

# EOSC Tripartite Governance

The European Commission, EOSC Association and EOSC Steering Board are heading the transition towards Open Science in Europe

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# European Commission: EOSC Achievements and Plans

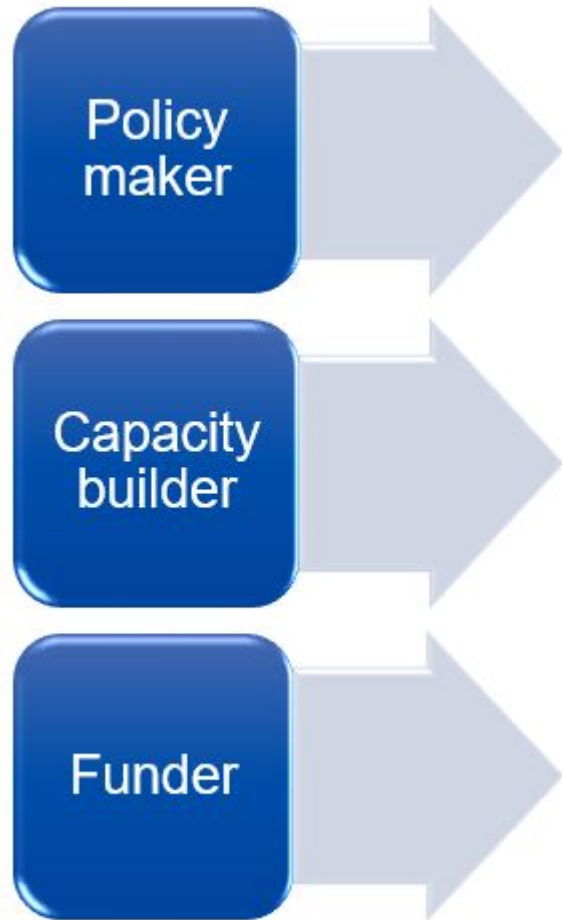
## EOSC Tripartite Event 2022

Session: “Main achievements of the tripartite collaboration and plans for 2023”

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# EOSC as part of the EC policy for Open Science



- **Improve the *practice* of research and innovation**
  - Open access to scholarly publications
  - Research Data Management and FAIR digital outputs
  - Verifiable and reproducible results, transparent processes
  - Research integrity, Societal engagement etc.
- **Develop proper *enablers***
  - Open Research Infrastructures including the **EOSC** and ORE
  - Rewards and incentives
  - Skills and education
  - Legal & regulatory environment
- **‘Walk the Open Science talk’ through *Horizon Europe***
- **Open Science in the *international* context**

# Open Science central to ‘Pact for R&I in Europe’

## Open science is a central part of the ‘Pact for R&I in Europe’ (Nov '21)



### Upholding values

- Ethics and integrity
- Freedom of scientific research
- Gender equality and equal opportunities



### Working better

- **Free circulation**
- **Pursuit of excellence**
- **Value creation**



### Working together

- Coordination, coherence and commitment
- Global outreach
- **Inclusiveness**
- **Societal responsibility**

## Open Science in priority areas for joint ERA action (Nov '21)

### Deepening ERA

- **Open Science**
- **Research Infrastructures**
- Gender equality, equal opportunities for all
- Careers and mobility of researchers and **research assessment and reward systems**
- Knowledge valorisation
- Scientific leadership
- Global engagement

### Broadening ERA and relevance

- Challenge-based ERA actions
- Synergies with education EU Skills Agenda
- Synergies with sectoral and industrial policy, to boost innovation ecosystems
- **Active citizen and society engagement**

### Amplifying access to excellence

### Advancing R&I investments and reforms



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# Keeping the policy momentum

- **2015** - 'Open, data-intensive and networked research as a driver for faster and wider innovation' [Council Conclusions]
- **2016** – 'The transition towards an Open Science system' [CC]
- **2018** - 'Access to and preservation of scientific information' [EC Recommendation] + 'Accelerating knowledge circulation in the EU' [CC] + 'European Open Science Cloud' [CC]: *"A change of culture among researchers towards openness is a precondition for the successful implementation of the EOSC"*
- **2021** – 'Pact for Research and Innovation in Europe' [Council Recommendation] + 'Future governance of the European Research Area', including ERA Policy Agenda 2022-24 [CC]: *"Enable the open sharing of knowledge and the re-use of research outputs, including through the development of the EOSC"*
- **2022** – 'Research assessment and implementation of Open Science' [CC]

# OS and EOSC fully embedded in ERA Policy Agenda

**ERA Action 1: “*Enable the open sharing of knowledge and the re-use of research outputs, including through the development of the EOSC*”**

- **Motivations:**

- Open science practices and skills becoming the ‘new normal’ for undertaking research
- Providing seamless access to a rich portfolio of FAIR data and services in all domains
- Assessing trends over time of the uptake of open science practices across Europe

- **Aligned with the outcomes of Action 1 and of the EOSC Tripartite Event 2021**

- Deploy open science principles and identify best practices
- Deploy the EOSC core components and services, federate data infrastructures and improve interoperability of data;
- Establish a monitoring mechanism to support MS/AC and other EOSC stakeholders in tracking EOSC contributions and the uptake of Open Science.

