



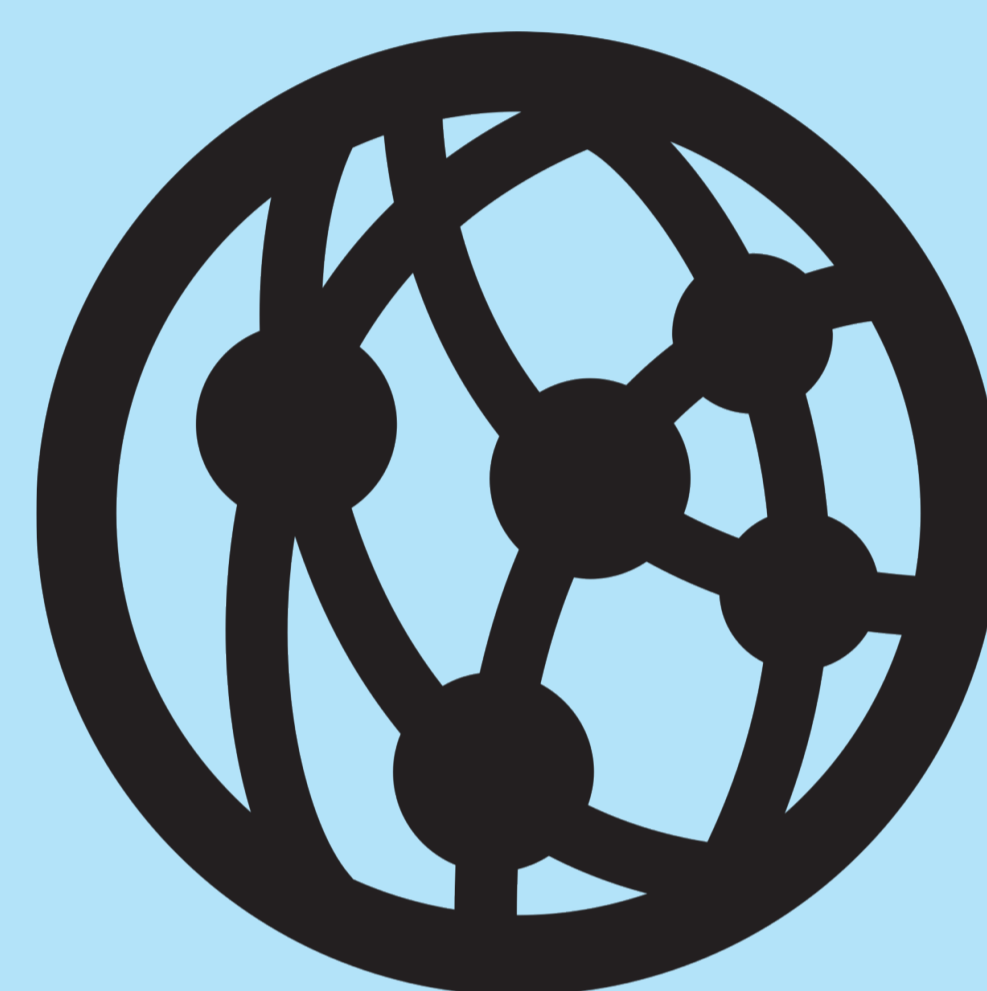
Europeana Cloud

Transforming the Europeana ecosystem.

This **3-year project** will deliver an **efficient solution** to storing, sharing and providing access to digital cultural heritage. This will benefit data providers and aggregators to Europeana by **reducing costs** not only in **managing IT services** but also in **sharing and managing data**. Europeana Cloud will also act as **a platform for third-party services**, drawing on the data in the Cloud to support different uses in the creative industries, research and other fields.

