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**Memory Institutions must be enabled to fulfill their traditional function in the online environment. In order to be able to provide access to knowledge and culture they must benefit from compulsory and harmonized exceptions and limitations that allow them to make their collections available online for non-commercial purposes.**

The Public Domain is the wealth of information that is free from the barriers usually associated with copyright protection. It is the raw material from which new knowledge is derived and new cultural works are created.

The advent of (persuasive) digital networks has created unprecedented opportunities at increasing access to our shared knowledge and culture and these policy recommendations strive to maximize the economic, social and cultural benefits of this development. In May 2011, COMMUNIA, the European thematic network on the digital public domain, published 14 policy recommendations aimed at strengthening the public domain in Europe: [www.communia-association.org/recommendations](http://www.communia-association.org/recommendations)

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