- **Commitments by 25 MS, 3 AC and 9 stakeholder groups to actively participate.**

## **Synergies with other ERA actions**

- Infrastructures, assessment, legislation, HEI/universities, international cooperation, ERA monitoring

# EOSC part of the ‘European Strategy for Data’

EOSC is defined as a basis for a ‘**science, research and innovation**’ **data space** articulated with other common sectoral data spaces

- EOSC contribution to Commission Staff Working Document on **Common European Data Spaces** (SWD(2022)45)



# EC continued support to the EOSC governance

- Support to run the **EOSC Steering Board** and its three sub-groups
  - Including 92 national representatives from 43 countries (27 MS, 16 AC)
- Collaboration with the EOSC-A to run the **EOSC Partnership Board**
  - Approval of AAPs for 2021 & 2022, SRIA v1.0 and EOSC monitoring Framework
  - Expected later this year: agreement on the SRIA 1.1 and on the AAP 2023
- HE Support to the **EOSC European Partnership**
  - Update the SRIA and corresponding Roadmaps
  - Organise the cooperation with EOSC-relevant projects; monitor their results
  - Monitor EOSC key performance indicators;
  - Develop a framework to implement the EOSC rules of participation
  - Link to other relevant Horizon Europe Partnerships, Clusters, and sectoral data spaces
  - Develop and test models for a lasting long-term sustainability framework



# EC support to monitoring Open Science and EOSC readiness

## Roll-out of key **layers of the EOSC Observatory**

- Builds on a series of H2020 capacity-building projects for EOSC monitoring
- Launch of the Dashboard to discover and analyse EOSC Readiness
- <https://eoscobservatory.eosc-portal.eu/home>

## Co-development of **EOSC national survey** questions and indicators

- Builds on intense collaboration between the EOSC Steering Board and the EOSC-Future consortium
- Several reports by the end of this year:
  - Report on EOSC Readiness
  - Report on EOSC-SB financial contributions analysis and recommendations
  - Report on national contributions to the EOSC
- Launch of the Survey 2022 by the EOSC Steering Board
- Launch of a first EOSC Catalogue of OS practices

## Relationship with the **ERA monitoring** mechanism

- Through ERA action 19

# Study on the European Research Data Landscape

- Scope
  - All fields of science; geographically covering EU **Member States**, H2020 **Associated Countries**, and **UK**
  - Survey of **researchers**: 15066 responses + of **research data repositories**: 316 responses
  - **FAIRness assessment** of 31 data repositories (more than 7000 datasets in total)
  - Six **case studies** to illustrate specific FAIRification aspects of repositories
- Study outcome will be presented in detail during the Symposium (15 Nov, 14h30)
  - Only 40% of researchers occasionally **store data in research data repositories**; 1/3 never heard about **FAIR principles**; 2/3 develop **DMPs** but **other FAIR-aligned practices** much less common
  - **Main barriers**: Time, effort and financial costs; Data protection and legal restrictions; Lack of recognition
- Baseline for reuse in the context of the EOSC European Partnership

# Support to extension of European Covid-19 Data Platform and EOSC articulation with Health Data Space

- **The European COVID-19 Data Platform** now indexes COVID-relevant SSH data from the CESSDA catalogue and provides a global search feature that allows users to search across all different data types, supported by 22 different databases
- **An EHDS pilot use case on colorectal cancer data** will be run by ELIXIR and the Federated European Genome-phenome Archive (Federated EGA) components of the Platform, will be piloted as a solution for sharing sensitive human data.
- EOSC4Cancer project will provide the **infrastructure** for the exploitation of **cancer data for the EU Cancer Mission**.



