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ELECTRONIC RESOURCE PRESERVATION AND ACCESS NETWORK

ERPANET works to enhance the preservation of cultural and scientific digital objects through raising awareness, providing access to experience, sharing policies and strategies, and improving practices.

To achieve these goals ERPANET is building an active community of members and actors, constructing authoritative information resources, promoting training, and providing advice and tools.

ERPANET products and goals include:

*erpa*workshops *erpa*training
*erpa*studies *erpa*assessments
*erpa*advisory *erpa*tools

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erpaobjectives

For digital preservation, ERPANET:

- » Raises awareness;
- » Appraises and evaluates information sources and developments;
- » Assesses and makes accessible the results of research;
- » Provides an enquiry and advisory service;
- » Runs workshops and training seminars;
- » Conducts case studies and makes available the results;
- » Fosters research;
- » Promotes the sharing of experience and enables collaborative action; and,
- » Stimulates awareness among software producers of the preservation needs of the user community.

erpacharter

The Charter provides a suite of principles to enable:

- » Better risk management;
- » A framework for benchmarking digital access and preservation practice;
- » A platform for sharing knowledge (e.g. practices, methodologies, typologies, evaluation criteria);
- » A mechanism for measuring competitive advantage;
- » A key to unlock the value of intellectual capital;
- » Synergy and avoid redundancy; and,
- » Communication and collaboration between the different players in the DIGITAL OBJECT CHAIN (DOC).

erpatraining

Providing accessible and transferable training. Training seminars will be in:

2002	København	«November»
2003	Paris	«January»
	Kerkira	«May»
	Marburg	«September»
	Lisboa	«December»
2004	Cork	«March»
	Wien	«June»
	Amsterdam	«September»

erpatools

Tools to enable institutions to approach their digital preservation challenges proactively. Tools to be released in 2002 include:

- » A policy building framework;
- » Strategies for costing digital preservation;
- » Digital object risk management methods; and,
- » Guidelines for selecting technologies.

erpaadvisory

This service:

- » Provides the community with access to digital preservation professionals;
- » Makes available a resource of authoritative answers to digital preservation questions; and,
- » Makes accessible examples of best practice.

erpa workshops

Expert meetings to promote and develop new approaches to preservation challenges. Workshops will take place in:

2002	Toledo	«June»
	Urbino	«October»
2003	Bern	«April»
	Roma	«November»
2004	Antwerpen	«April»
	Budapest	«October»

erpastudies

Case studies in cultural heritage, public administration, scientific, and business domains exploring:

- » Risk exposure of sector;
- » Sectoral awareness and investment;
- » Policy building strategies;
- » Risk perception and management strategies;
- » Preservation strategies and processes-standards and best practices;
- » Mechanisms for compliance and audit;
- » Cost-benefit rationalisation; and,
- » Technologies used.

erpa assessments

Authoritative online information services on digital preservation, including:

- » Review-based gateway to activities;
- » Analytic reviews of pivotal published and online literature; and,
- » Assessment of relevant technical guidelines and standards.