



THE CULTURAL HERITAGE CLOUD

ECCCH 2025 CALL

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Horizon Europe Cluster 2, Work Programme 2025: **CULTURAL HERITAGE AND CCIS**



EXPECTED IMPACT

The full **potential** of cultural heritage, arts and cultural and creative industries and sectors as drivers of both sustainable **innovation** and a European **sense of belonging** is realised through a continuous **engagement** with society, citizens and economic sectors.

GREEN

Support adaption and mitigation and strengthen the role of CH&CCIs as drivers of a sustainable climate transition



European Partnership for Resilient Cultural Heritage

DIGITAL

Support CH&CCIs to become leaders in the digital transition and contribute to innovative human-centric digital solutions



European Collaborative Cloud for Cultural Heritage

INNOVATIVE

Develop the capacity of CH&CCIs to contribute decisively to prosperous and sustainable societal development



Culture and Creativity Driven European Innovation Ecosystem

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A EUROPEAN COLLABORATIVE CLOUD FOR CULTURAL HERITAGE

1. CREATE A EUROPEAN **DIGITAL COLLABORATIVE WORKING SPACE** DESIGNED ACCORDING TO THE NEEDS OF **CULTURAL HERITAGE RESEARCHERS AND PROFESSIONALS**
2. **UNLOCK THE OPPORTUNITIES OF THE DIGITAL TRANSITION** TO EUROPE'S CULTURAL HERITAGE INSTITUTIONS AND HERITAGE RESEARCH ORGANISATIONS – LARGE AND SMALL, URBAN AND RURAL
3. CONTRIBUTE TO **MAKE EUROPEAN CULTURAL HERITAGE WORLD LEADERS IN USING DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES** TO THE BENEFIT OF SOCIETY

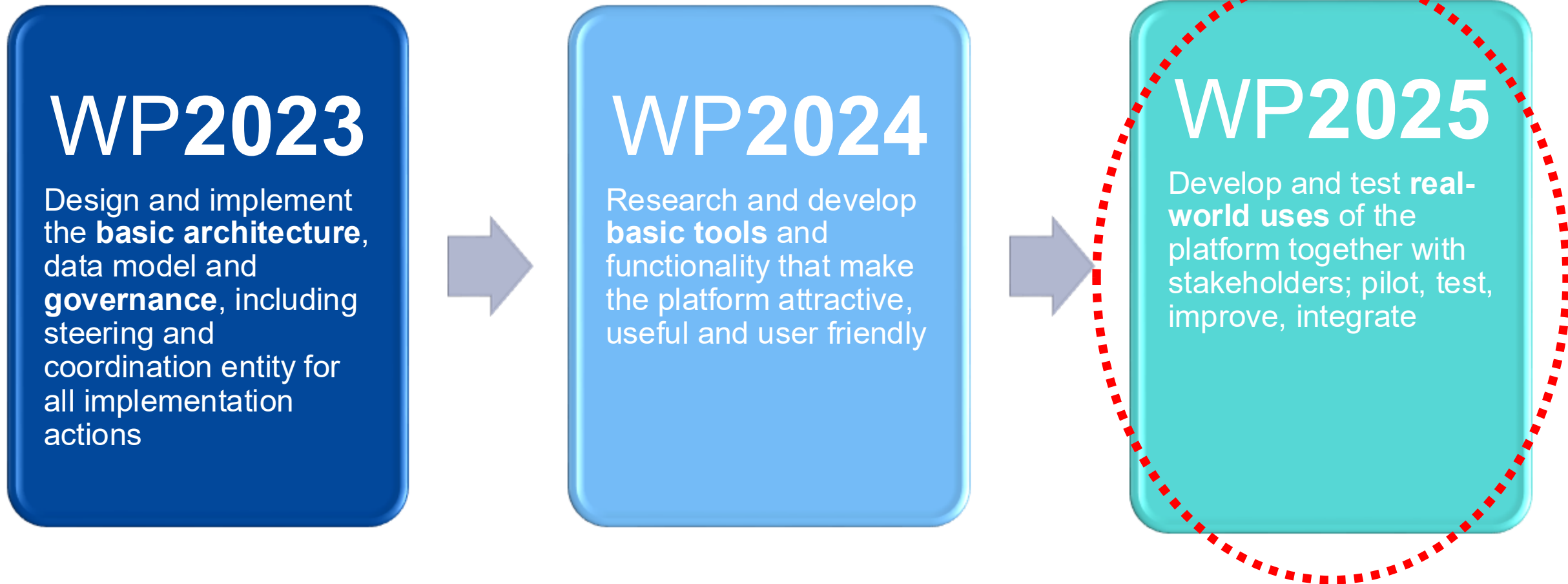
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Purpose of the WP2025

Thorough **end-to-end testing** of the ECCCH based on a number of **real use cases**

Contributions to **improve the platform** and make it more **powerful and user friendly**

Contributions to make the capacity of the ECCCH more widely known and **increase its use**

HORIZON-CL2-2025-01-HERITAGE-03:

A European Collaborative Cloud for Cultural Heritage – Innovative use cases (IA)

€ 26.0
million

~6-10 projects

Expected outcomes

- A thoroughly end-to-end tested and verified, seamlessly working, user-friendly and powerful European Collaborative Cloud for Cultural Heritage
- A wide collection of innovative uses of the ECCCH, which contributes to exemplify and illustrate its benefits and attract new users and user groups

Scope

- Implementation of concrete use cases by participating institutions, professionals and researchers with a view to improve their results or work processes
- Activities carried out should make use of several of the key features of the ECCCH, including the user tools implemented on it or/and interconnections with other related platforms such as EOSC of the European dataspace for cultural heritage
- A wide range of different organisations from across Europe should be involved, in accordance with the focus of the use cases
- Proposals should foresee own capacity to implement important improvements and fix problems detected



Conditions

- **Lump sum** funding – applicants should take this into account
- **Financial Support to Third Parties** is allowed – a possibility to engage more users beyond consortium members
- **Software developed to be Open Source** – unless strong reasons against, and then under special conditions
- **Software developed according to ECCCH standards** – to be integrated into the platform
- **Wide user engagement expected** – use cases to be developed with real end users
- **All projects to coordinate with other ECCCH projects and with the ‘platform project’ ECHOES** – and use its common website
- ...and more – **read the topic text carefully!**



Five year implementation plan, ~20 projs





Some resources specific for the ECCCH

- 'Platform project' **ECHOES**:
e-mail: echoes.contact@services.cnrs.fr
website: <https://www.echoes-eccch.eu/>
- The **ECCCH website** – Gathering available information from the European Commission
https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/research-area/social-sciences-and-humanities/cultural-heritage-and-cultural-and-creative-industries-ccis/cultural-heritage-cloud_en
- The **Expert Report** on a European Collaborative Cloud for Cultural Heritage
<https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/90f1ee85-ca88-11ec-b6f4-01aa75ed71a1/language-en>
- Join the **ECCCH user community**!
<https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/CloudCommunity>

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DEADLINE TO APPLY
16 September 2025
17:00 Brussels time



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Tips



Read the **topic text**, the **general introduction** and the **general annexes** carefully!



Start **early** & submit **before** the deadline



Connect to the **live InfoDay 15 May** and ask questions via **Slido**



Ask your **National Contact Point** for help and use the **brokerage platform**



Thank you!

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