

Investing in Curation

A Shared Path to Sustainability
Actions for Curation Researchers



4C



Collaboration to Clarify
the Costs of Curation















What the 4C Roadmap means for you!

The Vision

In five years time (2020) it will be easier to design or procure more cost effective and efficient digital curation services because the costs, benefits and the business cases for doing so will be more widely understood across the curation lifecycle and by all relevant stakeholders. Cost modelling will be part of the planning and management activities of all digital repositories.

Curation Researchers

Those with the remit & the expertise to tackle emerging digital curation challenges & to define new methods and processes for the long-term management of digital assets.

Message	What	When				
		2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
<i>Identify the value of digital assets and make choices</i>	Conduct research into automatic appraisal and selection techniques based on codified value criteria.					
<i>Demand and choose more efficient systems</i>	Undertake research work to minimise subjectivity and clarify & standardise definitions of benefits. Develop tools that facilitate the implementation of standards.					
<i>Develop scalable services and infrastructure</i>	Optimise workflows and design procedures that will handle large volumes and complex digital objects					
<i>Design digital curation as a sustainable service</i>	Continue research into sustainable business models and examine how to standardise divergent current practices.					
<i>Make funding dependent on costing digital assets across the whole lifecycle</i>	Further develop resources that will simplify cost modelling & comparison for digital curation. Engage in additional pathfinder research to refine methods & decrease costs.					
<i>Be collaborative and transparent to drive down costs</i>	Examine, evaluate, assess and report on the impact of being collaborative and transparent about costs and benefits information.					

See <http://4cproject.eu/rmfeedback> for more information about the **Investing in Curation** roadmap and for an opportunity to feedback. See <http://curationexchange.org> for tools to help understand curation costs