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Executive Summary

This Report on ENUMERATE Core Survey 4 [Core Survey 4, 2017] is part of a series and represents the fifth major study into the current state of digitisation in Europe: in 2008 the NUMERIC Study was done, followed in 2011 and 2013 by Core Survey 1 and Core Survey 2, which were organised by the ENUMERATE Thematic Network1. Subsequent surveys were run as part of the Europeana initiative. Core Survey 3 was effectuated between February and May 2015. The present Core Survey 4 firmly establishes the series of biennial research efforts. The survey was organised under the umbrella of Europeana DSI-2. The number of respondents is comparable to 2015: close to 1.000 institutions responded between May and July 2017. The first response dates from May 9th 2017; the last response was registered on July 3rd 2017.

What was different is the level of participation in the various European countries. In some countries (Greece, Poland, the Netherlands) response increased substantially, in others it topped off. As in earlier editions, the ENUMERATE Team was dependent on the cooperation of the network of national coordinators in the EU member states. The survey was published in 12 languages and response came from 28 countries.

The survey topics are here presented under the following headings:

- Digital Collections
- Digitisation Activity
- Digital Access
- Participation
- Digital preservation
- Digitisation expenditures

Highlights of the report’s findings are:

**Digital Collections**

- 82% of institutions in the sample have a digital collection or are engaged in digitisation activities (84% in Core Survey 3; 87% in Core Survey 2; 83% in Core Survey 1);
- 42% of the institutions have a written digital strategy (34% in Core Survey 1; 36% in Core Survey 2; 41% in Core Survey 3);
- Of those institution having a digital strategy this strategy addresses: digitisation of analogue collections (90%); selection and acquisition of digital collections (39%); publishing digital collections (79%) and long-term digital preservation (64%);
- Most institutions curate a rich mix of heritage materials, which confirms the outcomes of both Core Survey 1 to Core Survey 3;
- Most mentioned object type as part of the heritage collection of the institutions is text based (89%) and visual 2D (89%) followed by archival records (74%), time based material (67%) and 3D man-made material (63%). These percentages are close to the percentages in earlier surveys.

**Digitisation Activity**

- 59% of the institutions have born digital items (52% in Core Survey 1, 53% in Core Survey 2, 60% in Core Survey 3);

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1 The results from the previous surveys are published on the ENUMERATE Observatory, [http://pro.europeana.eu/structure/enumerate](http://pro.europeana.eu/structure/enumerate)
On average 58% of the heritage collections has been catalogued in a collection database (this was also found in Core Survey 3);

- On average 22% of the heritage collections has been digitally reproduced (in Core Survey 1, Core Survey 2 and Core Survey 3 these figures were 20%, 17% and 23% respectively);
- 54% still needs to be reproduced (in Core Survey 1 this was 57%; in Core Survey 2 52%; in Core Survey 3 50%);
- For an estimated 24% of the collections there is no need to digitally reproduce collection items (in Core Survey 3 this estimate was 27%).

**Digital Access**

- Overall institutions report that they have 51% of their descriptive metadata online for general use. Libraries are at the high end for this indicator (76%), whereas museums have the lowest score (33%);
- Overall institutions report that they have 36% of their digitally reproduced and born digital heritage collections online for general use. Again libraries are at the high end for this indicator (58%), whereas the category “Other types of institution” have the lowest score (21%);
- As in previous core surveys Academic research is perceived as the most important reason to provide digital access to the collection (graded with a score of 8.8), followed by educational use of the collection (8.5). Least important reason is sales and commercial licensing (2.7);
- 42% of the digital objects managed by the institutions is not available online;
- For the digital objects that are available online 51% is available on the institutional website, which is still the most popular channel for the institutions to provide access to their digital collections;
- In Core Survey 4 respondents foresee a decrease (-4%) in the number of digital objects that will be available through the institutional website in in the next two years (in Core Survey 1 and Core Survey 2 there was an increase; in Core Survey 3 the decrease was estimated at -5%);
- Channels for which a substantial growth is expected over the next two years are Social media platforms (+25%); Wikipedia (+14%); (other) aggregators (+11%) and Europeana (+5%);

**Participation**

- 49% of all institutions measure the use of digital collections, this is a slightly lower percentage than in previous surveys (42% in Core Survey 1, 51% in Core Survey 2; Core Survey 3 52%);
- 90% of the institutions that do measure the use, use web statistics (this is about the same percentage as in Core Survey 2 and 3);
- A first tentative measurement of the average annual website based visits to digital collections per institution (n=189) is 1,066,613. The usefulness of this kind of data can only be determined after future surveys with a similar question.

**Digital preservation**

- 27% of the institutions have a written digital preservation strategy that is endorsed by the management (23% in Core Survey 1; 26% in Core Survey 2 and Core Survey 3);

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2 Based on a scale of 1 to 10, where 1 is ‘not important’ and 10 is ‘very important’
45% of the institutions do not yet have a solution for long term preservation based on international standards for digital preservation (this was 48% in Core Survey 2; 47% in Core Survey 3)

National archives and national libraries are ‘front runners’ in using digital archives that meet the international criteria for long term preservation.

**Digitisation Expenditures**

- The estimated average budget for digital collections is €446,271 (however, this figure is highly determined by a few institutions with very large budgets);
- An average of 11 (Core Survey 3: 8) people are involved on a full-time basis in digital collection activities: 7 fte paid staff and 4 fte volunteers (the ratio in Core Survey 2 was 5:3; in Core Survey 3 it was 6:2);
- About 53% of the costs are qualified as being incidental cost and 47% are structural costs. This is more or less the same ratio that emerged in Core Survey 2 and 3.
- In Core Survey 4 73% of the costs are in-house costs (Core Survey 3 74%) and 27% are out-of-pocket costs for external service providers (in Core Survey 2 this was 26%);
- Digital collection activities are funded by internal budgets (90% of the institutions). National public grants are available to 43% of the respondents. 18% receive regional or local public grants. The results are very similar to the results of Core Survey 1, 2 and 3.

**General conclusions**

- Overall, the results of the 4th ENUMERATE core survey are in line with the findings in previous ENUMERATE surveys. This observation strengthens the ENUMERATE team in the assumption that the methodology and the conceptual framework of the ENUMERATE core survey is by now tried and tested.
- Some results of CS4 demonstrate a sure but steady increase of the impact of digitisation on the institutions (e.g. the number of staff and volunteers); some appear to be steady across all surveys; others may even show a small decline compared to earlier findings. This does not necessarily mean that the cultural heritage sector is regressing. One possible explanation for the lower outcomes could be the changes among the population of respondents. Some results from previous editions of the ENUMERATE survey were sometimes criticized for being too positive, as the respondents may belong to the group of frontrunners in the area of digitisation of cultural heritage. So the lower values in this survey report might indicate a small correction on previous findings. However, as the data submitted by the respondents is treated anonymously, this cannot be verified.
- Given the fact that the differences among the results of the four surveys are small (if at all present), the question is justified whether the distance in time between the surveys is significant enough. Perhaps the frequency of a biennial survey proves to be too high. The ENUMERATE team recommends to have a discussion with all the stakeholders of this survey (Europeana, EU-DG CNCT, DCHE and the national coordinators) to decide whether the ENUMERATE core survey should be held every 4 or 5 years. This may also solve another issue: the number of respondents to the ENUMERATE Core Surveys show a steady decline across the years. If there are no major changes to report, an institution will be less likely to participate again in a new survey.
- Finally, the level of responses to Core Survey 4 proves the importance of the national coordinators. Only some countries will be able to process the ENUMERATE data into a national country report. We cannot stress enough the need for a strong commitment from and support for the national coordinators (who volunteered to do this) and the policy makers they represent. We call on all the stakeholders mentioned above to make this happen in future surveys.
1. Introduction: the state of digitisation in European memory institutions

With Core Survey 4 the ENUMERATE team builds on the experience and results of earlier EU supported survey efforts, starting with the NUMERIC Study of 2008; Core Survey 1 and 2 in 2011 and 2013 - major accomplishments of the ENUMERATE Thematic Network -, and Core Survey 3, which was the first survey under the auspices of Europeana.

