

Repositories Support Project

Guidance to Potential Bidders, Town Meeting, 10 May 2006

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- Project outline
- Why the Project is needed
- What the Project needs to do
- Welsh requirements

Purpose: provide advice and support to all Higher Education institutions in England and Wales in establishing and developing digital repositories

Scope: repositories development within HE institutions: both “Institutional Repositories” and “institutional repositories”, for research, learning and teaching

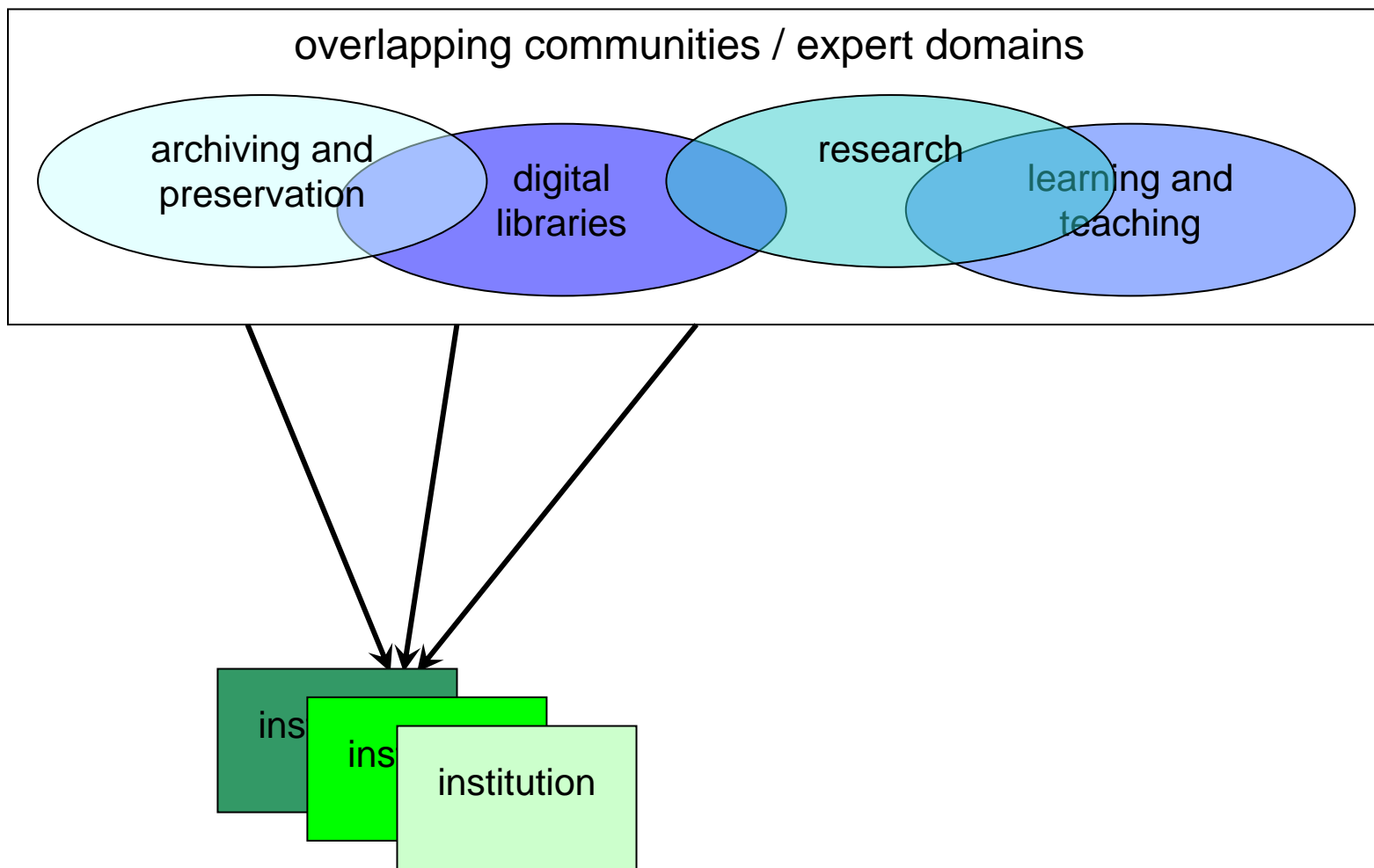
Benefits: wider take-up and development of institutional repositories within the HE sector, and equipping the sector with the skills to manage their digital assets