# Continued EOSC engagement with ESFRI and eIRG

## ESFRI-EOSC relationship

- ESFRI-EOSC Task Force until March 2022
- 3<sup>rd</sup> ESFRI-EOSC Workshop (24-25 Jan 2022):  
“What does EOSC bring to RI users?”
  - How can RI communities and researchers use and benefit from the EOSC
  - How do the thematic RIs and ESFRI clusters fit into the EOSC ecosystem and the evolving European landscape for RIs as part of the ERA policy agenda
- ERAC and ESFRI discussion on future ESFRI-EOSC coordination
  - In the context of the digital transition of European Research Infrastructures



## EOSC and eIRG

- Participation in the eIRG meetings in 2022
- Contribution to the upcoming eIRG White Paper 2022 on  
“*Cooperation and coordination between European e-Infrastructures*”





# EC implementation of HE Calls 2021-2022 under RI-INFRAEOSC Destination

## EU investment of 136 Million €

- **First wave of HE INFRAEOSC projects** addressing priorities of the EOSC Multi-Annual Roadmap 2021-22 of SRIA v1.0
- **HE Projects coordination meeting** organized by the EC on 30 September 2022
- **Market consultation** for the procurement of EOSC Platform: PIN published on 4 May 2022 followed by two open webinars

Acronym	Type of Action	Topic	Start date	Duration
Skills4EOSC	CSA	Supporting an EOSC-ready digitally skilled workforce	01/09/2022	36M
EOSC Focus	CSA	Supporting the development and coordination of activities of the EOSC Partnership	01/06/2022	36M
FAIRCORE4EOSC	RIA	Deploying EOSC-Core components for FAIR	01/06/2022	36M
FAIR-EASE	RIA	Innovative and customizable services for EOSC	01/09/2022	36M
<u>EuroScienceGateway</u>	RIA	Innovative and customizable services for EOSC	01/09/2022	36M
RAISE	RIA	Innovative and customizable services for EOSC	01/10/2022	40M
AI4EOSC	RIA	Innovative and customizable services for EOSC	01/09/2022	36M
<u>SciLake</u>	RIA	Innovative and customizable services for EOSC	01/01/2023	36M
FAIR-IMPACT	CSA	Enabling discovery and interoperability of federated research objects across scientific communities	01/06/2022	36M
EOSC4Cancer	RIA	FAIR and open data sharing in support of cancer research	01/09/2022	30M

# HE RI-INFRAEOSC DESTINATION 2023-2024 ready for adoption

## EU investment of 130 Million €

- Defined considering input by the EOSC Association as part of the EOSC European Partnership (alignment with the EOSC Multi-Annual Roadmap 2023-2024)
- Presented, discussed and finalised in consultation with the Member States
- Publication expected on 28 November; Horizon Europe RI-INFRAEOSC Call 2023 to open on 6 December 2022 and close on 9 March 2023 (tbc)



# EC promoting mainstreaming and synergies

## □ EOSC mainstreaming across Horizon Europe

- **Mandated** (including OA and RDM in line with FAIR) and **recommended** open science practices (including FAIRification of data)
- **Evaluation** of open science under ‘excellence’ and ‘quality of implementation’ award criteria
- Embedding/integrating, where relevant, open science practices like **FAIR data sharing and management** and **interconnection to EOSC policies and infrastructures** in Call topics across the programme
- Flagging of relevant Call topics: “**EOSC and FAIR data**”

## □ Synergies with other EU programmes

- Synergies between Horizon Europe and **ERDF programmes**: guidance  
[https://ec.europa.eu/info/files/synergies-between-horizon-europe-and-erdf-programmes-draft-commission-notice\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/files/synergies-between-horizon-europe-and-erdf-programmes-draft-commission-notice_en)
- EOSC in scope of the **Recovery and Resilience Facility** and used by several MS in the Open Science / EOSC context

# Plans for 2023: policy actions

- Joint EC/MS implementation of **ERA Action 1** on open science practices, EOSC implementation and monitoring
- Further articulation of EOSC in relation to other Data Spaces of the '**European Strategy for Data**'; sharing EOSC & FAIR experience
- Options for the **EOSC Post-2027** through the EOSC Tripartite Governance
- Agreement with the EOSC Association on an **updated EOSC SRIA**; **Additional Activity Plan 2024** and reporting on 2021 and 2022
- Continued engagement at **European and international levels** including with Research Data Alliance, ISC/CODATA-WDS, UNESCO, G7 OSWG



# Plans for 2023: programme actions

- Launch of new projects from INFRAEOSC **Calls in 2022**; topics covered: services and tools underpinning research assessment; coordinating technical infrastructure for institutional OA publishing; FAIR and open data sharing supporting Oceans Mission; supporting initiative for global standards for open sharing of FAIR research outputs
- Launch of RI-INFRAEOSC **Call 2023**, followed by evaluation and grant preparation
- Start of the **procurement action for the EOSC Platform**
- Interaction with EOSC Association to identify **future EOSC priorities & topics**
- Preparation of the **Strategic Planning** for the RI WP **2025-2027**
- Further **mainstreaming across Horizon Europe** Clusters and Missions
- **Linking with deployment programmes** such as the Digital Europe Programme and the Connecting Europe Facility



# Thank you!



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