recommended to formalise the enhancements of the updated governance model for the ENA and include in the Y4 implementation plan an outcome reporting on such formalized

(updated and enhanced) governance model, clearly identifying the specific updates and improvements made to the previous management model.

In this period, ENA Management Board in collaboration with the ENA Governance Working Group has formulated and worked on concrete proposals for formal changes to be made to the ENA governance towards an enhanced governance model with a higher level of sustainability, agility, and stability. The core changes concern the composition of the Management Board, and electoral process and term of the Members Council. The changes will be formalised by the ENA General Assembly in November 2026.

R3.2: The recommendation of previous review reports is still valid regarding pursuing more active engagement of ENA members and defining the ENA role better as a connector of people.

In this period, ENA Management Board and Members Council explored new ways of engaging its members in transversal topics of interest such as AI, concretely an idea of establishing 'assemblies' as a new form of collaborative tool bringing larger groups of members together. ENA Members Council also formalised the process for ENA to participate in projects, which may result in widening the scope of possibilities for further member engagement. Preparation for developing workflows in relation to membership status and gathering data has continued.

R3.3: It is recommended for Y4 that the implementation of the Engagement Strategy 2024-2026 is continued and extended, following the successful approach in Y3, setting goals for specific outcomes with concrete deadlines.

In Y4, we will continue to implement the Engagement Strategy 2024-2026, for example with the Twin It! Part II campaign and presidency events.

Please see reporting of bi-annual update "Member States Engagement Strategy 2024-2026 refined and partly implemented (R3.3)" in the main section (task 3.1) that summarises overall progress in the period Sep 2025 - Jan 2026 (M42). The next report in Aug 2026 (M48) will give the next update on progress.

R3.4: It is strongly recommended to place more emphasis on enabling the data pull model, where the users request specific data or datasets that fulfil their needs and the data space helps to source, collect (or point to) and curate such data. Specific data pull experiments and implementation outcomes should be included in the Y4 implementation plan with the aim to be in a position to fully support a data pull model in the end of Y4 and beyond. Moreover, the methodologies developed for driving reuse and gathering use cases need to be actively promoted and adopted by the community. Ensuring that stakeholders understand and value these frameworks will be essential for achieving their intended impact.

In Y4, we will continue to collect use cases (scenarios) and requirements to support the sustainable model for reuse in the data space. We will place more emphasis in attracting audiences to our data offer and we report on this aspect in the DS. Data supply and reuse report M44. We will also build on use cases by developing 'social proofs'.

R3.5: It is recommended to create one or more guidebooks for each major type of end user and/or each type of Europeana.eu content, formalising and operationalising the process of data access and data use, and guiding the interested potential data users through the various data use requirements, data providers (potential decentralised), work required, tools available supporting data use, conditions of data access etc. One or more specific outcome(s) delivering the above should be included in the Y4 implementation plan making available all relevant material by the end of Y4.

We added an output to the implementation plan for developing a guided tutorial/or step by step guide for data access and data use. This can cover API access and/or website access.

- *Guided tutorial/or step by step guide for data access and data use formalised, Aug 2026*

We have started working on this output in Feb 2026.

R3.6: During Y4, it is recommended to intensify efforts to approach and engage new types of users, adopting a result-driven approach rather than an investigation-driven approach so that tangible success stories, pilots and demonstrators can be delivered already during Y4.

We intend to progress on this recommendation by prioritising engagement with API users who were approved for a project key in sectors like tourism and creative industries.

We created an API Project Key Holder Engagement Strategy to identify project key holders who have the highest potential to become active production API customers, and engage them through targeted manual outreach to drive activation. So far we have reached out to 7 strong leads and had a conversation with 3 of them in the tourism and creative industries sectors.

We also created a Sector Classification for Europeana API Users, to define the main sectors targeted for use of the APIs, provide a framework to describe each sector clearly, illustrate use cases, support consistent classification and clarify overlap. This classification has enabled us to assign approved API project keys to a sector and will help us better understand and group sectoral challenges and needs.