The present Core Survey 4 firmly establishes the series of biennial research efforts among European memory institutions: institutions having collections that need to be preserved for future generations. The survey focusses on the state of digitisation, i.e. the size and growth of digital heritage collections; the channels through which these are published to the intended audiences, open for use and reuse; and the policies and costs involved.

All mentioned survey efforts helped shaping the ENUMERATE Conceptual Framework, which is now a fairly consistent methodology for monitoring the state of [European] digital heritage collections: the progress made in the creation, management, use and preservation of digital collections in European cultural heritage institutions. Both the conceptual framework and the results of the subsequent surveys are made accessible on the Europeana Professional website.

In this report are thus presented the results of Core Survey 4. Using part of the Europeana budget our research was funded by the European Commission within the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF).

The available budget for developing and implementing the survey was modest compared to the first two editions (as part of the Thematic Network funding), but more or less similar to the budget for Core Survey 3. However, we had to redo the programming of the questionnaire. In Core Survey 3 we could mostly reuse the application that was developed for the preceding survey, but changes in the questionnaire - the content and structure was modified - forced the ENUMERATE Team to program the online questionnaire afresh.

To avoid budget overruns instruments used to implement the survey, other than the online questionnaire, were left unaltered as much as possible. The Guide to Managing the ENUMERATE Core Survey 4 was an updated version of the guide used for Core Survey 3. Covering letters and other communication tools were reused with only minor adaptations.

The existent network of national coordinators was revitalised to represent the ENUMERATE Team in all the EU member states. In about one third of the countries new representatives were invited to join the project. Unfortunately in 5 EU member states the search for (new) coordinators took too much time and was unsuccessful in the end. Also some other Europeana but non-EU member states participated again in the survey.

An Amsterdam-based research & survey company, Bureau Lahaut, was contracted to program the twelve translations of the survey and assist in minor adjustments in the test phase. The ENUMERATE team at DEN took care of all other activities: launching the survey; inviting respondents in cases where lists of e-mail addresses were available; explaining the methodology; giving advice to national coordinators; responding to questions; etc.

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3 Cf. question #4 of the Core Survey 4 questionnaire: [http://pro.europeana.eu/page/core-survey-4](http://pro.europeana.eu/page/core-survey-4)
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Due to the limited budget, a central database with contact details could not be constructed, as was in fact also the case in Core Survey 3. It was up to the national coordinators, with the help of the guidance offered by the ENUMERATE team, to stipulate a procedure for inviting the memory institutions.

In some countries a more or less complete database covering memory institutions was available (the GOLD scenario). In most countries however such a database is lacking. In these cases a sample of e-mail addresses based on a wide range of sources was used (SILVER scenario). In general social media and websites were also used to invite institutions to participate in the project. The Guide to Managing the ENUMERATE Core Survey 4 offers hints and tips to construct representative samples. The least labour intensive, but also the least successful approach in terms of responsiveness, was to use an open call to participate (BRONZE scenario).

An open link to a so-called Enumerate core survey 4 language selection page was the access point to the online questionnaires for all respondents. Respondents were asked to identify themselves, in order to un-duplicate responses from more than one staff member from the same institution, and for the ENUMERATE team to be able to send personalised response forms.

In this report results are presented fairly straightforward, the collected data have been anonymised and where possible. Generic comparisons are made with the results of the earlier NUMERIC and ENUMERATE Core Survey outcomes.
2. Response to the survey

The first completed survey was registered on May 9th 2017. At the time of closing the survey (July 3rd 2017) the number of fully completed questionnaires was 806. A larger number of respondents showed some activity, however, and the number of actually usable responses amounts to 983. Respondents came from 28 countries, including a few non-EU and even non-European countries. The latter were left out in the analysis phase.

2.1 Response per country

The Netherlands, Poland and Sweden show the highest numbers of respondents. Quite a few Central and East European countries have good results too, for example the Czech Republic, Hungary, Lithuania and Slovenia. There is a striking decrease in the number of responses in Germany and Spain. On the whole the even distribution of response numbers in earlier core surveys has changed into a more pronounced picture: some countries perform remarkably well, in others the response is disappointing. Active involvement of the national coordinators proved to be the decisive factor.
2.2 Response per type of institution

As in earlier surveys a larger number of respondents opted for the ‘Other type of institution’ category, meaning that these respondents did not self-classify their institution in one of the standard categories that are shown in the questionnaire. Often these institutions are responsible for heritage collections of a hybrid nature, and therefore they don’t fit easily into one of the “classic” institution types, as proposed for instance by organisations such as EGMUS in the domain of museums.

Initially, respondents from 220 institutions labelled themselves as Other type of institution. We were able to re-assign 120 institutions to other categories based on their description of the

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6 Not included in the analysis.
in institution and website. More frequently than in the 2015 survey the category *Museum of archaeology or history* was selected. The general rule adhered to is that if a respondent indicated that a museum could be assigned to more than one EGMUS category, the more comprehensive category should be selected. Also, 72 of the respondents in the initial ‘Other type of institution’ described themselves as a museum, but didn’t select a museum from the EGMUS classification.

Another note that should be made is that a limited number of respondents seem to have filled in the questionnaire for a cluster of institutions. In the survey, we clearly indicated that respondents should only provide data that was directly derived from the heritage department (for instance, a library that is part of a large university, should only provide data about the library department). We’ve taken extreme and unlikely numbers out of the analysis, used the median instead of the mean, or indicated whether strange data occur to minimize this effect.

The results in this report will be analysed for the 4 main categories shown below. This is very similar to the distribution of institutions in Core Survey 3.
2.3 Institutions by Annual budget

A categorisation of institutions according to their annual budget - an indicator of institution size - results in a graph that is very similar to the graph in Core Survey 3. Survey response covers large as well as small institutions. In the 2017 sample 36% of the institutions have an annual budget of over €1 million (32% in Core Survey 3). 10% have a rather small annual budget not exceeding €10,000 (12% in Core Survey 3). The median category is €100,000-€500,000, as in Core Survey 1 and 2. In Core Survey 3 the median was €10,000-€50,000. In the current survey 49% of the institutions are in the categories above €500,000. In Core Survey 3 this was 43%. So on average, the survey response represents slightly larger institutions than in the previous survey.
2.4 Institutions by Number of paid staff

Another indicator for the size of an institution is the number of paid staff in full-time equivalents (FTE). The average institution size in this survey was 64 FTE, which is considerably lower than in Core Survey 3 where the value was 118 FTE.

Figure 2.4.1: Average size of institutions by number of paid staff (n=802)

A methodological complication that shows up in this question - and that, moreover, may have caused the unlikely high average in Core Survey 3 - is the apparent variance in the statistical unit. If a few extreme outliers are excluded (10 in total) the averages per institutions are probably more realistic. See Figure 2.4.1.

Figure 2.4.2: Average and median size of institutions by number of paid staff; outliers removed (n=792)

Figure 2.4.2 shows the median and average values of paid staff numbers when the outliers are removed. (n=792). In this survey the median institution size is 16 FTE, whereas the values of the median in the previous core surveys varied between 12 and 15 FTE.7

7 As in previous surveys in this question it was explicitly asked to fill in the number of FTE of the staff involved in the heritage department of the institution. Although the instructions were straightforward - if your institution is part of a
3. Collections and Digitisation activity [Supply]

3.1 Long-term collection care

The ENUMERATE Core Surveys focus on memory institutions, loosely defined as: institutions having collections that need to be preserved for future generations. Based on the answers given to the question that was used to check this, the population seems to be relatively well targeted in Core Survey 4, where on the whole about 8% of the respondents did not represent a memory institution. In Core Survey 3 it was 10%. In Core Survey 1 and Core Survey 2 these percentages were 17% and 8% respectively.

Respondents from institutions without long-term collection care were removed from the analysis of the remaining questions and for the main body of questions was skipped automatically. Therefore the analysis results are not affected by the fact that these institutions responded to the call to participate.

