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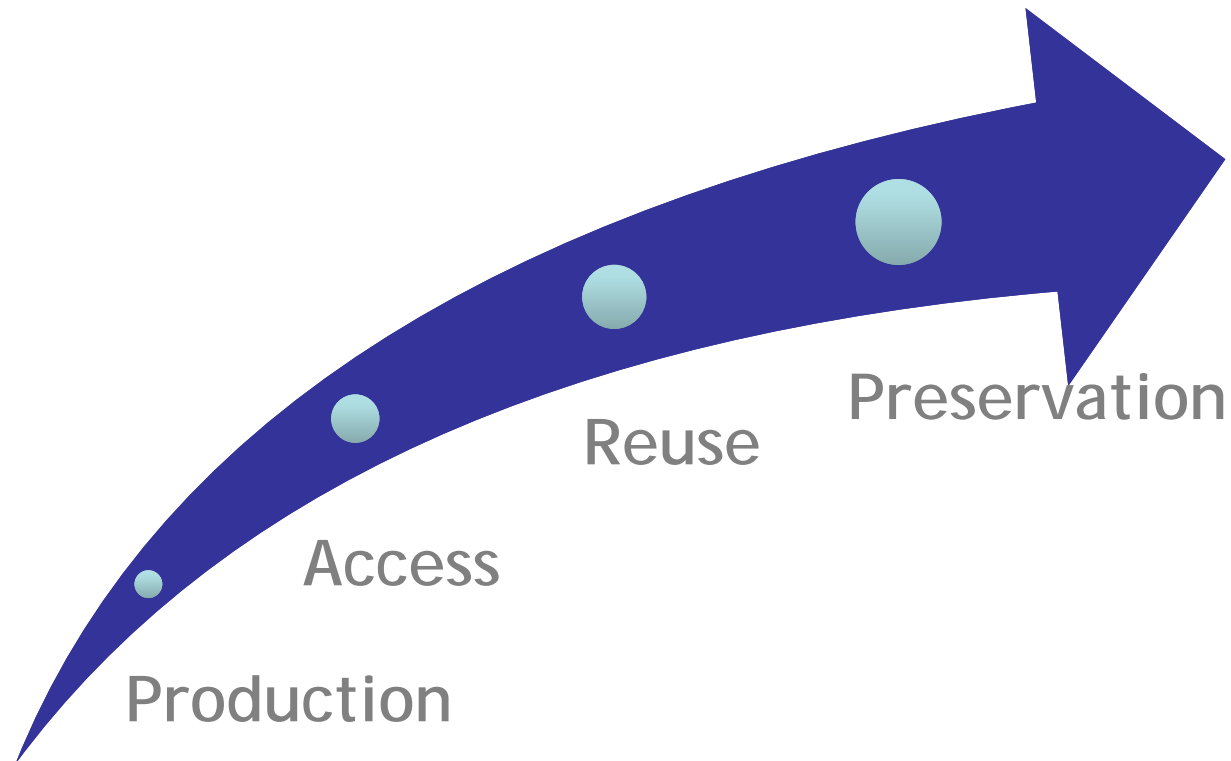
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Role of the Publications Office of the EU

Production, dissemination, reuse and long term preservation of EU public information





Some megatrends in the digital arena

- Administrations go digital
- Internet and the way in which information is consumed
- (Big) Data