We have identified API project key users that have already built an integration, and have been in touch with them (examples include [MagnificentH](#) and [10M](#)).

We have pursued leads gathered in Y3 and had initial conversations with several.

We attended a tourism conference in Utrecht and made contact with several organisations before the conference, during, and after to introduce them to our APIs and discuss their product roadmaps and the possibility of enriching their offer with our collections. One of these leads resulted in a follow up call, allowing us to learn more about this sector and their needs.

R3.7: In particular, it is also recommended to pursue more integration in terms of operations and knowledge exchange between the consortium teams focusing on maintaining and enhancing the APIs and the user engagement teams. The goal is to use the APIs as a significant part of the offering to various audiences. Relevant outcomes are expected to be integrated in the Y4 implementation plan.

EF has been focused on improving the process of project API key approvals, ensuring that not only are requests receiving a faster response, but also that relevant audience experts are involved in determining the validity of the request. This process, once implemented will ensure strong knowledge sharing, better decision making and overview of the different types of reuse.

Work package 4. Digital services for the public

R4.1: Although the report provides positive metrics for user interaction and engagement, establishing a more systematic approach to monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of digital services will be crucial for ongoing improvement. This includes not only quantitative metrics but also qualitative feedback from users.

EF has mechanisms, both quantitative and qualitative metrics, in place to assess usage and the effectiveness of services. EF will report on users and usage and the effectiveness of the Europeana website including quantitative metrics and qualitative feedback from users (collected via the feedback buttons and other channels) as part of the DS. Users and usage reports.

We receive qualitative user feedback via the feedback widget and the new feature requests page. We report on both in the DS. User and usage report. We use this information to advise ourselves on which features we need to iterate on and new features we need to develop. Feature iterations are done during the year which we announce to users using the new feature notification which appears on the website. New feature requests are usually gathered during the year and planned for next year and reflected in the new implementation plan.

R4.2: It is recommended to continue this strand of work by expanding multilingual search to more languages. The Y4 implementation plan should account for at least 3 more languages.

Beside the Spanish, Hungarian, Polish and Romanian languages supported before Y4, we have extended the multilingual search feature to Bulgarian, Slovenian, Italian and Greek in Y4. This feature is available to logged in users, to users who have an account to ensure that we have control over the usage costs.

R4.3: It is recommended to investigate the effect of the addition of a new language on the number (quantity) and engagement (quality) of users from the respective country in the mid/long-term.

Multilingual search is a useful feature for people who visit europeana.eu to find items. It therefore supports the primary user need and is not the reason why people come to the website. For this reason, it is not possible to track the quantitative impact of this feature on the number of website visits. We will investigate if we can track the impact of this feature on engagement.

We will investigate if we can track the impact of this feature on the website engagement and report on it in the DS. Users and usage reports.

Work package 5. Programme management

R5.1: The Periodic Reports should include a section reporting on the progress towards addressing the recommendations of the most recent project review; explicit reference to these recommendations is expected, along with concrete and detailed explanations of how they have been addressed, and to which degree this has been successful.

This section of the report addresses this recommendation.

R5.2: The following recommendations from last year's review report are still valid:

- The reporting of achieved outcomes should reference all deliverables and internal reports that contributed to the specific achievement, even those from other WPs and Tasks. Additionally, it should ensure that all planned deliverables and milestones are adequately reflected in the reporting. An annex could be attached to each Periodic Report mapping outcomes to deliverables and internal reports.
- It is recommended that every document submitted to the EC concludes with a specific time schedule of concrete future actions to be taken towards prioritization and implementation of the presented results in the document, be it the steps towards implementing a strategy, a set of requirements or recommendations, the next steps in expanding (or stopping) the application of the results of an experiment or pilot, the concrete next steps towards engaging new types of users, etc.

We have added [Annex: Reports/deliverables mapping](#) to the PM. Periodic reports to map deliverables and internal reports that contributed to specific achievements/outputs/areas of work.

