

FAIRCORE4EOSC

Developing EOSC-Core components to enable a FAIR EOSC ecosystem

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Context

Enhancing FAIRness in the EOSC ecosystem

The European Open Science Cloud (EOSC) is an ecosystem of research data and related services that will enable and enhance seamless access to and reliable re-use of FAIR research objects (including data, publications, software, etc.).

The Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA) for EOSC was created in 2021, as a roadmap for future development. Priorities highlighted in the SRIA are the establishment of the Web of FAIR data and a Minimum Viable EOSC (MVE) by 2027, that is the core components and functions to enable EOSC to operate (the EOSC-Core).





Challenges addressed

Developing the EOSC-Core

The EOSC-Core development has been initiated in the Horizon 2020 calls, but some of the challenges that require to be addressed are:

- Identifiers: Introducing new resource types; machine-actionable persistent identifiers (PIDs); establishing a PID meta-resolver; standardising PID graphs; PID compliance framework to ensure compliance to the EOSC PID policy and to ensure quality of service for PIDs;
- Metadata and Ontologies: Provide or embrace/stimulate existing registries of metadata schemas, ontologies and crosswalks, develop services that build on metadata registries and can facilitate the creation and sharing of crosswalks;
- Interoperability: Enable discovery of data sources available in different formats, making search tools available; Provide tools for quality validation of metadata records and of digital objects; Implement EOSC PID Policy;
- Research Software: metadata description standards for research software, automated deposit of new releases into a scholarly repository and Software Heritage.





FAIRCORE4EOSC in a nutshell

Call title: Deploying EOSC-Core components for FAIR Research

and Innovation Action

Budget: 10 million EUR

Duration: June 2022 – May 2025

Consortium: 22 partners, coordinated by CSC – IT Center for Science

Website: faircore4eosc.eu

Key results: In response to the gaps identified in the SRIA, the project will develop nine new EOSC-Core components aimed to improve the discoverability and interoperability of an increased amount of research outputs.





Amsterdam, Netherlands – Kick-off meeting, June 2022



The 9 FAIRCORE4EOSC components



EOSC Research
Discovery Graph
(RDGraph) to deliver
advanced discovery tools
across EOSC resources
and communities.



EOSC PID Graph
(PIDGraph) to improve the way of interlinking research entities across domains and data sources on the basis of PIDs.



EOSC Metadata Schema

and Crosswalk Registry
(MSCR) to support
publishing, discovery and
access of metadata
schemas and provide
functions to operationalise
metadata conversions by
combining crosswalks.



Registry (DTR) to provide user friendly APIs for metadata imports and access to different data types and metadata mappings.



Resolver (PIDMR) to offer users a single PID resolving API in which any kind of PID can be resolved through a single, scalable PID resolving infrastructure.



Assessment Toolkit (CAT) to support the EOSC PID policy compliance and implementation.



Identifier Service (RAiD)
to mint PIDs for research
projects, allowing to
manage and track project
related activities.



APIs and Connectors
(RSAC) to ensure the
long-term preservation of
research software in
different disciplines.



EOSC Software Heritage Mirror (SWHM) to equip EOSC with a mirror of the Software Heritage universal source code archive.



Impact

PROJECT OUTPUTS

New FAIRCORE4EOSC components fully integrated in the EOSC-Core

- O EOSC CAT
- EOSC RDGRAPH
- EOSC PIDGRAPH
- EOSC MSCR
- O EOSC DTR
- EOSC RAID
- O EOSC PIDMR
- O EOSC RSAC
- EOSC SWHM

FAIRCORE4EOSC components adopted in the case studies & best practices & user documentation available for external stakeholders

OUTCOMES

Contribution to the HE EOSC Partnership (i.e. establishment of the EOSC (MVE)

European researchers can find, access and re-use an increasing amount of research outputs across borders and disciplines

SPECIFIC PROJECT IMPACTS

Improve FAIRness of Science

Advance the establishment of the MVE

Enhance the EOSC Interoperability Framework

Increase uptake of FAIRCORE4EOSC components and EOSC-Core services

DESTINATION HE WORK PROGRAMME MOST RELEVANT IMPACTS

Improving trust in science through increased FAIRness, openness and quality of scientific research in Europe

Transforming the way researchers create, share and exploit research outputs within and across research disciplines

Seamless access to and management of increasing volumes of research data following FAIR principles and other research outputs



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MSCR

EOSC Metadata Schema and Crosswalk Registry

Support publishing, discovery and access of metadata schemas and crosswalks and provide functions to operationalise metadata conversion by combining crosswalks.