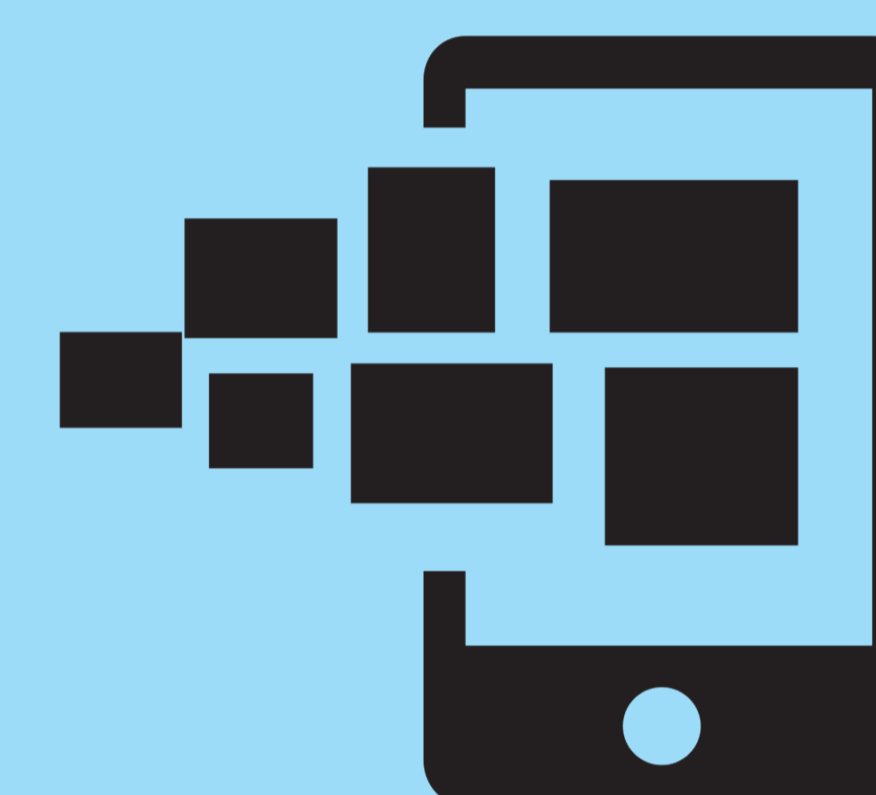
3 MAIN TASKS

1. BUILD THE INFRASTRUCTURE



Build a sustainable cloud-based infrastructure that provides cost efficiencies for storing, sharing and providing access to cultural heritage objects and other stakeholder assets, with a legal framework that enables access to and re-use of the material.

2. ADD THE CONTENT



Source, prepare and add new data to the cloud infrastructure. This will consist of 5 million new items of content and 2.4 million new metadata records, along with existing data from Europeana, The European Library and the Polish Digital Libraries Federation.

3. ENCOURAGE USE



Engage innovators and developers to build third-party services and tools so that audiences (eg. humanities and social sciences researchers) can access, work on and share the content stored in the cloud. Enriched content can then be fed back to the providers.



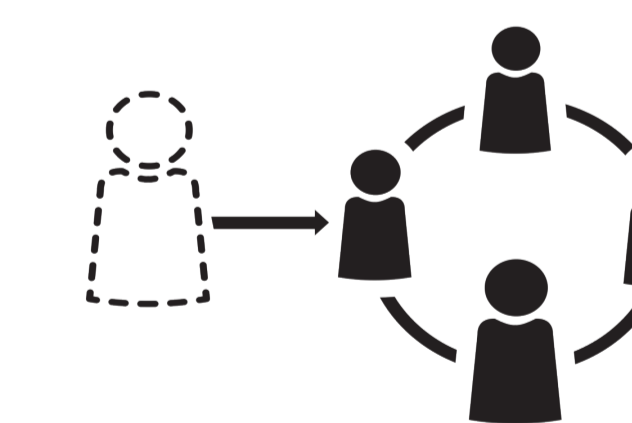
IMPROVING DATA

EUROPEANA CLOUD CAN HELP CONTENT PROVIDERS TO REACH NEW AUDIENCES AND ENRICH DATA. Imagine that your institution uploads the digital files for a collection of documents to the cloud. At the same time, an innovator builds a cloud-based tool that can be used to annotate documents. Researchers can put the two together: they can use the tool to annotate your documents and then share these annotations with anyone else looking at the documents as well as with your institution.



WORKING TOGETHER

CLOUD TECHNOLOGY IS ALL ABOUT SHARING. That's why our consortium of partners is working together to explore how cloud technology can reduce IT costs for institutions, lead to more efficient workflows and new ways of supporting each other. We are also discussing the approach needed in order to build this shared space. As we discuss and define the rules of engagement, we are considering questions such as who should be able to upload or download information, which groups of people should be granted access and how the tools, services and results of the cloud should be shared.



FOR YOU

WANT TO BE A PART OF THE CLOUD? The project's original group of partners will continue working until 2015 to build the first version of the cloud. Membership will be open to new organisations from 2016. Visit the website or follow [@europeana_cloud](#) on Twitter to learn more as information becomes available.

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