

## **Abstract**

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### **National and International Funding Policies for Supporting Research and Infrastructure Projects**

With its funding program “Retrospective Digitization” the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG, German Research Foundation) supported activities in producing openly accessible cultural heritage material from 1997 onwards – years before the DFG became one of the primary signatories of the “Berlin Declaration”. The paper will provide a brief overview of activities funded within the respective programs and then focus on some necessary strategic approaches as well as on DFG’s future plans for the provision of open access cultural heritage. Some problems and developments for coordinated efforts on a national and international level will be presented as well.

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