We consider the development of plans of actions, and associated timeline part of the output(s). This is part of our agile way of working which is the reason why at this moment we can't outline all the planned actions in more detail. We will be reporting about plans and steps as part of our reporting activities.

There are additional output(s) planned that communicate next steps and have a high level roadmap in place that make long term implementation plans externally visible (this is then done as part of dedicated outputs i.e. implementation plan for data exchange strategy (V1) delivered, Feb 2026).

Annex: Reports/deliverables mapping

Progress towards all tasks will be reported on as part of the PM. Periodic reports and PM. Annual report. Below are deliverables and internal reports stated that include reporting related to specific tasks.

Task/Activity	Deliverable/report
Task 1.1. Provide reliable data space infrastructure and quality of services	DS. Infrastructure report DS. Technical documentation DS. Stress test reports DS. Disaster recovery
Task 1.2. Develop and ensure interoperability with the broader ecosystem of cultural heritage initiatives	Maturity assessment of data space for cultural heritage (based on DSSC Blueprint) updated
Task 2.1. Increase the availability of reusable data in line with the Recommendations 2021	Europeana DS AGG annual progress report completed Data governance mechanisms for datasets reviewed and outlined (incl. contractual clauses) (R2.2)
Task 2.2. Expand data products and services within the data space	
Task 2.3. Deploy automated approaches improving the quality and reusability of data in the data space	Consolidated version of 'Alignment paper on AI and the data space for cultural heritage' completed
Task 3.1. Nurture the sustainable development of the data space and its ecosystem	
Task 3.2. Develop capacity building as a service	
Task 3.3. Develop approach to drive reuse of data space products and services	
Task 3.4. Facilitate the reuse of data space products and services	DS. Data supply and reuse report
Task 3.5. Build awareness and engagement	DS. Communication and dissemination plan Approaches to social media - review and update Approaches to email marketing - review and update Editorial strategy updated

Task 4.1. Deliver high-performing Europeana website	DS. Infrastructure report DS. Users and usage report
Task 4.2. Engage audiences with digital cultural heritage	DS. Users and usage report DS. Data supply and reuse report

