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▼ **6.1.A Does legislation or policy in the heritage field include specific provisions (policy or guidance) for digitisation?**

Yes

Please indicate different policies

Approach (click to collaps)

Integrated Approach

Data collected in digital format
Data converted in digital format
Digital dissemination
Digital information management
Policy or guidance

▼ **6.1 Commentary**

Commentary

Integrated Approach

Lithuanian Cultural Heritage Digitisation Policy is implemented in accordance with the Lithuanian Cultural Heritage Digitisation Concept and the Strategy for Digitisation of Lithuanian Cultural Heritage, Preservation of and Access to Digital Content. The implementation of this policy is coordinated by the Ministry of Culture together with the Ministry of Education and Science, the Information Society Development Committee under the Government of the Republic of Lithuania and the Lithuanian Department of Archives under the Government of the Republic of Lithuania, as well as the Lithuanian Cultural Heritage Digitisation Council which performs the functions of an expert and consultant in resolving the issues of formation, implementation and supervision of digitisation policy.

The objective of digitisation of the Lithuanian cultural heritage is to digitise unique and valuable objects of cultural heritage. The State memory institutions are collecting and protecting valuable cultural heritage which is significant for preservation of the Lithuanian identity and cultural uniqueness, the development of science, education and art, and increase of society's creativity and cohesion. Digitisation allows opening the preserved cultural objects to the general public and enables to use them via remote access.

On the basis of the Strategy digitisation activities are coordinated on a state level by digitisation centres – Martynas Mažvydas National Library of Lithuania, the Lithuanian Art Museum and the Office of the Chief Archivist of Lithuania. In accordance with the Order No. ĮV-560 of the Minister of Culture of the Republic of Lithuania of 13 November 2008, Martynas Mažvydas National Library of Lithuania is also authorised to perform the function of

representing the State in the European Digital Library EUROPEANA, with a view to ensuring a consistent promotion of the country's cultural heritage and its dissemination in the area of European cultural heritage.

Digitised heritage of cultural and scientific value is represented by means of a virtual information system of digital cultural heritage epaveldas (eng. e-heritage). This system has been created as a result of cooperation between Martynas Mažvydas National Library of Lithuania, the Lithuanian Art Museum and the Lithuanian Department of Archives under the Government of the Republic of Lithuania (currently – the Office of the Chief Archivist of Lithuania). The main goals of this information system are the following:

- to integrate the digitised cultural heritage objects in all the national memory institutions;
- to enable an integral search of digital content and access thereto via a national portal;
- to ensure an effective dissemination of the Lithuanian cultural heritage.

The basis of the system is a database of digitised objects which is currently composed of 3 million pages of digitised objects – archive files, manuscripts, books, posters, works of fine art, graphics, photography and digitised images of other objects, and the web portal epaveldas (eng. e-heritage) which offers Internet access to the cultural property preserved in the archives, libraries and museums of Lithuania. In 2010, the portal was visited by 200 000 users and total 138 620 digitised objects were viewed.

- ▼ **6.2.A Do you have information systems and databases such as intranet, extranet and internet sites concerning heritage (i.e. IT-d**
- ▼ **6.2.B Who are the partners in the IT network(s) mentioned above:**
- ▼ **6.2.C Which topics do these IT systems cover?**
- ▼ **6.2.D Is there a major (centralised, organisational level) database system that stores information on:**

Approach (click to collaps)

6.2.D Inegrated Approach

Database topics Reference

Protected heritage <http://kvr.kpd.lt/heritage/Default.aspx?lang=en>

6.2.D Archaeological Heritage

Database topics Reference

Research results <http://www.atl.lt/>

6.2.D Architectural Heritage

6.2.D Landscape Heritage

▼ 6.2 Commentary

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