

# Investing in Curation

A Shared Path to Sustainability  
**Actions for Policy Makers (Resource  
Providers / Data Owners)**



## 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.*

# 4C



Collaboration to Clarify  
the Costs of Curation

## Policy Makers (Resource Providers / Data Owners)

Those with responsibility for dictating the type and quality of required digital curation activity / funding / establishing the framework of ownership around data.

Message	What	When				
		2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
<i>Identify the value of digital assets and make choices</i>	Establish requirements for digital asset value assessment as part of data management and curation planning.					
<i>Demand and choose more efficient systems</i>	Promote good practice and training so that integrated and standardised digital curation tools and services have a higher profile					
<i>Develop scalable services and infrastructure</i>	Provide domain-wide shared infrastructures to exploit economies of scale					
<i>Design digital curation as a sustainable service</i>	Provide domain-wide shared infrastructures to exploit economies of scale. Design funding constraints to ensure that sustainable digital curation is underpinned by proven cost-effectiveness					
<i>Make funding dependent on costing digital assets across the whole lifecycle</i>	Identify where the maintenance of digital assets is a priority & design clauses in support agreements that require an estimation of the whole lifecycle costs of sustaining the assets for as long as they may be needed					
<i>Be collaborative and transparent to drive down costs</i>	Foster a culture of collaboration to understand the costs and benefits of digital curation					

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