Figure 3.1: Percentage of institutions that have collections that need to preserved for future generations. (n=981)

![Bar chart showing percentage of collections need to be preserved across different types of institutions]

3.2 Digital collections

In Core Survey 4 82% in total have a digital collection or are engaged in digitisation activities. This percentage is close to the percentages of Core Survey 1 (83%) and Core Survey 3 (84%). In the series Core Survey 2 is bit of an outlier (87%). In the previous report these differences were tentatively explained by pointing at the proportion of large institutions (high in Core Survey 2) and small institutions (high in the other surveys). The data in Core Survey 4 seem to indicate that there is another factor to take into consideration, besides the size of the institutions. With previous surveys, it was assumed that a bias existed as most of the institutions that were willing to participate already belonged to a group of frontrunners of digitisation in Europe. The slightly lower percentage in this Core Survey 4 could indicate that we have been able to reach a slightly larger organisation (e.g. a higher education library that is part of a higher education institution) only provide the numbers of the cultural heritage related unit - it is noticeable that some respondents have focussed on larger unit than was intended. An example is 2816 FTE in an institution with an estimated annual budget in the category € 100,000-500,000. Values were removed from the data if outliers in a sorted arrangement exceeded the previous value by more than twice the number of that previous value.
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different group of institutions this time. So the percentage could be seen as a small correction to previous outcomes.

However, there may be another explanation: almost 10% of the participants that answered “No” to the question “does your organisation have digital collections or is currently involved in collection digitisation activities?” nonetheless did select digital objects in the preceding questions about collection type (see: §3.5).

Figure 3.2: Percentage of institutions with digital collections or engaged in digitisation activities (n=814)

3.3 Digital strategies

3.3.1 Do institutions have digital strategies?

In the three previous surveys there was a steady increase in the percentage of institutions having a written digitisation strategy, in Core Survey 4 the percentage of 42% in total is slightly above that of Core Survey 3 (41%). The figure is substantially higher than in Core Survey 1 (34%) and Core Survey 2 (36%). This looks like a positive trend.

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8 In the calculation of the these percentages respondents answering Do not know to the question Does your organization have a written digital strategy, endorsed by the management of your organisation? were excluded from the analysis.
However, if we compare the number of institutions with a digital strategy to the number of institutions engaged in digitisation activities (see § 3.2), the discrepancy between both indicators - having digital collections/having a written strategy - remains notable: a large portion of the institutions has no policy for extending and managing the digital collections they hold. This is consistent with the other core surveys.

3.3.2 What topics do the digital strategies cover?

In order to determine the relative importance of the topics that are included in the digital strategies of heritage institutions a limited list of 4 pre-defined categories was prepared. It is evident that the Digitisation of analogue collections is the main principal subject in digital strategies: 90% of institutions with a digital strategy checked this topic. Selection and acquisition of digital collections was checked the least (39%). Long-term digital preservation is mentioned most often in libraries (78%) and least often in museums (51%).
3.4 Born digital collections

Born digital heritage collections consist of objects such as digital images, digital video, digital sound, digital art, games or websites. In Core Survey 4 59% of the institutions indicated to collect born digital heritage. This is only slightly below the percentage in Core Survey 3, which was 60%, but it is higher than in Core Survey 2 (53%) and Core Survey 1 (52%).
Born digital collections are most often found in film and AV/broadcasting archives (100%). See Figure 3.4.2. Other institutions collecting substantial amounts of born digital heritage materials are the national and higher education libraries. The distribution of born digital materials across institutions of different types is stable over the years.
3.5 Object types

As in Core Survey 3 only a fairly simple, high-level question about the object types in the collection was included in the questionnaire: *Please select the collection types that are part of the heritage collections of your institution.* We classified heritage materials into the same eight main object types (classes) that were used in the previous core surveys. Respondents were asked to check all relevant collection types in the list, and to indicate whether their institution has these in their analogue and/or digital collections:

- TEXT-BASED RESOURCES (excluding Archival Records)
- VISUAL (2D) RESOURCES (excluding Archival Records)
- ARCHIVAL RESOURCES (not included in 01 or 02)
- 3D MAN-MADE MOVABLE OBJECTS
- NATURAL RESOURCES
- GEOGRAPHY BASED RESOURCES
- TIME BASED RESOURCES
- DIGITAL INTERACTIVE RESOURCES (EXCLUSIVELY DIGITAL)

From the category of text based and visual (2D) resources, archival records were explicitly left out. This was done to avoid the problem of duplication that showed up in Core Survey 3, while the classification still mirrors conventional practice. Overall the results we found are very similar to the results in Core Survey 3.

Most institutions have text-based objects and visual 2D objects in their collections. Over 60% of the institutions also have 3D man-made objects (this was 46% in Core survey 3). There is an increase in the number of institutions mentioning time-based resources (67% in the analogue collection; 62% in the digital collection; in Core Survey 3 these figures were 56% and 54% respectively).

As compared to Core Survey 3 the number of institutions having digital interactive resources has not changed very much (now 46%; in 2015 it was 47%). This last category cannot be compared to the 57% mentioned in §3.4, because not all born digital materials are considered to be interactive (consider for example the differences between a digital photograph and a computer game).

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9 The number of respondents is indicated as 788, which means in this case, that at 788 respondents checked at least one object type category.
Previous core surveys indicated that most institutions have a rich mix of heritage materials. This seems to be confirmed in Core Survey 4.

Below we will present the data about the prevalence of specific resources in Libraries, Archives/other records offices, Museums and Other types of institutions in somewhat more detail. Per graph both the stats for analogue and for digital collections are represented.
3.5.1 Text-based resources (excluding archival materials)

Text-based resources in analogue format can be found in institutions of all types. Text-based digital resources prevail in Libraries. On the whole the number of institutions mentioning having text-based digital resources in analogue format has increased from 83% in 2015 to 89% in 2017.

![Figure 3.5.1: Percentage of institutions with text-based collections (n=788)](image)

3.5.2 Visual 2D resources (excluding archival materials)

Figure 3.5.2 shows the degree to which visual 2D resources can be found in the various types of institutions. Almost all institutions have visual 2D resources, especially analogue, between 81% (libraries) and 93% (museums). The category with the lowest percentage of institutions with digital visual 2d resources is ‘archives/records office’, but this is still 63%. Overall, the differences between the categories are very small.

![Figure 3.5.2: Percentage of institutions with visual 2D collections (n=786)](image)
3.5.3 Archival records

In Core Survey 3 archival records was not an unambiguous category, therefore this type of material was left out of the report. After an adjustment of the methodology archival records are now included here. Most archives indicated they have archival records, but 7% indicated that they have not, so the problem with this category remains.

![Figure 3.5.3: Percentage of institutions with archival records (n=711)](image)

3.5.4 3D man-made resources

The object type 3D man-made movable resources like sculptures and furnishing, can be found mostly in Museums. As compared to the results in Core Survey 3 there is an overall increase of institutions with 3D man-made resources (71% compared to 50% in Core Survey 3), especially for analogue objects (63% compared to 46% in 2015).

![Figure 3.5.4: Percentage of institutions with 3D man-made movable objects (n=693)](image)
3.5.5 Natural resources

Amongst the respondents, 22% of the institution have natural resources. Not surprisingly this type of object is almost exclusively collected by Museums.

Figure 3.5.5: Percentage of institutions with natural resources (n=589)

3.5.6 Geography based resources

Geography based resources, but also the representations of these resources, are collected by 32% of the institutions. They are most often in the collections of Museums (48%) and Other types of institutions (42%).

Figure 3.5.6: Percentage of institutions with geography based resources (n=603)
3.5.7 Time-based resources

Time-based resources are found in all types of institutions (ranging from 68% to 78%). Compared to other collection types, there is not much difference between the percentages for the analogue collection and the digital collection. Also (excluding the category ‘digital interactive resources’), this is the only collection category where the digital form is mentioned more often than the analogue form. This occurs in the category ‘Other type of institution’.

As compared to Core Survey 3 numbers there is overall increase of 10% in this type of resources. Core Survey 3: 56% analogue / 54% digital; Core Survey 4: 67% analogue / 62% digital.

Figure 3.5.7: Percentage of institutions with time-based resources (n=710)

3.5.8 Digital interactive resources (“exclusively digital”)

Born digital interactive resources are found in the collections of all types of institutes. As was explained above this category is more restricted than the category of born digital resources in §3.4. This object type is found most often in Other types of institutions.