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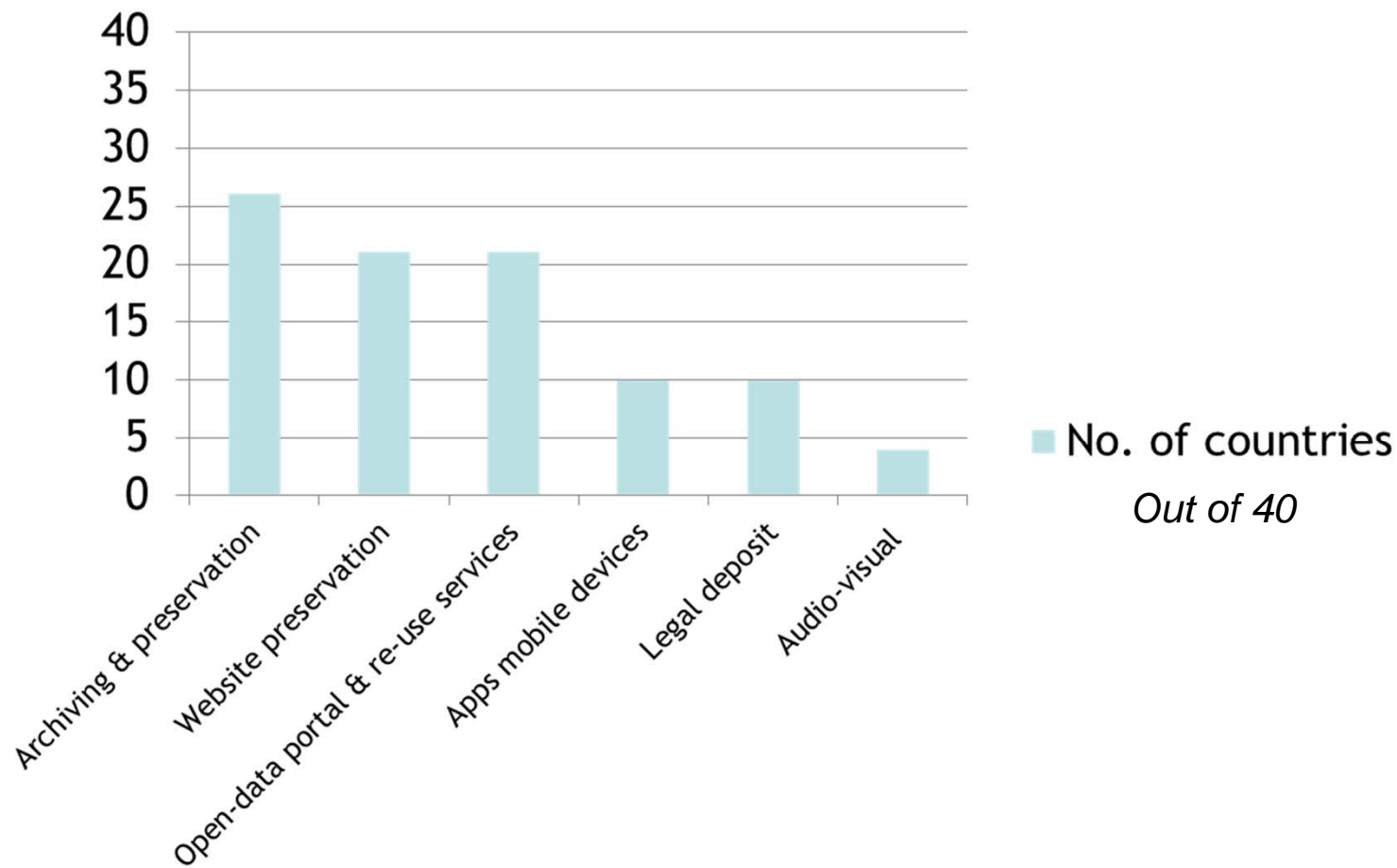


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Open Data: What's at stake?

Foster economic activity, jobs and growth

Economic benefits estimated at € 40 Billion a year (other estimates are even higher)

Enhance transparency

More openness and civic participation

Better governance

Facts and figures as a basis for decision making

Part of the Digital Single Market Strategy



EU Legal Framework for open data and other initiatives



European Council Conclusions, 24-25 October 2013


"Open data is an untapped resource with a huge potential for building stronger, more interconnected societies that better meet the needs of the citizens and allow innovation and prosperity to flourish. Interoperability and the re-use of public sector information shall be promoted actively."



