

# Digital Unification Working Group

## Progress report

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## Aims to foster implementation of international digital unification initiatives

### By associating main stakeholders

- IFLA Board of Directors and Sections
- UNESCO (Memory of the World Program)
- International Council on Archives (ICA)
- Conference of Directors of National Libraries (CDNL)
- Experts

### To produce operational deliverables

- Case studies on line
- Guidelines for anyone contemplating or planning a digital unification project

### And contribute to international recommendations

- 2015 UNESCO Recommendation concerning the preservation of, and access to, documentary heritage including in digital form
- IFLA Key Initiative 3.2.2 to Instigate debate and exchange of ideas to explore collection and access issues for libraries in digital / virtual repatriation of documentary cultural heritage content



مكتبة قطر الوطنية  
QATAR NATIONAL LIBRARY



Europeana  
Regia



*Codex Sinaiticus*



הספרייה  
הלאומית

**22 institutions**  
**50 countries represented**



## 18 projects, 3 objectives

**Digitally gather documents produced by the same cultural, linguistic or religious community**

11 case studies

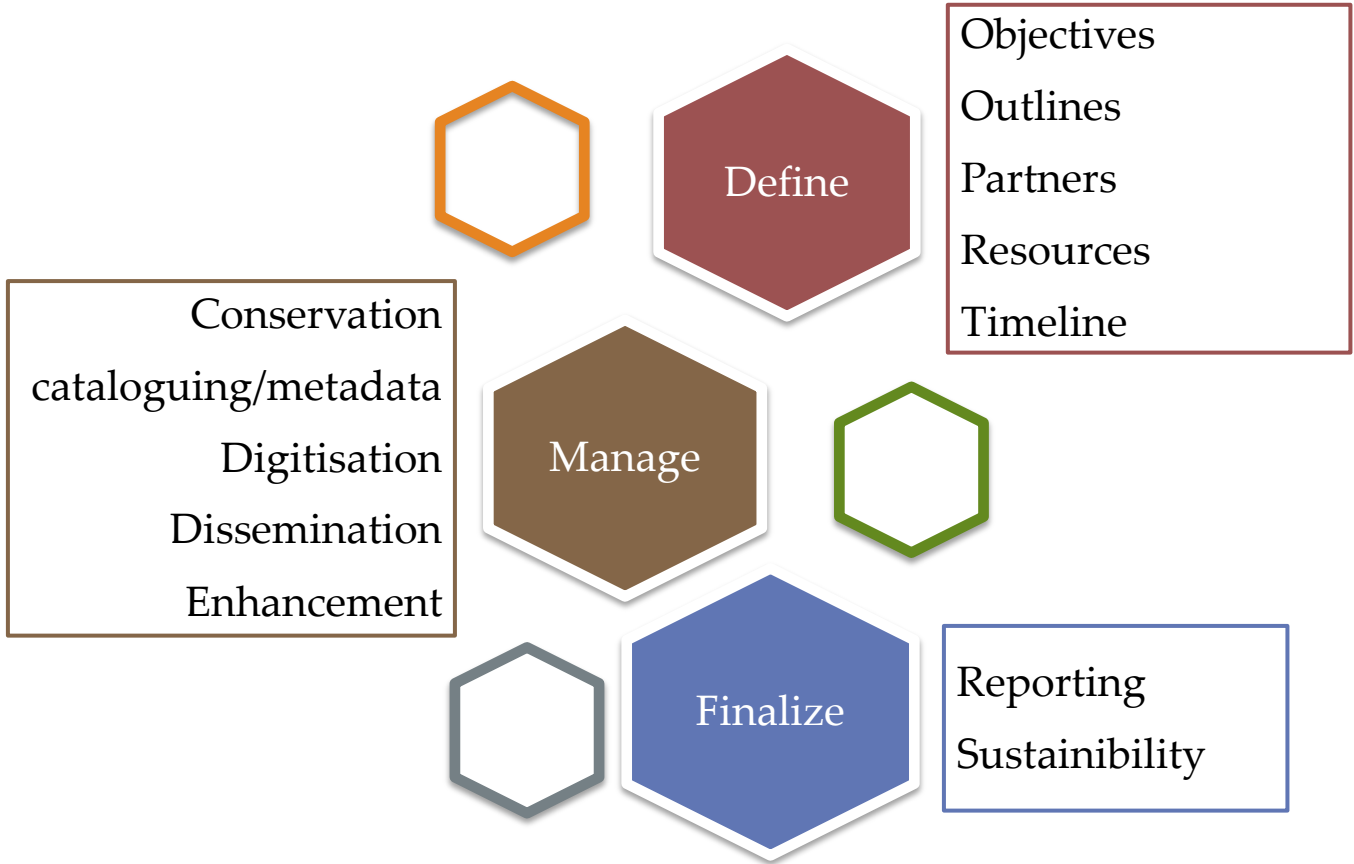
**Digitally gather and enhance documents produced as part of a story shared by several countries**

4 case studies

**Digitally rebuild a document or collection**

3 case studies

# The guidelines



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## For each step:

- a **set of questions** one should consider when planning a digital unification project
- a **list of recommendations, legal issues** and **professional standards**



## Underlined principles:

- seeking transparency through **formal agreements**;
- encouraging **free access and open data**;
- using **international and interoperable standards**;
- building on existing level of competences to **promote skill transfers**;
- **associating with communities and researchers** to guarantee the contents' integrity and scientific value.

- The DUWG
- Uses cases
- Guidelines
- Useful links

## Digital Unification: Case Studies

As part of its work, IFLA's **Digital Unification Working Group** has collected a range of case studies. Links to these can be found here:

- \* **Codex Siniaticus**
- \* **Glagolitic Script**
- \* **Europeana Regia**
- \* **James Joyce Manuscripts**
- \* **Korean Rare Books**
- \* **Chinese Rare Books**
- \* **Japan Collection from the Library of Congress**
- \* **Gordon W Prange Collection**
- \* **Hebrew Manuscripts**
- \* **Digitisation of Uralic manuscripts**

Send your project !