This new and revised series of Guides to Good Practice have been produced as the result of a two-
year collaborative project between the UK Archaeology Data Service and Digital Antiquity in the
US. The project has encompassed important revisions of the existing six ADS Guides as well as
the development of entirely new documents covering areas such as marine survey, laser scanning,
close-range photogrammetry, digital audio and digital video. The project has involved previous
Guides authors revising existing content alongside new authors, from both Europe and the US, also
contributing to the development of the guides into new themes and areas.

The project has been undertaken in collaboration with the Digital Antiquity initiative, a US-based
project with the aim of enhancing the preservation of and access to digital records of archaeological
investigations. A major aim of the Guides is to provide the basis for archaeological project workflows
that will create digital datasets that can be archived and shared effectively by Digital Antiquity's tDAR
archive and repository in the US and by the Archaeology Data Service in the UK. The development of
the Guides involves close collaboration with teams in the US at both the University of Arkansas and
Arizona State University.

Other ADS projects have also fed into the revision and development of the Guides. ADS involvement
in the European VENUS project has formed the basis of a guide focussed on marine survey. In
addition, the incorporation of findings from the ADS Big Data project, together with the revision of the
existing guide on aerial photography and remote sensing data, has seen a significant contribution to
the guides from English Heritage funded projects.

Previous versions of the ADS/AHDS Guides to Good Practice have been archived and are still
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