Investing in Curation

A Shared Path to Sustainability
Actions for Solution Providers

What the 4C Roadmap means for you!

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Collaboration to Clarify the Costs of Curation

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.

Solution Providers

Those with incentives (commercially or community-driven) to develop & disseminate products that will support digital curation activity at either the services or solutions level.

Message	What	When 2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Identify the value of digital assets and make choices	Build on existing tools (e.g. file format registries) to provide automated selection & appraisal tools.		●	●	●	
Demand and choose more efficient systems	Work with customers and the community to develop, explain and simplify standard practices. Meet customers half-way in specifying solutions and by making pricing models and implementation options clear & understandable.	●	●	●		
Develop scalable services and infrastructure	Pay close attention to the need to build scalability into services. Offer solutions that are vigorously tested and provide transparent, benchmarked performance in response to more sophisticated specifications.	●	●	●	●	
Design digital curation as a sustainable service	Participate in setting standards & focus on long-term interoperability of design in software & infrastructure. Focus on openness & collaboration & building a sustainable & inclusive market place.	●	●	●	●	
Make funding dependent on costing digital assets across the whole lifecycle	Work with practitioners and researchers to build accounting and budgeting modules into curation systems.		●	●		
Be collaborative and transparent to drive down costs	Come up with good descriptions of the benefits frameworks and the curation objectives that systems & solutions support to complement clear pricing & costs 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