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







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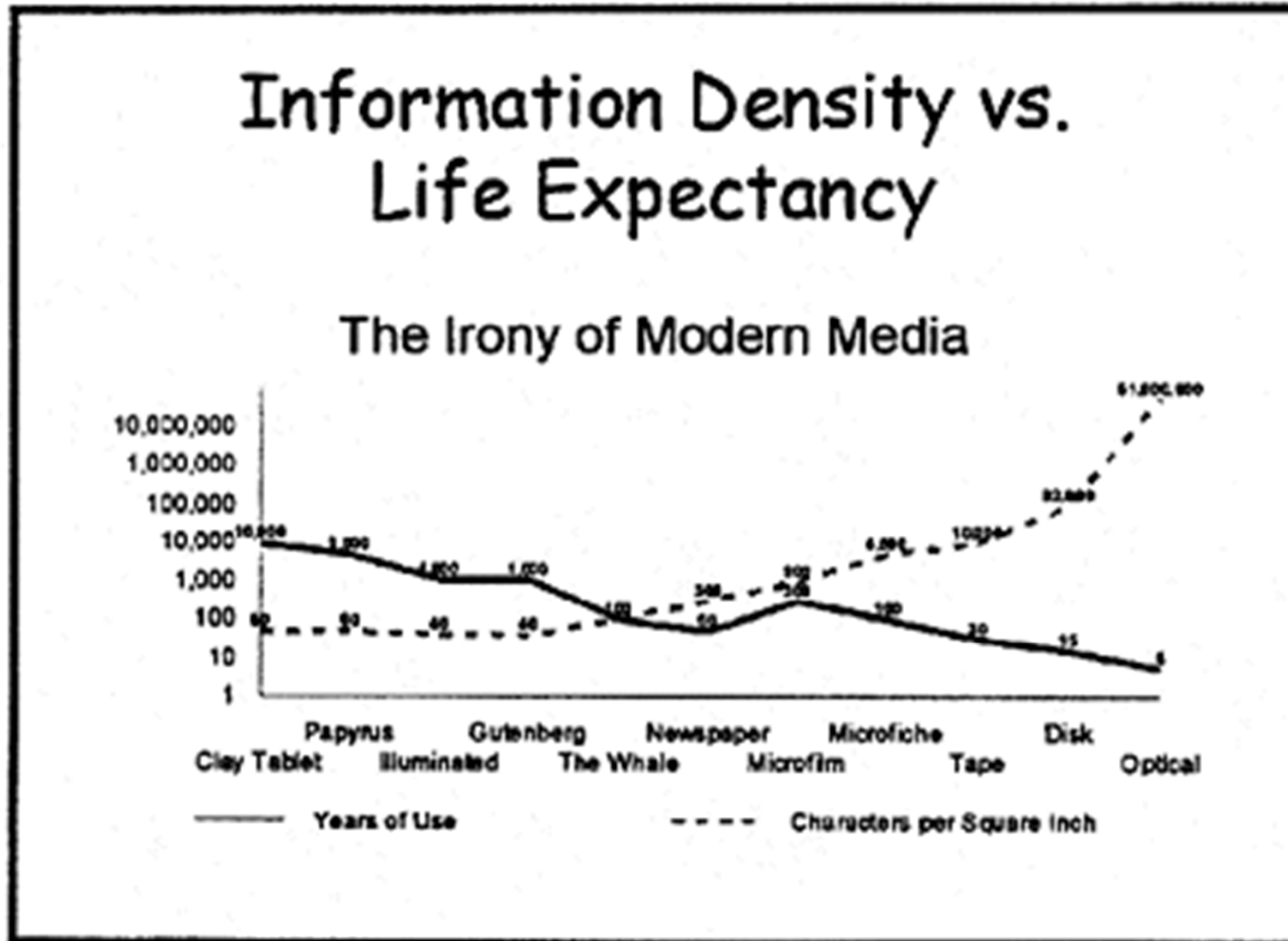
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Preserving digital information



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Why preserve EU websites?

Preserving images for future cultural, legal, business and historical purposes:

- Long-term access to and reuse of past knowledge
- Document the evolving identity of institutions

Digital transformation reshapes the information landscape (of EU institutions)