Figure 3.5.8: Percentage of institutions with digital interactive resources (n=639)
3.6 Digital cataloguing

In Core Survey 4 on average, 58% of the collections are catalogued in a collections database, according to the estimates of the respondents. This is exactly the same percentage as was found in Core Survey 3 and it is slightly higher than the percentage in Core Survey 2 (54%). For the different institution types the pattern over the years is more or less similar, with one exception: in Core Survey 3 the Other types of institution estimated a digital cataloguing percentage of 60%. In the present survey it is 54%.

Figure 3.6.1: Average (estimated) percentage of the heritage collection catalogued in a collection database (n=784)

If we focus on the subclasses of institution types, the data are more revealing. Figure 3.6.2 shows the detailed data.
As compared to the results of Core Survey 3 it is noteworthy that the cataloguing total is exactly 58% in both surveys. Same percentages are also found for museums of art; public libraries; other archives / records offices and on the whole the percentages for the other institution types are fairly similar too. For institutions for performing arts the percentage is dramatically lower in Core Survey 4, but the low number of respondents in this category makes any conclusion based on this difference tentative at best.

3.7 Digitisation progress

Based on the data from this Core Survey, on average 22% of the heritage collections has been digitised until June 2017. In Core Survey 3 this figure was 23%. In Core Survey 2 and Core Survey 1 the percentages were 17% and 20% respectively. 54% of the analogue collection still needs to be digitised, whereas in Core Survey 3 this was 50%.

An important side-note is that these are not weighted figures. Institutions with small collections count as having the same in weight as institutions with large collections. Therefore the actual percentage of the digitisation level for all cultural heritage in Europe will most likely be lower.
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Furthermore, the exact European heritage digitisation percentage cannot be calculated based on the current information and estimations.\(^\text{10}\) The median probably provides a more realistic indication than average values. In 2017 median values were exactly the same as they were in 2015:

- 10% of analogue heritage collections has been digitally reproduced already
- 50% still needs to be digitally reproduced
- 40% no need to be digitally reproduced

\textbf{Figure 3.7: Estimated percentage of analogue collection that has been digitally reproduced (n=757) or still needs to be reproduced (n=765)}

\(^{10}\) Core Survey 2 included an optional section for institutions to provide more detail on the size of the collections. About a third of the respondents completed this section. Because of the huge amount of work and the low response to these questions, we’ve decided to leave these out in Core Survey 3 and 4.
4. Digital access

4.1 Availability online of heritage collections metadata

The statistics of online availability of metadata and digital (object) collections were introduced in the Core Survey 3 report. This is the first opportunity to verify the data collected in 2015. On the whole, the pattern in 2017 is congruent with what we found in 2015. Libraries are headliner with on average 76% of their metadata online (68% in Core Survey 3). Museums are lagging behind: 33% of metadata online (31% in Core Survey 3). For the total of institutions the average is 51% (45% in Core Survey 3).

Please keep in mind that the data provided here relates to those institutions that actually have digital catalogues. Here too it should be noted that these percentages are not weighted figures. Institutions with small collections count as having the same in weight as institutions with large collections.

Figure 4.1: Average percentage of metadata available online for general use (n=566)

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<td>76%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Museum</td>
<td>33%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Archive</td>
<td>58%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other type of institution</td>
<td>37%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>51%</td>
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4.2 Availability online of digitally reproduced and born digital heritage collections

Overall the present data seem to indicate a growth in the online availability of digital content. In 2015 the overall average was 32%; in 2017 this figure is 36%. Some comments on the Core Survey 3 report stated that the figures were exaggerated, possibly because institutions with digital content online are overrepresented.

As compared to Core Survey 3 data the Other types of institution have a slightly lower figure (21% in Core Survey 4; 35% in 2015).
Figure 4.2.1: Average percentage of collections available online for general use (n=560)

Please note that these percentages are not weighted figures as explained in 4.1.

In the figure below, we compare the percentage of metadata that is available online with the percentage of digital collections. The n for both questions is almost the same (566 for metadata and 560 for collections) so almost all institutions provide online access to both the metadata and the collection, but there are still parts of the digital collection that can only be accessed as metadata, or not accessed at all online.

Figure 4.2.2: Average percentage of metadata (n=566) and collections (n=560) available online for general use
4.3 Copyright conditions

New in the 2017 issue of the Core Survey is a general question on copyright conditions. Institutions were asked to provide insight into the situation in their institution: *Estimate the percentages of your entire digital collection for which the following copyright conditions apply*, where the options were: Public domain / Copyright ownership is held by the institution / Copyright ownership is held by a third party / Copyright conditions other/unknown. This was asked both for metadata and full content.

![Figure 4.3: Average percentage of copyright conditions for full content and metadata](image)

The situation is notably more complicated for full content than it is for metadata. The average of the combined conditions *Owned by third party/Unknown copyright* is 32% for full content, whereas for metadata it is only 15%.

In libraries the situation for metadata seems to be the least troublesome: only 10% is *Owned by third party/Unknown copyright*. In Other types of institutions this is 30%.

Also for full content the situation in Other types of institutions seems to be most troublesome: 45% of the material falls in the category *Owned by third party/Unknown copyright*. Here the data suggest that museums are the least problematic (25%).
4.3.1 Status of copyright conditions for metadata

**Figure 4.3.1: Average percentage of copyright conditions (METADATA) per institution type (n=474)**

- **Library (n=136)**
  - Public domain: 37%
  - Copyright ownership held by third party: 21%
  - Copyright ownership held by institution: 15%
  - Copyright conditions other/unknown: 6%

- **Museum (n=162)**
  - Public domain: 36%
  - Copyright ownership held by third party: 30%
  - Copyright ownership held by institution: 14%
  - Copyright conditions other/unknown: 7%

- **Archive/other records office (n=122)**
  - Public domain: 33%
  - Copyright ownership held by third party: 26%
  - Copyright ownership held by institution: 15%
  - Copyright conditions other/unknown: 7%

- **Other type of institution (n=54)**
  - Public domain: 30%
  - Copyright ownership held by third party: 21%
  - Copyright ownership held by institution: 16%
  - Copyright conditions other/unknown: 13%

- **Total (n=474)**
  - Public domain: 30%
  - Copyright ownership held by third party: 21%
  - Copyright ownership held by institution: 18%
  - Copyright conditions other/unknown: 7%

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4.3.2 Status of copyright conditions for full content

**Figure 4.3.2: Average percentage of copyright conditions (FULL CONTENT) per institution type (n=506)**

- **Library (n=146)**
  - Public domain: 28%
  - Copyright ownership held by third party: 19%
  - Copyright ownership held by institution: 20%
  - Copyright conditions other/unknown: 12%

- **Museum (n=175)**
  - Public domain: 29%
  - Copyright ownership held by third party: 12%
  - Copyright ownership held by institution: 17%
  - Copyright conditions other/unknown: 15%

- **Archive/other records office (n=127)**
  - Public domain: 25%
  - Copyright ownership held by third party: 17%
  - Copyright ownership held by institution: 15%
  - Copyright conditions other/unknown: 15%

- **Other type of institution (n=58)**
  - Public domain: 39%
  - Copyright ownership held by third party: 18%
  - Copyright ownership held by institution: 15%
  - Copyright conditions other/unknown: 17%

- **Total (n=506)**
  - Public domain: 31%
  - Copyright ownership held by third party: 20%
  - Copyright ownership held by institution: 17%
  - Copyright conditions other/unknown: 15%
4.4 Reasons for providing digital access

Institutions were asked to indicate the importance of a number of reasons to provide digital access to their collections. Answers are given on a 10-point scale ranging from 1 = not important to 10 = very important. In three successive surveys the pattern of responses does not vary much.

Academic research in each consecutive survey is perceived as the most important reason to provide digital access to the collection. Second comes the educational use of the collection. Sales and commercial licensing is mentioned as the least important reason. The numbers are on the whole more or less identical to those in Core Survey 2 and 3.

