



# **Rights Statements in Digital Object Aggregators**

DPLA, Europeana, and the International Rights  
Statement Working Group

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# Statement of Problem

- Over 87,000 unique rights statements in DPLA
- Lack of standardized mechanism to express rights statements for digitized cultural heritage material
- Wide variety of *textual* rights statements make potential for reuse of digital objects unclear
- Metadata requirements for aggregators often lead to implementation of “boilerplate” statements

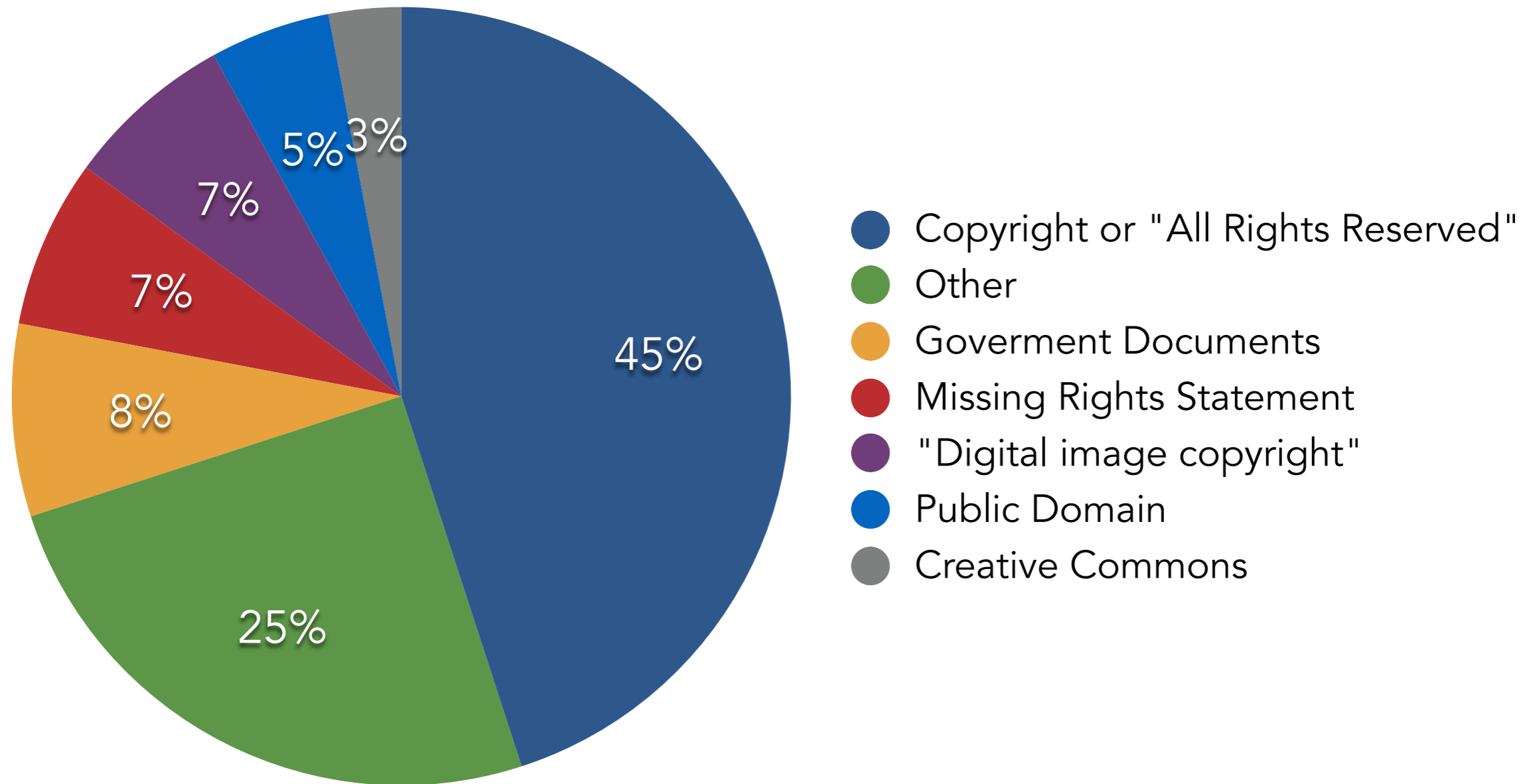
# DPLA Rights Statements

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# Further DPLA analysis

**Very informal analysis** based on rights statements from 6 Service Hubs (~1.36 million objects)

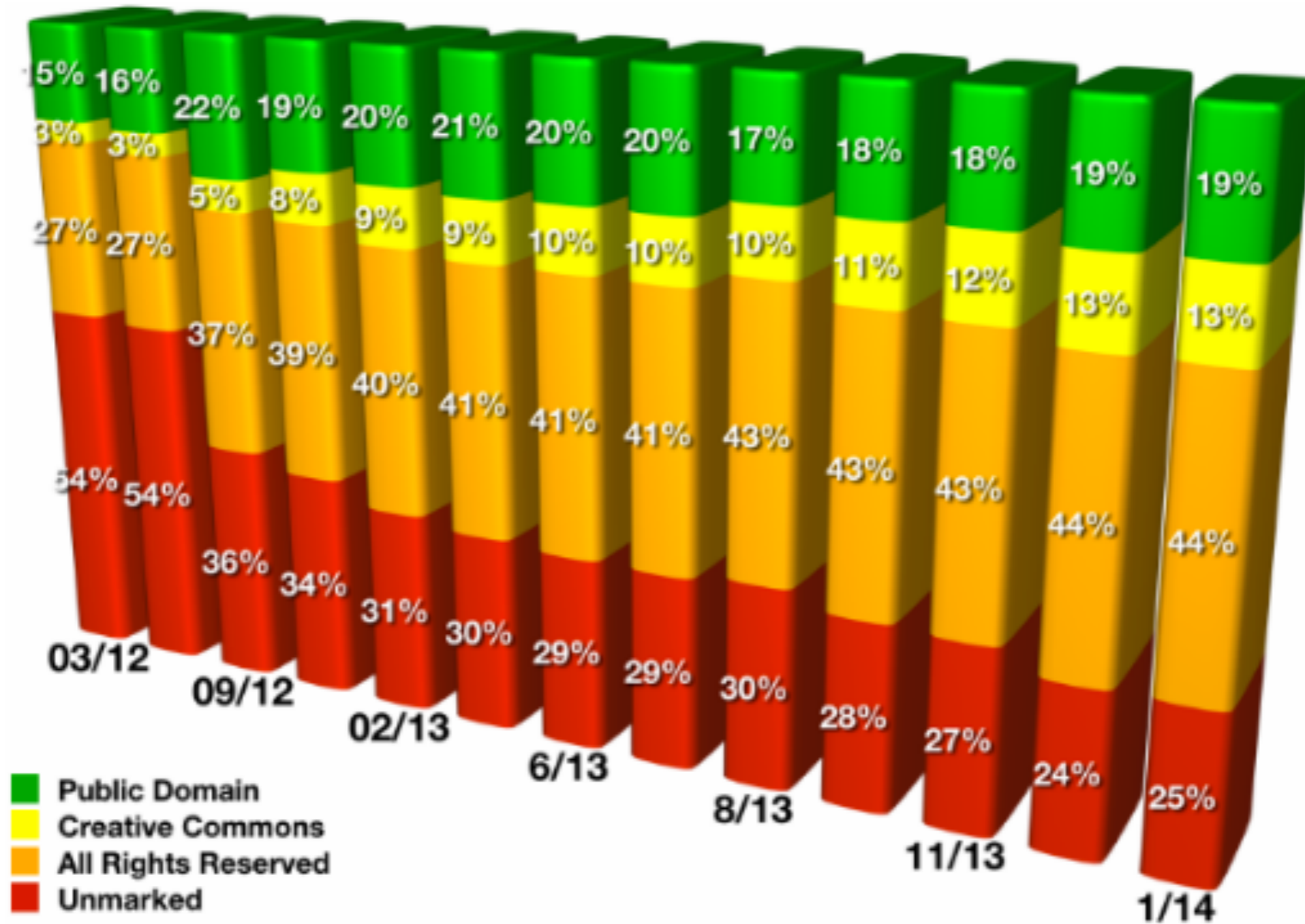


# Europeana Rights Labeling

- **Europeana Rights Labeling Campaign:** collaborative project between Europeana and Kennisland
- Focused on ensuring digital objects are labeled with accurate rights statements and actively addressed unlabeled and incorrectly objects
- Allowed Europeana to expand and refine the specific standardized rights statements permitted in their context



# Europeana Rights Over Time



Rights label per category (as percentage of total)

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# Europeana Rights Statements

- Public Domain Mark
- Out of Copyright: Non-commercial Reuse \*
- Free access - no reuse ^
- Paid access - no reuse ^
- Orphan work (EU) \*
- Unknown ^
- Creative Commons CC0
- Creative Commons - Attribution (CC-BY)
- Creative Commons - Attribution, ShareAlike (BY-SA)
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**<http://pro.europeana.eu/available-rights-statements>**

# A Way Forward



**Knight News Challenge: Strengthening the Internet**

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# What You Can Do

- Comment on forthcoming white papers from each subgroup, to be released in early 2015
- Once the framework is established, work with your digital collections and/or those of your partners to implement
- DPLA's plan for implementation will utilize Hubs Network to train the current 1,300+ DPLA contributing institutions

# Thank You!

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