

Investing in Curation

A Shared Path to Sustainability
Actions for Data Users (and re-users)



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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.

Data Users (and re-users)

Those with an interest in using and re-using the curated data, the 'designated communities'.

Message	What	When				
		2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
<i>Identify the value of digital assets and make choices</i>	Content experts to work with technologists to establish value criteria and represent 'designated communities'.					
<i>Demand and choose more efficient systems</i>	Demand better and more standardised interfaces to data and metadata making data more usable and thus demonstrating its value.					
<i>Develop scalable services and infrastructure</i>	Demand delivery of assets and access to resources that suit the needs of users rather than fit within the constraints of current services and infrastructure.					
<i>Design digital curation as a sustainable service</i>	Methodically and empirically assert the value of digital assets and work with practitioners and managers to undertake cost/benefit analyses.					
<i>Make funding dependent on costing digital assets across the whole lifecycle</i>	Work with practitioners, researchers & policy makers to establish a better understanding of the variable asset value across the digital lifecycle & the impact of digital curation on that value.					
<i>Be collaborative and transparent to drive down costs</i>	Understand the role & purpose of the 'designated community' for curation & ensure that managers & policy makers include users in consultation and steering groups for digital curation initiatives.					

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