Principles

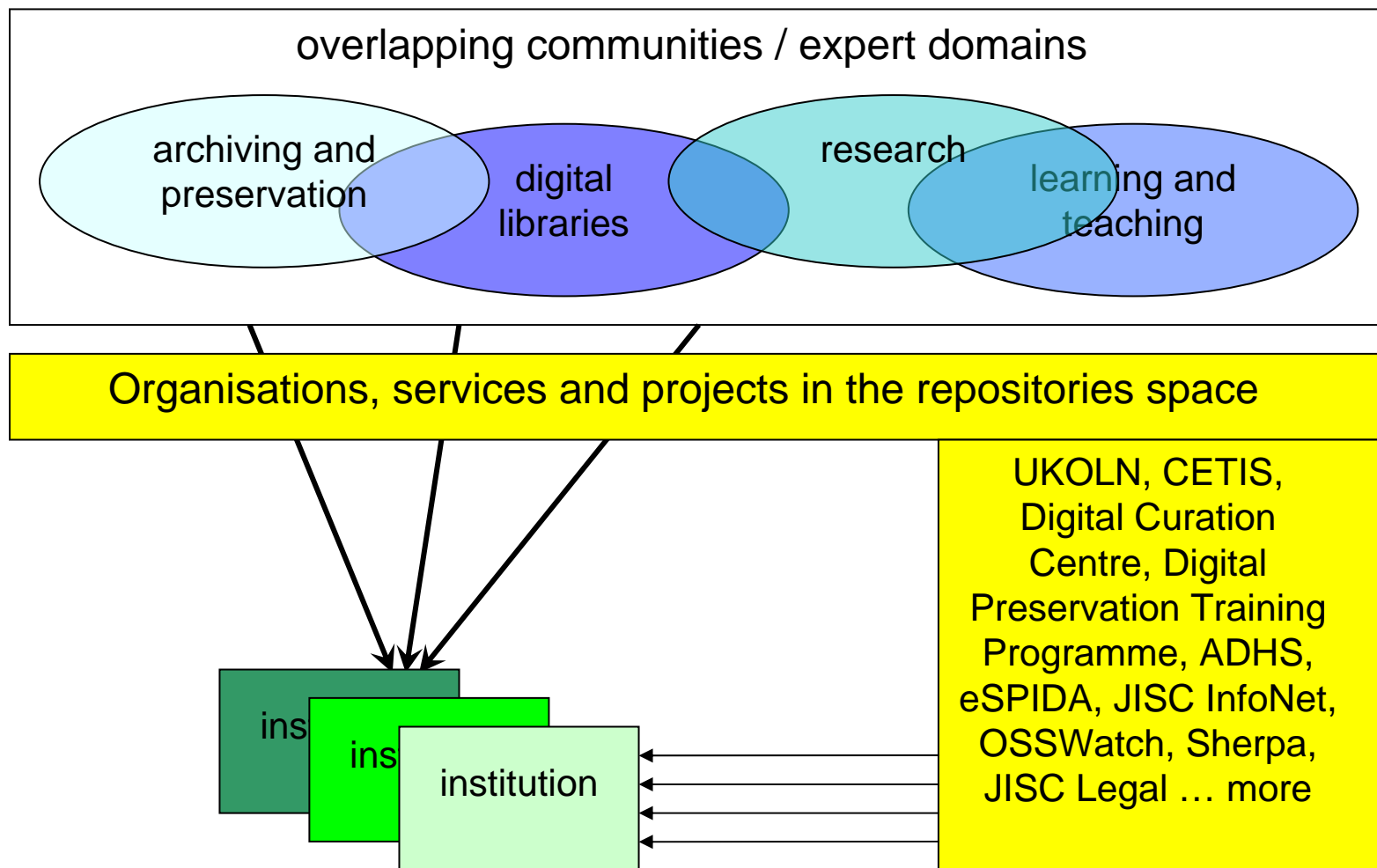
- The Project should be easily, freely accessible to institutions, and it should offer practical help
- The Project should draw on the expertise and research within the sector, and its guidance should reflect best practice

