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For the attention of Mr Frank Scholze

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Subject: Urgent support and adequate funding for the common European data space for cultural heritage under the Digital Europe Programme Work Plan 2025 - 2027

Dear Mr Scholze,

Thank you for your letter to Mr. Viola expressing your concern with the draft of the Digital Europe Programme Work Plan 2025-2027, and particularly about the funding of the common European data space for cultural heritage. I hereby respond on Mr. Viola's behalf.

Firstly, thank you for your support for the data space. I agree with you about its importance for the sector in the European Union. Let me reassure you that we are doing what we can to sustain it, including its funding within the Digital Europe Programme.

Last September, the president of the European Commission, Mrs. Von der Leyen, stated in her Political Guidelines that we should make it easier to benefit from our rich and diverse cultural heritage, especially for younger generations. Together with the Recommendation 1970/2021 on a common European data space for cultural heritage, we have clear objectives and ambitious targets to achieve. And we reflected them in the Work Programme 2025-2027.

Of course, we cannot do it without you, champions of and experts in our cultural heritage. I encourage you to continue working with us and the data space to amplify the impact of its reuse as well as the coverage of its preservation.

In closing, I want to reiterate our full support to the common European data space for cultural heritage, based on the Europeana Initiative. Please convey this message to the cultural heritage community, whose digital transformation is of utmost importance for the European Commission.

Yours sincerely,

Electronically signed

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