**Figure 4.4:** Collections are made accessible to the public for various reasons. How important is each of the following types of use for your institution? Mean results (n=575)

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<th>Importance Score</th>
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<td>Educational use</td>
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<td>Reducing the use of physical originals</td>
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<td>Personal enjoyment</td>
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<td>Creative reuse/remix</td>
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<td>Ideological, religious and commemorative use</td>
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<td>Other types of use</td>
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<td>Sales, commercial licensing</td>
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4.5. Channels used to offer access to the digital collections

A large number of access channels is available today. What percentage of today’s digital collections is published online, and what percentage can only be accessed within the institution (offline)? And what channels are popular in bringing digital collections to the public?

In Core Survey 3 the leading question was phrased as: *Please indicate the estimated percentage of all digital objects you have that are and/or will be accessible through mentioned access options:* … - where respondents could differentiate between offline and online access, and for the online part between the specific access channels used by their institutions.

Although great care was taken to phrase these questions, the collected data appeared to be ambiguous for the differentiation between offline and online access channels. Therefore the focus below is on the estimates of online accessible materials. The questions in this section of the Core Survey will have to be rephrased in future surveys.
4.5.1 Offline and online accessibility of digital collections

In figure 4.5.1.1 the percentages mentioned for online accessible objects are presented, disaggregated for the different collection types. Please note that only institutions that answered with percentages in mutually exclusive categories are represented in the sample. If we drop this condition, n is 486, but the values for online accessibility are nevertheless very similar (Archives 56%; Museums 45%; Libraries 75%; Other types of institution 38%; Total 56%).

It is important to note that these percentages do not refer to the entire (analogue) collections. This is only about the collections of digitised and born digital materials. The average estimated percentage of online accessible digital objects is 58%.

If the offline materials are taken into account, then the data suggest that in museums and other types of institution more than half of their digital objects is not online (52% and 66% respectively). See Figure 4.5.1.2. A possible explanation is that copyright conditions interfere with publishing digital collections online. It would be interesting to differentiate between institutions with recent and older heritage materials. However, the current data do not support such an analysis.

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**Figure 4.5.1.1: Estimated percentage of digital objects that are accessible online (n=363)**

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<td>48%</td>
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<td>Library</td>
<td>74%</td>
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<td>Other type of institution</td>
<td>34%</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>58%</td>
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**Figure 4.5.1.2: Percentages of all digital objects available for use (n=363)**

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<td>Archive</td>
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<td>24%</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>58%</td>
<td>39%</td>
<td>21%</td>
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4.5.2 Popularity of the main online access channels

In a separate question we investigated the popularity of the main online access channels. This is a topic where rapid changes occur. Even within the time span of two years some channels may become obsolete, whereas others may suddenly increase in popularity. The focus in our analysis is on these trends.\(^{11}\)

As compared to earlier issues of the ENUMERATE Core Survey the overall pattern of responses in Core Survey 4 is in many ways similar. We found substantially higher averages for most of the online access channels, but due to the precariousness of the estimates it is not possible to jump to firm conclusions here. Also, we asked whether they use the channel or intend to use the channel in the future, so we need to keep this ambiguity in mind.

**Figure 4.5.2.1:** Percentage of respondents that mentioned a specific access channel, in use in 2017 (n=506)

In Figure 4.5.2.1 are represented the percentages of institutions that mentioned a specific access channel. So for instance 83% of institutions (n=506) estimated how much of their online collections are accessible on the institutional website, where the estimate on average was 51% (in Core Survey 3 this was 55%). Likewise 40% of the institutions made an estimate for the accessibility of their collections through Europeana, with an estimate on average of 37% (in Core Survey 3 this was 22%). Figure 4.5.2.2 displays the access channels in the same order as in Figure 4.5.2.1, but here the numbers refer to the percentage of the digital collections that institutions using a specific channel have made accessible in 2017.

\(^{11}\) Again this question is only about the *digital objects* that are online accessible. Percentages are not related to that part of the heritage collections that has not been digitally reproduced (yet).
If we focus on the relative connection between estimate and prognosis it is remarkable that a finding in Core Survey 3, that respondents foresee a reversal for the institutional website, seems to be confirmed by Core Survey 4 data. In Figure 4.5.2.3 are presented in what direction and in what degree respondents foresee an increase in the accessibility through various channels.

**Figure 4.5.2.3:** Expected growth of access channels based on individual prognoses per institution 2017-2019
5. Participation
In earlier issues of the Core Survey the four main headings to organise the selected digital collection indicators were Size/Growth of digital collections; Access to digital collections; the Cost of digital collections and Preservation. In Core Survey 4 we deliberately separated the heading Access into on the one hand all that is being done to offer access to digital collections, and on the other the actual use (and the monitoring of it) of these collections online. This chapter on participation addresses actual use.

5.1 Measuring the use of digital collections

5.1.1 Percentages of institutions measuring

Over the years the number of institutions monitoring the use of their digital collections unchanged. In Core Survey 1 on average 42% of all institutions monitored the use of the collection. In Core Survey 2 we found a percentage of 51%. In Core Survey 3 the overall percentage is 52%. In Core Survey 4 we found that an average of 49% of all institutions monitor the use of their collection.

Figure 5.1.1: Does your organisation measure the number of times that digital metadata and/or digital objects are being accessed by your users? (n=577)

![Pie chart showing 49% Yes and 51% No.]

Figure 5.1.2: Does your organisation measure the number of times that digital metadata and/or digital objects are being accessed by your users? (n=577)

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<th>Institution Type</th>
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<td>50%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Museum</td>
<td>36%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Library</td>
<td>67%</td>
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<td>Other type of institution</td>
<td>43%</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>49%</td>
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5.1.2 How the institutions are measuring

As in previous Core Surveys respondents were asked to indicate how the use of the digital collections of their institution is measured. The outcomes for this question are fairly consistent over the years.

**Figure 5.1.2.1: Percentage of institutions that uses a certain option to measure online collection use (n=288)**

Website statistics is a widely used way to measure the use of the digital collections. 90% of the institutions that measure digital access use web statistics. This is equal to the percentages we found in Core Survey 2 and 3. The same question in Core Survey 1 resulted in a use of web statistics of 85% of the responding institutions.

Database statistics are used by 41% (in Core Survey 3 this was 41%, in Core Survey 2 it was 47% and in Core Survey 1 36%). User studies account in the present survey for 23% (Core Survey 3 20%; Core Survey 2 24%; Core Survey 1 16%). Probably these fluctuations are negligible.

In the second Core Survey, for the first time we asked for any measuring of the use of social media statistics. In Core Survey 1, this option was not included. The outcome in the 2013-2014 survey was that a percentage of 32% of the institutions made use of social media statistics. In Core Survey 3 this was 38%. In the latest data this percentage is 30% (Core Survey 4).
5.2 Number of visits to the digital collections on the institutional website

For the first time, we asked institutions that measure their website statistics to provide the number of visits over the last year. Only a few institutions were able to provide a number. In total, the average of visits to the institutional website is over a million per year. Please note that this is the number of visits, not the number of unique visitors. Future surveys will have to show whether this type of data proves to be useful.
If we compare the overall budgets with the number of website visits, the data show that on average, institutions with larger budgets have more website visits.
6. Digital preservation

6.1 Digital preservation strategy

In §3.3 it was found that 42% of institutions in the sample have a written digital strategy. Respondents that selected the option “Do not know” were removed from the sample (making n=798). It was also asked to specify the topics covered, with Long-term digital preservation as one of the options. In Core Survey 3, this was asked in a separate question.\textsuperscript{12}

Figure 6.1.1 shows the percentage of respondents that indicated that the topic of digital preservation is covered in the strategy document of their organisation. The overall percentage is 27% in Core Survey 4. In Core Survey 2 and 3 this was 26%, but the question was phrased slightly different in the earlier surveys.

Zooming in on the different institution types it is apparent that Archives score higher in 2017 (31% in Core Survey 4; 23% in Core Survey 3); whereas the percentage for Other types of institution is much lower now (25% in Core Survey 4; 35% in Core Survey 3).

As in 2015 and now based on Core Survey 4 findings it is justified to conclude that the majority of memory institutions in Europe do not have a formal strategy for digital preservation.

\begin{figure}[h]
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\caption{Institutions with a written digital strategy on long-term digital preservation (n=798)}
\end{figure}

Breaking the graph down to the level of specific institution types suggests that there is a gap between (large) national institutions, like the national libraries and archives, and institutions that by nature are smaller in size. National archives are now leading (66%) whereas in Core Survey 3 the percentage was 43%. National libraries have exactly the same percentage as in Core Survey 3 (65%).