Annex: Risk log

WP1: Development and operation of the data space infrastructure													
Identify			Assess						Plan for and Control		Governance		
ID	Risk description	Activity	Date	Response	Type	Impact	Probability	Priority	Proposed action	Mitigation & Contingency plan	Informed	Consulted	Risk history
	Brief summary of the risk cause, the risk event (either threat/opportunity), and the risk effect	Activity according to IP	Last reviewed/ updated	Overall risk response	Threat (negative impact) or Opportunity (positive impact)	Rate 1 (very low) to 5 (very high)	Rate 1 (very low) to 5 (very high)	Impact x probability (automatically filled)	(automatically filled)	Mitigation explanation and link to contingent plan (if needed)	Entity informed about the risk (if applicable)	Entity consulted about the risk (if applicable)	Information on risk history
Task 1.1. Provide reliable data space infrastructure and quality of services													
R.WP1.1	High traffic in form of attacks can cause interruptions in the service	Activity 1.1.1. Maintain Europeana platform and data space infrastructure and services	2026-05-25	Reduce	Threat	4	2	Medium	Tolerable and Monitor	Anti-flooding mechanisms in Cloudflare are in place to limit traffic to users (website and APIs) and this way prevent distributed denial-of-service DDOs attacks.	N/A	N/A	N/A
R.WP1.2	The data space infrastructure is subject to cybersecurity attacks	Activity 1.1.1. Maintain Europeana platform and data space infrastructure and services	2026-05-25	Reduce	Threat	3	3	Medium	Tolerable and Monitor	The data space employs security mechanisms to prevent security leaks at the level of user authentication/identity management system for internally developed software, code vulnerabilities etc	N/A	N/A	N/A
R.WP1.3	The data space services are unavailable to users due to infrastructure failure(s) caused by services under the direct control of the Europeana Foundation.	Activity 1.1.1. Maintain Europeana platform and data space infrastructure and services	2026-05-25	Reduce	Threat	5	1	Low	Acceptable	Disaster recovery procedure are in place to maintain the overall infrastructure and make sure the key services are running at all time.	N/A	N/A	N/A
R.WP1.7	The data space services are unavailable to users due to infrastructure failure(s) caused by external services we rely on (Amazon, Cloudflare, IBM).	Activity 1.1.1. Maintain Europeana platform and data space infrastructure and services	2026-05-25	Reduce	Threat	5	2	Medium	Tolerable and Monitor	We document incidents to be able to react better to incidents caused by external services.	N/A	N/A	N/A
R.WP1.5	Matomo inaccuracies create challenges for evaluating and assessing the success of content.	Activity 1.1.1. Maintain Europeana platform and data space infrastructure and services	2026-05-25	Reduce	Threat	2	5	Medium	Tolerable and Monitor	Mitigation actions include comparing trends over time, cross-checking with Cloudflare or server logs, and noting Matomo's limitations when interpreting data.	N/A	N/A	N/A
R.WP1.6	Low uptime of products can have an affect on the quality of service KPIs, and other performance indicators, and can jeopardise the success of the data space	Activity 1.1.1. Maintain Europeana platform and data space infrastructure and services	2026-05-25	Reduce	Threat	4	1	Low	Acceptable	We continuously monitor the quality of service of products (incl. uptime) and take action immediately on any downtime.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Task 1.2. Develop and ensure interoperability with the broader ecosystem of cultural heritage initiatives													
R.WP1.4	The recommendations and developments of the Data Space ecosystem services (Data Space support centre, Technical Framework, Simpl platform) will be developed during the contract and might impact the plans made as part of the tender offer	Activity 1.2.3. Establish synergies with other European cultural heritage initiatives and data spaces to support interoperability and technological innovation	2026-05-25	Exploit	Opportunity	2	1	Low	Acceptable	The operator will use its agile development methodologies to seize opportunities and will align its infrastructure components to the recommendations. This means that some developments initially planned may have to be prioritised.	N/A	N/A	N/A
R.WP1.8	EC recommendations are emphasizing the need to build synergies with other data spaces. Concrete collaboration with other data spaces is slowed down because of the maturity of their development. In addition, there are many initiatives in this area, and considerable amounts of time need to be spent to identify what is relevant for us to be involved in. There is a risk that slow progress can be achieved in this area.	Activity 1.2.3. Establish synergies with other European cultural heritage initiatives and data spaces to support interoperability and technological innovation	2026-05-25	Accept	Threat	3	2	Medium	Tolerable and Monitor	The operator will keep dialoguing with other data spaces especially the media and tourism data spaces. While concrete exchange of data may not happen between data spaces, other avenues of collaboration will be created.	N/A	N/A	N/A

