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STANDARDIZATION VS MAPPING: SOME CONSIDERATIONS ON CIDOC-CRM EXTENSIONS

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Standardization and sharing data are the key works in archaeological computing agenda. In fact only apparently we have many digital resources available. Different formats, systems and structures make difficult to access to different archaeological repositories. In order to overcome this limit, mainly produced by the spread of computer applications often developed with proprietary format, recently we witnessed of implementation of thesauri, standards and metadata. Multiplication of these tools has increased the confusion: to guarantee the interoperability among various archives it is necessary to produce a mapping between different data structure. Recently the diffusion of CIDOC-CRM made easier this task. Many mappings to CORE CIDOC-CRM are already available for data encoded according to Dublin Core, EAD, AMICO, etc. Besides CIDOC-CRM is aligned to DOLCE, a foundational ontology and to other domain ontologies (X3D, MPEG7). This contribution will refer to these different mapping procedures pointing out benefits and risks.