For some of the institutions with few respondents percentages shift dramatically, due to the low number of responses across the surveys: e.g. institutions for performing arts (Core Survey 3 67%, with n=3; Core Survey 4 11%, with n=9) and Institutions for monument care (Core Survey 3 50%, with n=4; Core Survey 4 7%, with n=14).

\textsuperscript{12} In Core Survey 3 the question was: “Does your organisation have a written Digital Preservation Strategy, which is endorsed by the management of your organisation?”
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**Figure 6.1.2**: Institutions (specified) with a written digital strategy on Preservation (n=798)

- National archive (n=44): 66%
- National library (n=17): 65%
- Film institute (n=4): 50%
- Audio-visual / broadcasting archive (n=8): 38%
- Higher education library (n=42): 31%
- Other (please specify below) (n=57): 28%
- Museum of natural history or natural science (n=18): 28%
- Museum of art (n=74): 27%
- Public library (n=92): 25%
- Museum of ethnography or anthropology (n=24): 25%
- Special or other type of library (n=53): 23%
- Other archive / records office (n=144): 21%
- Museum of science or technology (n=28): 21%
- Museum of archaeology or history (n=176): 20%
- Institution for performing arts (n=9): 11%
- Institution for monument care (n=14): 7%
- Total (n=798): 27%
6.2 Use of international standards for digital preservation

The percentages in each row of Figure 6.2.1 do not sum up to 100% because of the category ‘do not know’ which is not presented in the figure.

Figure 6.2.1: Are (parts of) your digital collections stored in digital archives that have been set up according to international standards for digital preservation? (n=577)

-75% -50% -25% 0% 25% 50% 75%

- Archive/records office
- Museum
- Library
- Other type of institution
- Total

- Yes, we have our own digital archive that meets the international criteria for long term preservation
- Yes, our digital collections are archived in a publicly managed professional digital archive
- Yes, our digital collections are archived in a privately managed professional digital archive
- No, we do not have a solution yet for the long term preservation of our digital collections

About 45% of the respondents do not have a solution yet for long term preservation based on international standards for digital preservation. In Core Survey 2 this was 48% and in Core Survey 3 it was 47%. This percentage might be even a bit higher as about 7% indicated to not know the answer to this question.
Figure 6.1.2: Are your digital collections stored in digital archives that have been set up according to international standards for digital preservation? (n=577)

Large differences are visible when the institution types are compared. In previous surveys the national libraries were clear ‘front runners’ when it comes to having a digital archive that meets the international criteria for long term preservation, while other institutions still had a long way to go. The results from this year’s survey show that the ‘front runner’-position of the national libraries (89% with a solution) is shared with national archives (86%) and film institutes (80%).
7. Digitisation Expenditures

7.1 Internal and external budgets

Costs made on an annual basis on creating, acquiring, maintaining, enhancing and preserving the digital collections (the “total cost of ownership”) can be funded by internal budgets and external budgets. The sum is an estimate of all the costs related to the initial creation, ongoing maintenance, enhancement and preservation of the digital collections. The cost of the staff time devoted to such activities is included in the estimates.

On average the costs related to curating digital collections are quite substantial, summing up to €446,271. The median for the total costs is much lower: €20,000,- in Core Survey 4 (this was €15,300 in Core Survey 3 and €15,600 in Core Survey 2). It is important to note here that most of the amounts in the graph are averages.

On the whole the cost estimates in Core Survey 4 are substantially higher than in previous editions of the survey. This may be an effect of the relatively high budgets of the larger institutions (see to §2.3); it may also be an indication of the growing importance of having digital collections. The fluctuations in the data over the years do not justify drawing firm conclusions.

Figure 7.1: Total cost of ownership: annual expenditures on digital collections (n=445)
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7.2 Incidental and structural costs

About 53% of the costs are qualified as being incidental cost (this is the same percentage as was found in Core Survey 2; in Core Survey 3 it was 52%) and the remainder are structural costs.

- **Incidental costs** are defined as the costs involved with the initial creation or acquisition of a digital collection. Examples: selection of materials, acquisition of digital born materials, scanning, descriptive metadata creation, project management.

- **Structural costs** are the costs needed for the ongoing maintenance, enhancement and preservation of a digital collection. Examples: activities concerning the preservation of digital collections, licences, maintenance of web servers, user outreach and support, management.

There is a marked difference for Libraries (52% Structural costs in Core Survey 3; 39% here).

**Figure 7.2.1:** Estimation of the percentage of the total annual expenditures on creating/acquiring, maintaining, enhancing and preserving digital collections. Incidental costs compared to structural costs. (n=430)

If we analyse the distribution of costs per country notable differences stand out. Please remind that the number of respondents per country varies substantially, so we only compared the four countries that have the highest n rate for this question.

**Figure 7.2.2:** Estimated percentage per country of Incidental and Structural annual expenditures on digital collections (n=218)
7.3 In-house costs and outsourced costs

73% of the costs are spent internally, 27% are out-of-pocket costs for external suppliers. These results are very similar to results in Core Survey 2 and 3:

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<td>28%</td>
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<td>Core Survey 3 (2015)</td>
<td>74%</td>
<td>26%</td>
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<td>Core Survey 4 (2017)</td>
<td>73%</td>
<td>27%</td>
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**Figure 7.3**: Estimation of the percentage of the total annual expenditures on creating/acquiring, maintaining, enhancing and preserving digital collections. In-house costs compared to out-sourced costs. (n=431)

7.4 Activities

In Core Survey 2 respondents were asked to estimate what percentages of the Incidental costs can be assigned to a predefined list of activities. Now, about four years later, this same question has been repeated. There is a striking change in the score for a number of activities. The Acquisition of digital born materials is estimated to account for 25% of the Incidental costs, whereas in Core Survey 2 this was only 5%. A smaller percentage of the budget is spent on Metadata creation (10%) and Selection of material for digitisation (2%)(in Core Survey 2 the estimates were 19% and 9% respectively). A bigger part of the budget is spent on Web design & software development (17%; this was 10% in Core Survey 2) and Copyright clearance (8%; 3% in Core Survey 2).
Figure 7.4.1: Estimation of what percentages of the Incidental costs can be assigned to the following activities (n=394)

If we break down these estimates for the different institution types, the figure becomes a bit more nuanced. Web design costs use up a larger part of the budgets for Libraries (19%) and less for Other types of institutions (14%). On average Museums (12%) spent a larger part of their budget on Metadata creation than Archives/records offices (5%).

Figure 7.4.2: Estimation per institution type of what percentages of the Incidental costs can be assigned to the following activities (n=394)

Also in the estimates of Structural cost components some notable shifts occur. Archiving has been valued over the years as the highest cost component (25% now; 23% in Core Survey 2). The maintenance of webservers and services was estimated higher in Core Survey 4 (17%) than...
in Core Survey 2 (13%). Editorial work is now 10%, whereas in Core Survey 2 it was 14%. On the whole the pattern for the structural costs is more consistent over the years.

**Figure 7.4.3:** Estimation of what percentages of the Structural costs can be assigned to the following activities (n=383)

**Figure 7.4.4:** Estimation per institution type of what percentages of the Structural costs can be assigned to the following activities (n=383)
7.5 Paid staff and volunteers

An average of 11 people are involved on a full-time basis in digital collection activities. In Core Survey 3 this average was 8 fte. As compared to the previous core survey the number of paid staff overall has not changed (6 fte); the increase is attributable to the risen number of volunteers (4 fte). In Core Survey 2 the ratio was 5 fte paid staff; 3 fte volunteers.

Figure 7.5: Average percentage of paid staff and volunteers in fulltime FTE dedicated to digital collections and digitisation activities (n=519)

7.6 Funding

When institutions are asked to check out the sources of funding of their digital collection activities the resulting pattern over the years is quite similar. As in the three earlier core surveys by far the largest number of institutions mention internal budgets as a financial source. In Core Survey 4 the percentage is 90%, which is slightly higher than in the previous edition, where it was 88%.

