A European Data Space for Cultural Heritage: Closing the gap.

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In 2021, the European Commission presented a vision for Europe's digital transformation by 2030 followed by the recommendation on a common European Data Space for Cultural Heritage to accelerate the digitisation of cultural heritage assets. Based on Europeana, the European digital cultural platform, the new Cultural Heritage Data Space will allow „the digitisation of all cultural heritage monuments and sites, objects and artefacts for future generations, to protect and preserve those at risk, and boost their reuse in domains such as education, sustainable tourism and cultural creative sectors."

In the past two years, the pandemic pushed digitalization to the top of the agenda of cultural heritage institutions and revealed their different paces of digitisation processes or implementing digital tools. However, great showcases do exist and are spread all over the field – the challenge now is to create joint links and build up one strong network including all relevant stakeholders such as institutions, organizations, professionals, experts and civil society.

In the round table cultural heritage and digital professionals are invited to present best practices and showcases of heritage digitisation in an open and less firmly atmosphere to identify existing synergies and examine opportunities of a common data space in order to reveal its potential for the heritage sector and close the gap between resources and needs. The setting allows the exchange between professionals with diverse backgrounds (museum workers, artists, scientists, technologists, decision-makers) and encourages to share experiences from any field and position. Thematic segments supporting the European Data Space for Cultural Heritage, e.g. Participation, Accessibility, Interoperability or Sustainability structure the session and open the dialogue amongst different stakeholders.

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