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addressing digital memory preservation challenges

Why are digital documents at risk of disappearance?
Why are digital memories at risk of being lost?

Because:
Today's computers will not function forever.
New computers and software may not be able to read today's digital documents.
Storage media, such as CD-ROM's, will deteriorate over time.
Web pages continually change or disappear, and many are never archived.
Digital documents are not created with the necessary metadata specifying what they are
and how they are to be found, used, and understood.
The diverse range of file formats is poorly documented.
Digital repositories lack well-defined standards to which they can adhere.

What is being done about it?
An increasing number of activities at European and member state level are currently addressing these
issues. One of them is Digital Preservation Europe (DPE) which will foster collaborations
and synergies between existing initiatives in order to:

- create a coherent platform for proactive cooperation, collaboration, exchange and dissemination
  of research results and experience in the preservation of digital objects.
- increase the prevalence of preservation services and their viability and accountability.
- improve awareness, skills and available resources.

How can you get involved?
DPE wishes to extend its network of collaborators to foster a dynamic and lively preservation
and curation community. For more information on the project or how to participate in DPE's
activities contact us at: director@digitalpreservationeurope.eu

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