National public grants are available to 43% of institutions (35% in Core Survey 3; whereas in Core Survey 2 this was 40%). In 2017 Regional or local grants are mentioned by 18% (21% Core Survey 3; 22% in Core Survey 2) and for Private funds and legacies the percentage is 11% (Core Survey 3 13%; Core Survey 2 12%). Crowd funding was not mentioned in Core Survey 1. In all successive surveys the percentage of institutions mentioning this funding source was exactly 2%. As compared to Core Survey 3 the percentage for Sales of digital items (10%) is slightly higher than in Core Survey 3 (9%).

Please note that the answers to this question do not indicate the amount of money in the funding. They only refer to the different sources.
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**Figure 7.6.1:** From what sources are your digital collection activities funded? Percentages of institutions, not the percentage of the average budget from the average institution (n=522)

Another way of looking at the collected data is zooming in on the different institution types.

**Figure 7.6.2:** From what sources are your digital collection activities funded? Percentages of institution per type that use one or more sources of funding (n=522)
Appendix – Core Survey 4 Questionnaire

ENUMERATE Core Survey 4
April 2017

1. Background (This information will not be published or shared in any form)

Name of institution / organisation
[input box]

Website of your institution
[input box]
  Provide the address of your institution’s main website that is accessible for the general public.

Your name
[input box]

Your e-mail address
[input box]

SECTION 1/7. Organisational Information

2. Type / Domain of institution / organisation

Specify the primary heading you would assign to your institution.

Please choose only one of the following:

- National archive
- Other archive / records office
- Audio-visual / broadcasting archive
- Film institute
- Institution for performing arts
- Museum of art
- Museum of archaeology or history
- Museum of natural history or natural science
- Museum of science or technology
- Museum of ethnography or anthropology
- National library
- Higher education library
- Public library
- Special or other type of library
- Institution for monument care
- Other (please specify below)

Other type of institution: [input box]

3. Country in which your institution is located

- Albania
- Andorra
- Armenia
- Austria
- Azerbaijan
- Belarus
- Belgium
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
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- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- Cyprus
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Georgia
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Iceland
- Ireland
- Italy
- Kazakhstan
- Kosovo
- Latvia
- Liechtenstein
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Macedonia
- Malta
- Moldova
- Monaco
- Montenegro
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Russia
- San Marino
- Serbia
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Turkey
- Ukraine
- United Kingdom (UK)
- Vatican City
- Other country (specify below)

Other country: [input box]

4. Does your institution have *collections* that need to be preserved for future generations?

[ ] Yes
[ ] No

Answer this question with ‘No’ if your institution does not hold heritage collections or if you only have collections (for example of books, films, music) that can be lend by or sold to users.

###If the answer is No, automatically proceed to o-o-o at the end of the survey.###
5. **What is your institution’s total annual budget?**

### Respondent can choose **only one** of the following:###

- < 10,000 €
- 10,000-50,000 €
- 50,000-100,000 €
- 100,000-500,000 €
- 500,000-1M €
- 1-10M €
- > 10M €

Provide the annual budget for the entire cultural heritage institution as indicated in the last published annual account. If your institution is part of a larger organisation (e.g. a higher education library that is part of a higher education institution) only provide the budget of the cultural heritage related unit.

The total annual budget may include government funding, project funding, revenues from commercial activities, etc. If your budget occurs in two categories (e.g. 50,000 €), please choose the lower category.

6. **Total number of paid staff (in “full time equivalents”, not in number of people)**

[input box] [only 1 decimal accepted, e.g.: 3.7]

The number of “full time equivalents” should represent the total staff employed by your institution, including permanent and temporary staff, but excluding contractors and volunteers. Part-time staff needs to be added up to represent a full working week. If your institution is part of a larger organisation (e.g. a higher education library that is part of a higher education institution) only provide the numbers of the cultural heritage related unit.

Note: the number of staff engaged in “digital collection activities” will be asked for later in the survey (see below).

**SECTION 2/7. Digital Collections (Supply)**

7. **Does your organisation have a *written digital strategy*, endorsed by the management of your organisation?**

[ ] Yes  
[ ] No  
[ ] Do not know  

The strategy may be for any period up to 2022.

8. If Yes, what topics does your digital strategy cover:

[ ] digitisation of analogue collections  
[ ] selection and acquisition of digital collections  
[ ] publishing your digital collections  
[ ] “long-term digital preservation”

9. **Does your organisation collect *born digital heritage*?**

[ ] Yes  
[ ] No  
[ ] Do not know  

Answer this question with ‘yes’ if your institution collects any kind of “born digital heritage” materials (i.e. digital documents, digital art, harvested web content, software etc.) with the explicit intention of preserving these born digital materials for future generations.

10. **Please select the collection types that are part of the heritage collections of your institution**

Please specify the object types that are part of the heritage collections of your institution. The digital collection consists of digitally reproduced analogue objects and born digital objects. An
object that has been catalogued in a database with metadata records only, is not considered to be part of the “digital collection”.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th><em>Collection type</em></th>
<th>In analogue collection y/n</th>
<th>In digital collection y/n</th>
<th>Not applicable</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>(01) TEXT BASED RESOURCES (excluding Archival Records) (Rare printed books, Other printed books, Electronic books (eBooks), Newspapers, Journals, Other serials, Medieval Manuscripts, Other Manuscripts, Microforms and microfilms, Other text based)</td>
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<td>(02) VISUAL (2D) RESOURCES (excluding Archival Records) (Drawings, Engravings / Prints, Maps and ground plans, Paintings, Photographs, Posters, Sheet music, Other visual resources)</td>
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<td>(03) ARCHIVAL RECORDS (not included in 01 or 02) (Government documents, Other archival resources)</td>
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<td>(04) 3D MAN-MADE MOBILE OBJECTS (3 Dimensional works of art, Archaeologic Furnishings and Equipment, Other Furnishings and Equipment, Coins and medals, Other 3 dimensional man-made objects)</td>
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<td>(05) NATURAL RESOURCES (Natural inert specimens, Natural living specimens)</td>
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<td>(06) GEOGRAPHY BASED RESOURCES (Monuments and buildings, Landscapes, Archeological sites, Other geography based resources)</td>
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<td>(07) TIME BASED RESOURCES (Audio files: Music, Audio files: Speech &amp; other (excl. digital audio books; incl. oral history files), Digital audio books, Film, Video recordings, Other time based resources)</td>
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<tr>
<td>(08) DIGITAL INTERACTIVE RESOURCES (EXCLUSIVELY DIGITAL) (Databases (containing cultural heritage metadata), Digital (3D) designs or reconstructions of objects and buildings, Born-digital art objects, Digital research files (incl. GIS files), Games, Software (customised), Websites (and parts of websites), Other born-digital interactive resources)</td>
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Tests have indicated that answering the questions about the size of collections are rewarding, but may be challenging. Some institutions will want to be more specific than is possible here; others may find it difficult to give even the high level estimates asked for. We are convinced that institutions will benefit from an exercise in mapping out digital collections. Please contact us at den@den.nl if you are able to supply this information.

11. Estimate the percentage of your entire heritage collection that has been catalogued in a collection database:

[input box]

The estimated percentage of your entire heritage collections that has been catalogued in a collection database concerns item level descriptions (metadata records) of analogue and born-digital heritage objects.

12. Estimate the percentage of your analogue heritage collections that has already been digitally reproduced:

[input box]

A digital reproduction is a digital surrogate of an original analogue object. Please note that an object that has only been catalogued in a database with metadata records is not considered to be “digitally reproduced”.

13. Estimate the percentage of your analogue heritage collections that still needs to be digitally reproduced:
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[Input box]

14. Does your organisation have "digital collections" or is it currently involved in collection "digitisation" activities?

[ ] Yes
[ ] No

###If the answer is No, automatically proceed to the end of the survey.###

SECTION 3/7. Digital Access

15. What percentage of your descriptive metadata (as recorded in your collection databases) is available online for general use:

[Input box]

This concerns the estimated percentage of the metadata records in your collection database(s) that is available for immediate use on demand by any internet connected person or system, without human intervention.