WP2: Integration of high-quality data													
Identify			Assess						Plan for and Control		Governance		
ID	Risk description	Activity	Date updated	Response	Type	Impact	Probability	Priority	Proposed action	Mitigation & Contingent plan	Informed	Consulted	Risk history
	Brief summary of the risk cause, the risk event (either threat/opportunity), and the risk effect	Activity according to IP	Last reviewed/ updated	Overall risk response	Threat (negative impact) or Opportunity (positive impact)	Rate 1 (very low) to 5 (very high)	Rate 1 (very low) to 5 (very high)	Impact x probability (automatically filled)	(automatically filled)	Mitigation explanation and link to contingent plan (if needed)	Entity informed about the risk (if applicable)	Entity consulted about the risk (if applicable)	Information on risk history
Task 2.1. Increase the availability of reusable data in line with the Recommendations 2021													
R.WP2.1	The data space requests the development of data governance mechanisms. There are multiple data governance outcomes (including the cooperation agreement) that are dependent on use cases and architecture for data-sharing in the data space. A lack of clarity in this area might lead to inadequate or incomplete rules for data governance.	Activity 2.1.3. Maintain and develop data governance frameworks and mechanisms	2026-05-25	Reduce	Threat	3	1	Low	Acceptable	We develop the data governance mechanism (DGM) progressively, as we get more clarity on data sharing and architecture requirements, as described in the strategy and plan for the development of the DGM.	ENA/EAF & CEDCHE	ENA/EAF & CEDCHE	A data governance stakeholder working group (incl. Europeana DS Consortium partners, ENA, EAF) has been set up (Jan 2023). The data governance strategy was shared with CEDCHE and a subgroup was set-up.
R.WP2.5	The data provided by aggregators and data improvements on the platform are not sufficient to reach an annual 10% increase in high-quality data	Activity 2.1.1. Integrate high quality data and raise the quality of existing content and metadata	2026-05-25	Reduce	Threat	3	3	Medium	Tolerable and Monitor	Active participation from National Aggregators is essential to meet the targets (in line with Recommendations). EC and Member States will be informed regularly about MS contributions so that remedial actions can be taken sufficiently in time to meet the targets.	EAF	EAF	This is a regular risk addressed as part of the EAF meeting agenda.
Task 2.2. Expand data products and services within the data space													
Task 2.3. Deploy automated approaches improving the quality and reusability of data in the data space													
R.WP2.7	AI activities are limited by copyright and need to be balanced out with political and ethical concerns.	Activity 2.3.2. Develop approaches to support content and data-based enrichments	2026-05-25	Reduce	Threat	2	1	Low	Acceptable	Limitations for AI activities linked to copyright and/or data protection laws will be taken into account and investigated as part of the development of Data Governance. For the "chosen AI solution" we have decided to focus on the images that are less subject to policy issues (as they are covered by DEA and come from legacy providers and the results of sample evaluations were ok)	EAF	N/A	EAF aware of the risk (informed at the EAF meeting, Apr 2023)

