**Call for Papers for the Geospatial Digital Records Preservation Workshop**

The eArchiving Initiative and the DLM Geoforum announce the Geospatial Digital Records Preservation Workshop on Tuesday, 28 May 2024, in Brussels. It will take place alongside the next DLM Forum members’ meeting in Brussels. This will be a hybrid event. See more information below.

The call for papers for the Geospatial Digital Records Preservation Workshop is open and we are seeking participants and contributors to the event. Our theme is in line with the general DLM Forum theme, and it is called**“*Preservation of Digital Geospatial Records, the Cornerstone of* *Europe’s Digital Decade*”**.

In the digital strategy of the European Union, the reuse of geospatial information from the public sector is considered to be a driver of economic growth and a key resource to address societal changes. The public sector is a valuable resource for SMEs and startups to create new products and services.

There are many challenges with the digital transformation, and more ahead, with the increasing adoption of AI. **What, where and how do we manage and preserve, in this digital revolution?**

With geospatial records being so complex and ever-changing, management, reuse and especially preservation continue to be a challenge. That is why sharing knowledge, experiences and ideas between different stakeholders from different levels in this domain is crucial. And the DLM Geoforum is where it can happen. That is why we invite managers of geospatial records, archivists, solution providers, researchers and policymakers to meet us in Brussels in May!

**What is DLM Geoforum?**

The DLM Geoforum is a subforum of the DLM, aimed at fostering a trans-national network of different stakeholders interested in sustainable access and reuse of geospatial records (geospatial data experts, digital preservation specialists, researchers, their respective organizations and solution providers).

We achieve this by providing opportunities to discuss digital, data, records, and archiving in a distinctly European context and setting. As we are meeting in Brussels, we are seeking contributors both from the policy perspective and from practitioners with real-world projects and experiences.

**What is eArchiving Initiative?**

The eArchiving Initiative provides core specifications, software, training, and knowledge to help people store information for longer. It has evolved from the E-ARK Projects, where many of the DLM Forum members co-create it to this day and is a fundamental part of the Digital Europe Programme and its Interoperability framework.

**What types of contributions are we looking for?**

Contributions are welcome on the following topics:

* Projects, best practices and experiences for the digital transformation, record keeping and reuse of Geospatial records.
* Tools and solutions for the reuse of digital Geospatial records.

We are especially keen to explore new avenues and hear fresh perspectives – about both the technology and the human issues involved. If you’re working in this area but have never been to the DLM Forum before, please do consider joining us virtually, or in person in Brussels and contributing.

**Event details and logistics?**

We will be meeting at the National Archives of Belgium, Rue de Ruysbroeck 2, 1000 Brussels, on **28 May 2024**. This will be a hybrid event, so online participation is also possible. You will be informed about the exact programme and timeline, when it will be published at a later date.

Please submit your proposal [using the extended abstract form available on our website](https://www.dlmforum.eu/index.php/all-events/148-dlm-mm-brussels-may-2024) to: [secretariat@dlmforum.eu](mailto:secretariat@dlmforum.eu) by **31 March 2024**.

Please note that DLM Forum does not reimburse speakers for their travel expenses or pay any performer's fees.

**We would greatly appreciate your assistance in promoting this event among your colleagues. The success of our event depends on your involvement, and your efforts to share the information are highly valued.**

If you would like to know more or if have any questions, please contact us at: [secretariat@dlmforum.eu](mailto:secretariat@dlmforum.eu).