16. Estimate the percentage of your digitally reproduced and born digital heritage collections that is available online for general use:

[Input box]

This concerns the estimated percentage of the digitally reproduced and born digital objects in your heritage collections that is available for immediate use on demand by any internet connected person or system, without human intervention.

17. Estimate the percentages of your entire digital collection for which the following copyright conditions apply:

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<th>Rights</th>
<th>Full content</th>
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<tr>
<td>Public domain</td>
<td>%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Copyright ownership is held by the institution</td>
<td>%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Copyright ownership is held by a third party</td>
<td>%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Copyright conditions other/unknown</td>
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18. Estimate the percentages of your entire digital collection for which the following copyright conditions apply:

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<th>Rights</th>
<th>Metadata</th>
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<td>Public domain</td>
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<td>Copyright conditions other/unknown</td>
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19. Please indicate the estimated percentage of all your digital objects that are and/or will be accessible through the access options mentioned:

[ ] Offline only (for staff use only) [Input box]
[ ] Offline only (for staff use and visitors on site) [Input box]
[ ] Online [Input box]

20. For the online part, please indicate through which channels in the table below:
Access channel

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<th>Access channel</th>
<th>% of digital objects currently accessible (estimation is OK)</th>
<th>% of digital objects accessible 2 years from now (estimation is OK)</th>
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<td><em>Institutional website</em></td>
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<td><em>Wikipedia/Wikimedia</em></td>
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<td>Institutional <em>API</em></td>
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<td>Other Access channels (specify below)</td>
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Other Access channels: [input box]

Multiple access options for your individual digital collections are a possibility (i.e. Europeana and Wikipedia). Consequently, the sum total of your answers does not have to be 100%.

SECTION 4/7. Participation

21. *Collections are made accessible to the public for various reasons. How important is each of the following types of use for your institution?*

Using a 10-points scale - where 1 equals "not at all important" to 10 "highly important" - please select only one number per row.

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<td>Ideological, religious and commemorative use</td>
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Other types of use: [input box]

22. *Did your organisation collect user statistics for the digital collections in 2016?*

[ ] Yes  
[ ] No  
[ ] Do not know

In order to be able to answer this question with 'yes' any manner of measurement will suffice.

23. *If Yes, how?*

[ ] "Website statistics"  
[ ] (National) aggregator statistics  
[ ] Europeana (Dashboard) statistics  
[ ] Wikipedia/Wikimedia statistics  
[ ] Other "Social media statistics" (e.g. Youtube, Twitter, Facebook, Flickr, Pinterest)  
[ ] "Database statistics" (not included in Website statistics and Social media statistics)  
[ ] "User studies"
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[ ] Other: [input box]
Please indicate all ways in which the access of digital metadata and objects is measured.

24. **What is the number of visits of your digital collections at the website of your institution?**

[ ] [input box]

Please enter the overall yearly number of visits (year 2016). This number reveals how many visitors browse the collections. Please do NOT confuse this with the overall number of visits of your website. If you do not measure the use of your digital collections specifically, please skip this question.

SECTION 5/7. Digital Preservation

25. **Are (parts of) your digital collections stored in digital archives that have been set up according to "international standards" for "digital preservation"?**

[ ] Yes, we have our own digital archive that meets the international criteria for long term preservation
[ ] Yes, our digital collections are archived in a publicly managed professional digital archive
[ ] Yes, our digital collections are archived in a privately managed professional digital archive
[ ] No, we do not have a solution yet for the long term preservation of our digital collections based on international standards
[ ] Do not know

Answer this question with 'yes' if your institution is actively involved in safeguarding the digital heritage collections for future generations, based on international standards or best practices.

SECTION 6/7. Digitisation Expenditures

26. **Please estimate your annual expenditure on your "digital collections" ("total cost of ownership")**

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<th>Please estimate the budget concerned (€):</th>
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<td>A: Institutional expenditure (internal budget):</td>
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<td>B: Temporary funded project expenditure (external budget):</td>
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These budgets should be estimates of the costs related to the initial creation, ongoing maintenance, enhancement and preservation of your digital collections. Please attempt to include the cost of the staff time devoted to digital collection related activities in these estimates. If budget year does not coincide with the calendar, please choose the calendar year that fits best (in terms of the number of months).

Costs can be divided into incidental (upfront) costs and structural (ongoing) costs:

- **Incidental costs** are defined as the costs having to do with the initial creation or acquisition of a digital collection. Examples: selection of materials, acquisition of digital born materials, scanning, descriptive metadata creation, project management.
- **Structural costs** are the costs needed for the ongoing maintenance, enhancement and preservation of a digital collection. Examples: activities concerning the preservation of digital collections, licences, maintenance of webservers, user outreach and support, management.

27. Please specify the year concerned:

A: [input box]
B: [input box]
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28. Please estimate what percentage of the total annual expenditures on creating/acquiring, maintaining, enhancing and preserving your "digital collections" can be assigned to "incidental costs" and what percentage can be assigned to "structural costs":

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<tr>
<th>Percentage [should add up to 100%]</th>
<th>Incidental costs:</th>
<th>Structural costs:</th>
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<td>… %</td>
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<td>100%</td>
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29. Please estimate what percentage of the total annual expenditures on creating/acquiring, maintaining, enhancing and preserving your "digital collections" is spent "In-house" and what percentage is "Outsourced":

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Percentage [should add up to 100%]</th>
<th>In-house costs:</th>
<th>Outsourced costs:</th>
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<td>… %</td>
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The community of libraries, archives and museums would benefit from a better understanding of the costs involved in creating and preserving digital collections. Please help us by providing a more detailed account of your costs.

30. Please estimate what percentages of the "Incidental costs" can be assigned to the following activities:

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<th>Incidental cost category</th>
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<td>Project management</td>
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<td>Selection of material for digitisation</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Acquisition of digital born material</td>
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<td>Logistics (shipment of collection for digitisation, etc.)</td>
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<td>Analogue to digital conversion (including all technical and staff costs associated with the act of preparing materials for scanning, the scanning itself, and quality control)</td>
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<td>Metadata creation</td>
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<td>Web design, software development</td>
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<td>Other costs (specify below)</td>
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<td>100%</td>
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The sum total adds up to 100%. Enter 0 if a cost item is not applicable. If you miss any items in the table, please help us and mention these under Other costs.

31. Other costs: [input box]

32. Please estimate what percentages of the "Structural costs" can be assigned to the following activities:

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<td>Management</td>
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<td>Archiving (storage, including backups)</td>
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<td>Activities concerning the long-term preservation of the digital collection (including research activities but excluding Archiving costs)</td>
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<td>Licences</td>
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<td>Maintenance of webservers and web, mobile and other services</td>
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<td>User outreach and support (including staff time for efforts to promote the use of the digital collections)</td>
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<td>Usage analysis (including user surveys, interviews, and other activities)</td>
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<td>Editorial (including content selection and updating)</td>
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<th>Other costs (specify below)</th>
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The sum total adds up to 100%. Enter 0 if a cost item is not applicable. If you miss any items in the table, please help us and mention these under Other costs.

33. Other costs: [input box]

34. What is the total number of people *(in full-time equivalent)* engaged in creating/acquiring, maintaining, enhancing and preserving your *digital collections* on an annual basis?

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Number of people (in full-time equivalent)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Paid staff:</td>
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<td>Volunteers:</td>
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</table>

Include the time of being engaged in activities related to creating/acquiring, maintaining, enhancing and preserving your "digital collections", including: planning and managing in-house and contracted projects; preparing and digitising materials; enhancing digitised output to widen accessibility.

35. Please specify the year concerned:

A: [input box]

B: [input box]

36. From what sources are your digital collection activities funded?

- *Internal budgets*
- *Crowdfunding*
- *National Public grant/subsidy*
- *Regional/Local Public grant/subsidy*
- *Private funds and legacies*
- *Public/private partnership*
- *Sales of digital items*
- Other: [input box]

Indicate all the sources from which your digitisation activities are funded.

SECTION 7/7. Comments

37. Please include any comments that you consider relevant for understanding the nature of activities related to your digital collections or that could help us improving the questionnaire.

[free text field]

Thank you for completing this survey!

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