WP3: Capacity building and fostering reuse													
Identify			Assess						Plan for and Control		Governance		
ID	Risk description	Activity	Date updated	Response	Type	Impact	Probability	Priority	Proposed action	Mitigation & Contingent plan	Informed	Consulted	Risk history
	<i>Brief summary of the risk cause, the risk event (either threat/opportunity), and the risk effect</i>	<i>Activity according to IP</i>	<i>Last reviewed/ updated</i>	<i>Overall risk response</i>	<i>Threat (negative impact) or Opportunity (positive impact)</i>	<i>Rate 1 (very low) to 5 (very high)</i>	<i>Rate 1 (very low) to 5 (very high)</i>	<i>Impact x probability (automatically filled)</i>	<i>(automatically filled)</i>	<i>Mitigation explanation and link to contingent plan (if needed)</i>	<i>Entity informed about the risk (if applicable)</i>	<i>Entity consulted about the risk (if applicable)</i>	<i>Information on risk history</i>
Task 3.1. Nurture the sustainable development of the data space and its ecosystem													
R.WP3.1	The cooperation of stakeholders in the data space is slow and impacts progress. We rely on ENA/EAF members to support the development of the data space (incl. support for implementation plan outcomes). Stakeholders are acting in a volunteer capacity and we might see a lack or delays in their contributions. This can negatively impact the quality and sustainability of outcomes as stakeholders' support, contribution, and validation are critical.	Activity 3.1.1. Develop sustainable collaborative governance model	2026-05-25	Reduce	Threat	2	2	Low	Acceptable	We placed a provisional time limit for contributions and limit the scope of contributions to the activities undertaken. We collaboratively prioritise developments that need cooperation and regularly meet and evaluate progress. We also have an improved model of cooperation across the data space that aims to support identifying and managing collective actions.	ENA & EAF	ENA & EAF	ENA & EAF discussions are ongoing
R.WP3.2	The enhanced accreditation scheme does not lead to a positive change in the engagement and participation of aggregators in the EAF.	Activity 3.1.2. Provide secretariat for Europeana Aggregators' Forum (EAF) and Europeana Network Association (ENA)	2026-05-25	Reduce	Threat	3	3	Medium	Tolerable and Monitor	We will iteratively develop and test enhancements to the scheme, utilising user research and feedback gathered.	EAF	EAF	EAF discussions are ongoing
R.WP3.3	Insufficient engagement of ENA members, results in low levels of knowledge transfer, and satisfaction.	Activity 3.1.2. Provide secretariat for Europeana Aggregators' Forum (EAF) and Europeana Network Association (ENA)	2026-05-25	Reduce	Threat	3	3	Medium	Tolerable and Monitor	Engagement of ENA members is being further stimulated through the Country groups. In addition, more Network-wide events are being scheduled, to break down the barriers to participation (fewer long meetings) and introduce a variety of topics and opportunities for engagement. The training academy will further satisfy network members and complement the informal knowledge-sharing activities of the communities.	ENA & EAF	ENA & EAF	Discussed with ENA & EAF
Task 3.2. Develop capacity building as a service													
R.WP3.9	The demand for expertise to deliver training and engage in knowledge transfer activities is greater than the supply. External expertise is needed to create, maintain and improve training material and deliver training.	Activity 3.2.2. Develop content and manage training platform	2026-05-25	Reduce	Threat	3	2	Medium	Tolerable and Monitor	Outreach and engagement plans for ENA/EAF consider methods to catalogue and connect with expertise within networks to ensure a repository of potential expertise is identified. Also, the priorities and primary focus areas for the training programme for the provision of high-quality data will be updated and will contribute to managing the expertise needed.	ENA & EAF	ENA & EAF	ENA/EAF were involved in defining priority areas through the Capacity Building Working Group. Training resources have been developed based on the availability of aggregators.
R.WP3.10	To reach more professionals across Europe working on the digital transformation of the cultural heritage sector, there is a need for multilingual training offers, but currently, multilingual coverage of tools and resources is not available (only in English). This limits accessibility and the potential impact of training.	Activity 3.2.2. Develop content and manage training platform	2026-05-25	Reduce	Threat	3	2	Medium	Tolerable and Monitor	In 2024 a Training platform has been implemented with several courses. The platform supports multilingualism, but this is only the interface, not the content. A few aggregators have offered support to translate content. An approach to use machine translation, volunteer and expert reviews is under development.	ENA & EAF	ENA & EAF	Aggregators have been asked to contribute to translation and localisation. First translations should be available in 2025.
Task 3.3. Develop approach to drive reuse of data space products and services													
Task 3.4. Facilitate the reuse of data space products and services													
R.WP3.11	Outreach to users does not convert into an increase of API customers due to lack of interest or incentive, leading to low customer conversion (users that have a live integration with Europeana APIs for their own platform/website/app).	Activity 3.4.4. Support reuse outcomes through API engagement	2026-05-25	Exploit	Threat	3	2	Medium	Tolerable and Monitor	Change our approach to users to ensure that they see clear incentives and reasons to become customers. Pivot proactive approach to new audiences and new markets to find potential customer base. Change this plan based on feedback from users.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Task 3.5. Build awareness and engagement													
R.WP3.7	Development and implementation of increasing numbers of platforms for professional audience engagement complicates, reduces user satisfaction and drives down user visits to websites like Europeana Pro.	Activity 3.5.2. Structure and manage knowledge and resources through the data space	2026-05-25	Reduce	Threat	1	3	Low	Acceptable	As Pro is being decommissioned reduced traffic to Pro is less a risk and more a reality. However, we have written and implemented a platform strategy that provides more clarity on ownership, aims and audience for each platform and provides simpler processes to follow to improve user journeys. We will regularly evaluate the available data to assess the impact of changes made and the performance of platforms.	ENA & EAF	N/A	ENA & EAF stakeholders informed via periodic reports