Funding: One project. £1,350,000 over approximately 2.5 years

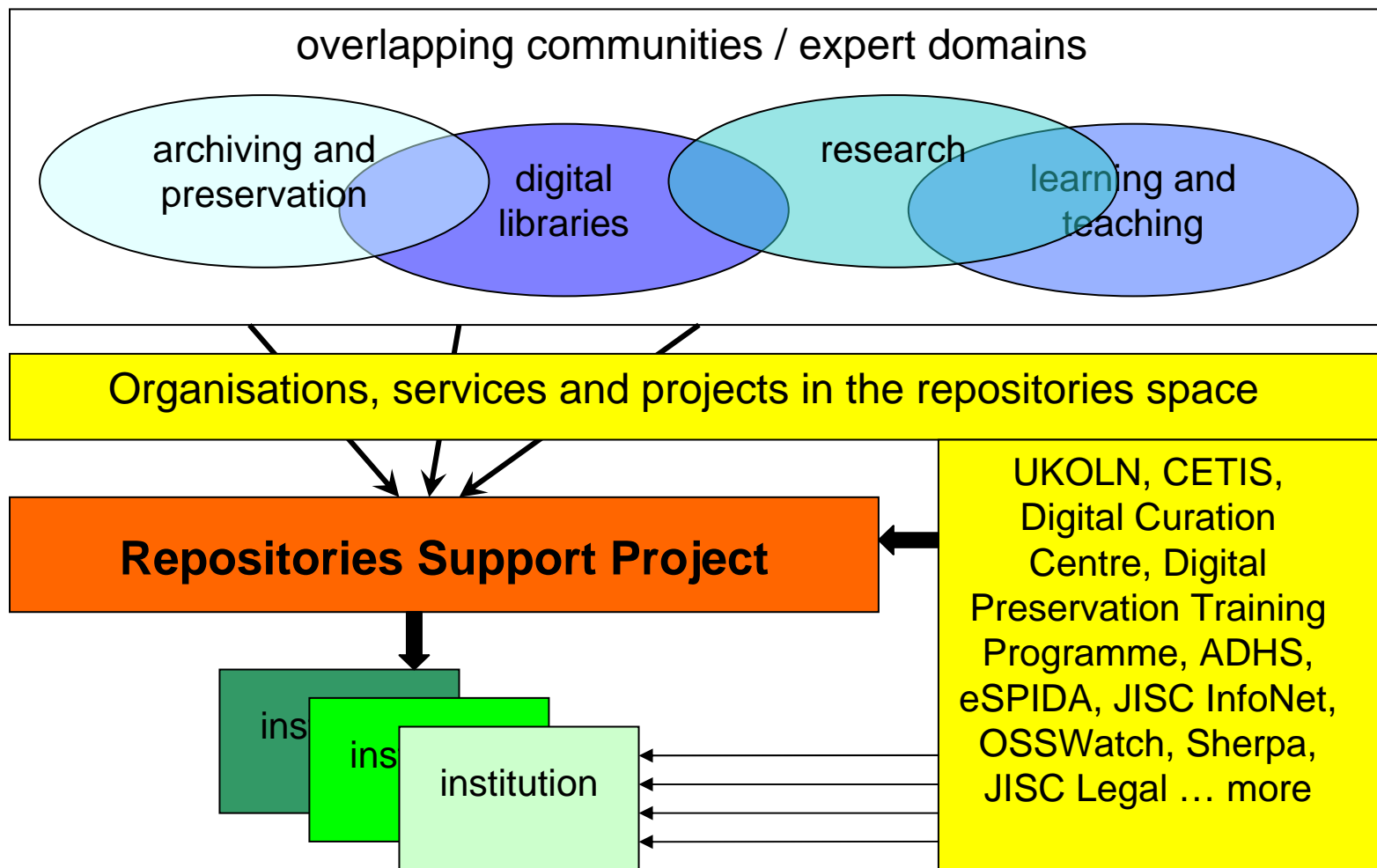
Repositories are a convergence of domains



There is already support and advice available



Institutions need a “one stop shop”



Repository-related issues: examples

- how to undertake software selection and installation
- planning repository implementation
- business requirements and incentives
- repositories and records management
- copyright clearance and digital rights management
- workflows
- interoperability, metadata standards and metadata management
- staffing structures
- business models
- archiving and long-term preservation
- learning object management
- ... more?



NEEDS ANALYSIS

- A help desk contactable via phone & e-mail
- A comprehensive and easily accessible website
- A regularly updated FAQ
- Guidance including:
 - Introductory guides to key themes and signposting to further information
 - Guidance to institutions
 - considering setting up a repository
 - developing an existing repository
 - on effective management of an existing repository.
- Training events, in response to the needs of users, these might include one day events, summer schools, specialist seminars etc
- The project could set up or signpost relevant mailing lists, organisations and communities of interest



SUPPORT PLAN

- There is a wide range of information and guidance already produced that this project will be expected to re-use, refine and develop
- There are experts and advisors who could provide support direct to institutions or to the Project
- There are training courses and opportunities useful to the repositories field

AUDIT



- The Project will need to work with the Repositories and Preservation Programme to ensure that institutions gain the benefits of the work undertaken through the Programme
- The Project will need to work with many other organisations and services, appreciating their different remits and delivery models
- The Project will need to monitor and research the needs of institutions in order to provide timely, consistent, quality support

- Bidders should indicate how the Project will be managed with these relationships in mind

JISC and HEFCW are working in partnership to maximise the support available to institutions in England and Wales

HEFCE are funding up to £1,100,000

An additional £250,000 is available from HEFCW specifically to provide targeted support for Welsh HE Institutions

What you need to do:

- read the Welsh requirements (in the Briefing Paper)
- include Welsh partner(s) in the bid
- offer hands-on support activities

Proposals that do not meet the Welsh requirements **will not be funded**