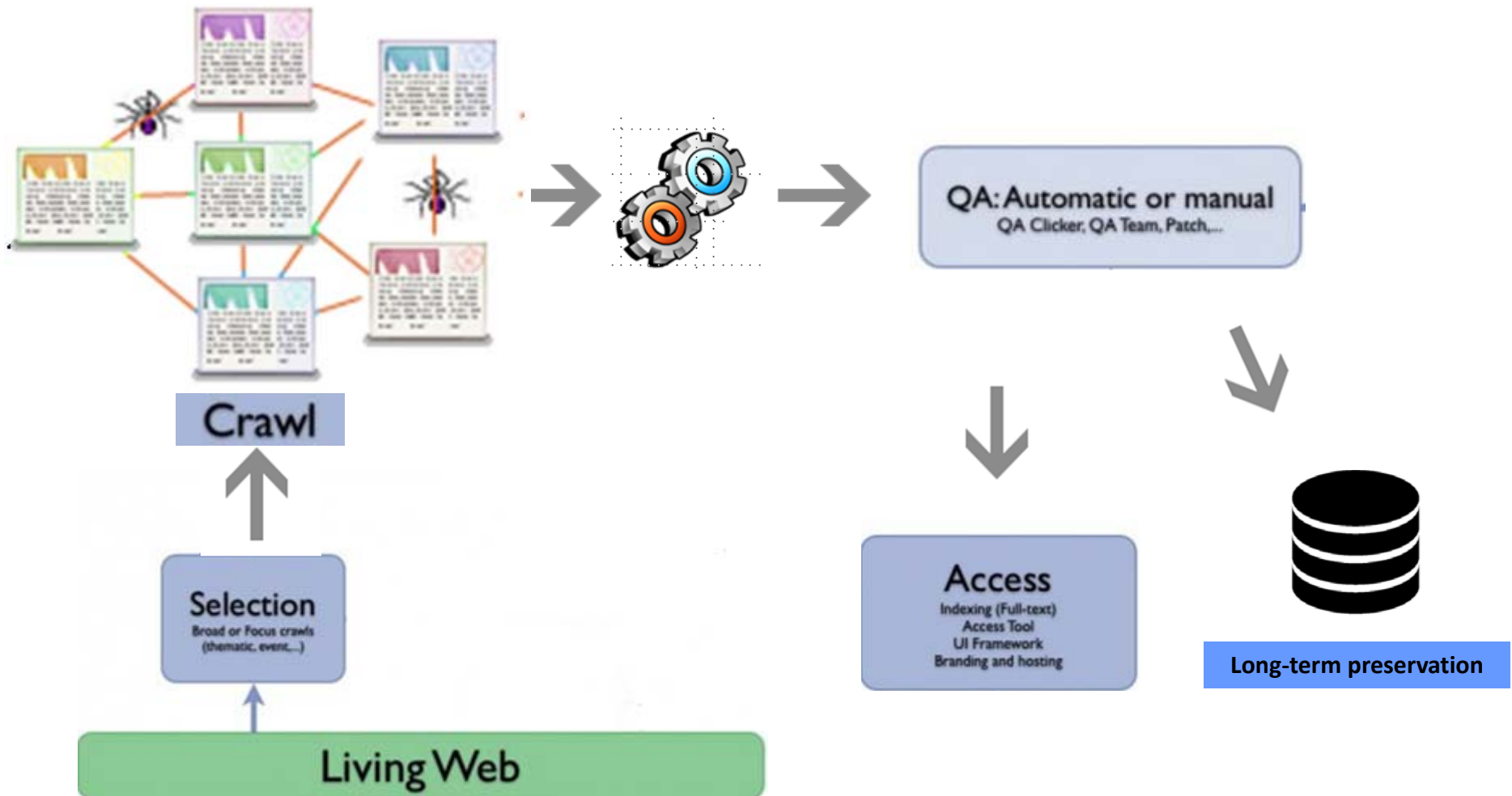
- More and more EU information is available only via the web
- Rationalisation of websites risks creating immediate gap in institutional memory

EC Recommendation 2011/711/EU (reviewing 2006/585/EC) related Council Conclusions on "*digitisation and online accessibility of cultural material and digital preservation*"

- Member States to make provisions for web preservation through web harvesting



How does web preservation work?





Organisational impact

- Handling a more diverse set of activities
- Looking for economies of scale, for the benefit of the EU institutions
 - Upstream information management more important than ever!
- New skills and competences needed





Conclusions

- New challenges for all organisations handling information
 - Data and digital preservation are examples
- The Publications Office is moving to help the EU Institutions cope with these challenges
- Change management is part of the game