WP4: Digital services for the public													
Identify			Assess						Plan for and Control		Governance		
ID	Risk description	Activity	Date updated	Response	Type	Impact	Probability	Priority	Proposed action	Mitigation & Contingent plan	Informed	Consulted	Risk history
	Brief summary of the risk cause, the risk event (either threat/opportunity), and the risk effect	Activity according to IP	Last reviewed/ updated	Overall risk response	Threat (negative impact) or Opportunity (positive impact)	Rate 1 (very low) to 5 (very high)	Rate 1 (very low) to 5 (very high)	Impact x probability (automatically filled)	(automatically filled)	Mitigation explanation and link to contingent plan (if needed)	Entity informed about the risk (if applicable)	Entity consulted about the risk (if applicable)	Information on risk history
Task 4.1. Deliver high-performing Europeana website													
R.WP4.1	Expectations regarding the deployment of multilingual services are higher than what available technology and resources enable the Europeana DS consortium to implement.	Activity 4.1.2. Expand multilingual coverage to include all EU official languages	2026-05-25	Accept	Threat	3	1	Low	Acceptable	We regularly evaluate and communicate the results of evaluation to stakeholders. Adapt plans to the performance level of technology.	N/A	N/A	N/A
R.WP4.2	The eTranslation service is unable to support internationalisation and localisation with enough quality in all EU official languages.	Activity 4.1.2. Expand multilingual coverage to include all EU official languages	2026-05-25	Accept	Threat	3	2	Medium	Tolerable and Monitor	Europeana DS will diversify its sources to obtain translations. The new Translation API allows for the data space to be more flexible and more efficient towards the use of translation services.	N/A	N/A	N/A
R.WP4.7	The use of translations in live services (for multilingual search) encounters problems of scalability (performance and budget) or quality, when multilingual search is deployed for more languages	Activity 4.1.2. Expand multilingual coverage to include all EU official languages	2026-05-25	Reduce	Threat	4	2	Medium	Tolerable and Monitor	1. Translation API is being optimized to use open services and caching. 2. If they are not satisfied with quality, users can de-activate live translation of their search using the multilingual component that will be developed for the portal (this component also ensures lower, more focused usage of translation). 3. Should these not be enough, discuss with EC the possible de-activation of multilingual search for the impacted language at the general level.	N/A	N/A	N/A
R.WP4.5	Poor quality data negatively impacts the search and browse experience on the Europeana website, reducing user satisfaction	Activity 4.1.1. Optimise search and browse experience to improve content discovery	2026-05-25	Reduce	Threat	2	2	Low	Acceptable	Pursue tasks and activities in WP2 to integrate high-quality data	EAF	N/A	EAF informed about the risk
R.WP4.6	Technological and/or policy changes to search engines reduce traffic to the Europeana website	Activity 4.1.1. Optimise search and browse experience to improve content discovery	2026-05-25	Reduce	Threat	3	2	Medium	Tolerable and Monitor	We regularly evaluate and adapt plans	N/A	N/A	N/A
R.WP4.8	Based on user feedback, new requirements might be applicable, and we need to reprioritise already planned activities	Activity 4.1.4. Optimise user interaction and display of content	2026-05-25	Reduce	Threat	2	2	Low	Acceptable	Work in an agile way to support reprioritisation. Define a mechanism so users know which updates they can expect in the future	N/A	N/A	N/A
Task 4.2. Engage audiences with digital cultural heritage													
R.WP4.3	Technological, structural and policy changes on social media platforms negatively impact the reach of, and engagement with, our communications.	Activity 4.2.3. Communicate the data space for cultural heritage activities	2026-05-25	Accept	Threat	2	2	Low	Acceptable	Review performance indicators throughout the reporting cycle and adjust approach as needed. Continuously review social media outlets and explore options as needed.	N/A	N/A	N/A
R.WP4.4	Expectations for multilingual editorial are higher than what available technology and resources enable the Europeana DS consortium to implement.	Activity 4.2.2. Broaden impact of cultural heritage by expanding pan-European themes and perspectives	2026-05-25	Reduce	Threat	3	2	Medium	Tolerable and Monitor	We are making efforts towards creating a sustainable and more reliable translation and translation validation pipeline (primarily through hiring Master students in translation programmes across European universities). This proved an effective tactic in Y3 and we are repeating it in Y4. We hope to increase translations for lesser represented languages however we cannot predict the response to our internship ads.	ENA	ENA	ENA