DTR

EOSC Data Type Registry

Provide user friendly and machine actionable Interfaces for the registration and usage of Data Types and Kernel Information Profiles.



Case Studies





This case-study will focus on improving the discoverability of CLARIN data through the integration of the Digital Object Gateway (DOG), a crucial component for the interoperability of the CLARIN infrastructure, Language Resource Switchboard and Virtual Collection Registry tools.

Adopted components



















ENES supports climate modellers in their work, in particular in the area of data management. In this case study we demonstrate how the developed EOSC-Core components can improve the discoverability and re-use of research results from the ENES community.

Adopted components















zbMATH Open & swMATH projects aggregate significant scientific advances in mathematics and related disciplines supporting researchers in finding relevant publications and data. The case study will increase the discoverability of the zbMATH Open and swMATH data and services in the mathematical and EOSC community.

Adopted components









RDGraph

European Integration of National-level Services

The case study will showcase how the developed components can enrich the content of the national research information systems displaying international connections to research objects and improve their interoperability.

Adopted components















EOSC Service Providers

The case study aims to meet domain-specific requirements of research communities for common data services that improve discovery, access and reusability of research data. Leveraging the EUDAT services, the case study will act as a rule model for other service providers to increase the adoption of the developed components.

Adopted components









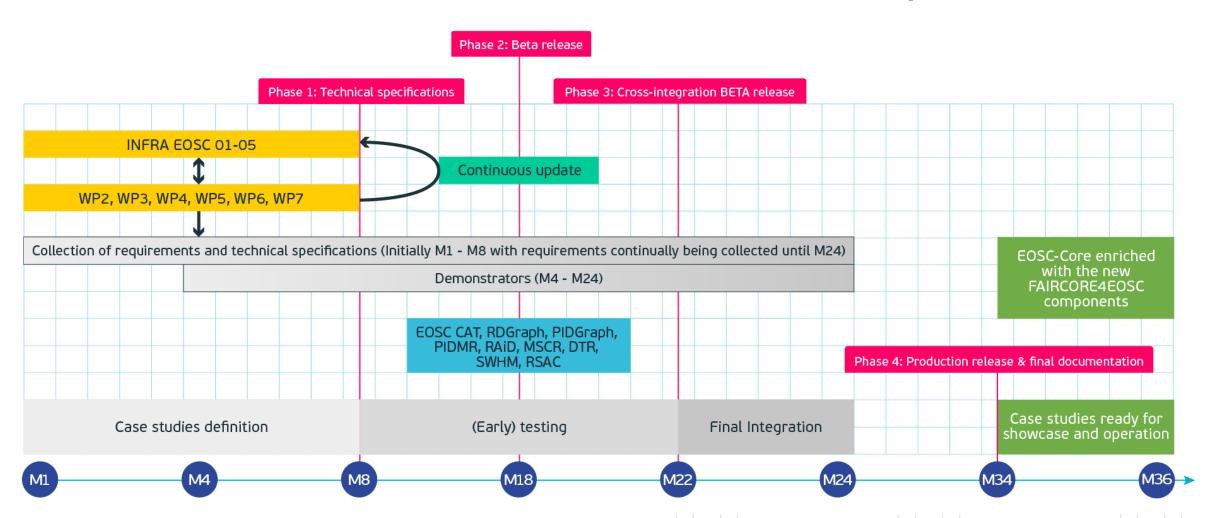








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