

Benchmarking Competence Centres

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- Capacity
- Context
- Credibility
- Commitment
- Certification
- Competition
- Communication

Our Approach to Competence Centres

- a federated approach to the provision of support and guidance
- a life-cycle approach to the provision of support and guidance
- better coordination of disparate competence centres' activities
- improved integration of competence centres with industry
- a more collaborative approach to the provision of training and outreach activities
- increased research capacity within competence centres to help push forward the international research agenda
- the introduction of competition between competence centres to drive performance
- the investigation of business models that will help to provide sustainable funding for competence centres' activity.

Five Classes of Competence Centres

Distributed centres of expertise and
collaborative projects

Single research-led institutions

National libraries, archives or other
organisations with preservation expertise

Commercial preservation centres/services

International bodies and professional
associations

Why Establish Competence Centres



The main **objectives** of the federation of competence centres should be to:

- Creating some **trustable reference and aggregation points** in order to avoid fragmentation and dispersion of efforts/results and resources available
- Establish a **vibrant research programme** that is informed by the requirements and experiences of a range of stakeholder communities
- Nurture strong community relationships from a range of disparate stakeholders
- Work with **user communities** and technology providers to **develop tools** and resources as well as relevant and valuable **services**
- Achieve the '**virtuous circle**' whereby expertise, experience and user requirements inform the federation's research and development activity