ERPANET works to enhance the preservation of cultural and scientific digital objects through raising awareness, providing access to experience, sharing policies and strategies, and improving practices.

To achieve these goals ERPANET is building an active community of members and actors, constructing authoritative information resources, promoting training, and providing advice and tools.

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**erpa objectives**

For digital preservation, ERPANET:
- Raises awareness;
- Appraises and evaluates information sources and developments;
- Assesses and makes accessible the results of research;
- Provides an enquiry and advisory service;
- Runs workshops and training seminars;
- Conducts case studies and makes available the results;
- Fosters research;
- Promotes the sharing of experience and enables collaborative action; and,
- Stimulates awareness among software producers of the preservation needs of the user community.

**erpa charter**

The Charter provides a suite of principles to enable:
- Better risk management;
- A platform for benchmarking digital access and preservation practice;
- A mechanism for sharing knowledge (e.g. practices, methodologies, typologies, evaluation criteria);
- A key to unlock the value of intellectual capital;
- Synergy and avoid redundancy; and,
- Communication and collaboration between the different players in the DIGITAL OBJECT CHAIN (DOC).

**erpa training**

Providing accessible and transferable training. Training seminars will be in:

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**erpa tools**

Tools to enable institutions to approach their digital preservation challenges proactively. Tools to be released in 2002 include:
- A policy building framework;
- Strategies for costing digital preservation;
- Digital object risk management methods; and,
- Guidelines for selecting technologies.

**erpa advisory**

This service:
- Provides the community with access to digital preservation professionals;
- Makes available a resource of authoritative answers to digital preservation questions; and,
- Makes accessible examples of best practice.

**erpa workshops**

Expert meetings to promote and develop new approaches to preservation challenges. Workshops will take place in:

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**erpa studies**

Case studies in cultural heritage, public administration, scientific, and business domains exploring:
- Risk exposure of sector;
- Sectoral awareness and investment;
- Policy building strategies;
- Risk perception and management strategies;
- Preservation strategies and processes-standards and best practices;
- Mechanisms for compliance and audit;
- Cost-benefit rationalisation; and,
- Technologies used.

**erpa assessments**

Authoritative online information services on digital preservation, including:
- Review-based gateway to activities;
- Analytic reviews of pivotal published and online literature; and,
- Assessment of relevant technical guidelines and standards.

Details of Workshops and Training sessions are available at: [www.erpanet.org](http://www.erpanet.org)