

Science Clusters' long-term commitment to open science

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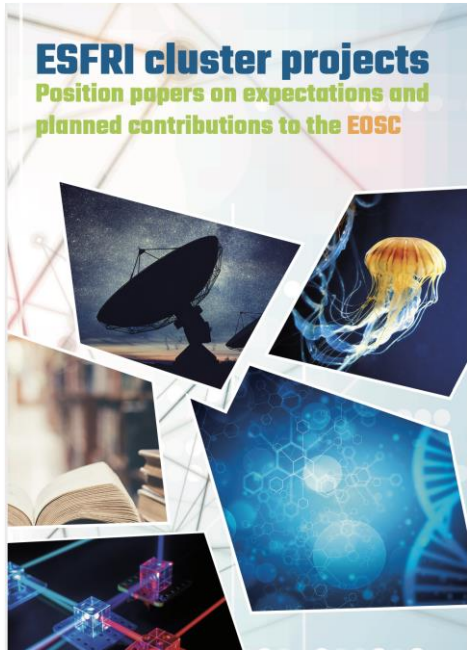
ESFRI Science Clusters

The H2020 Science Cluster concept was aimed at supporting:

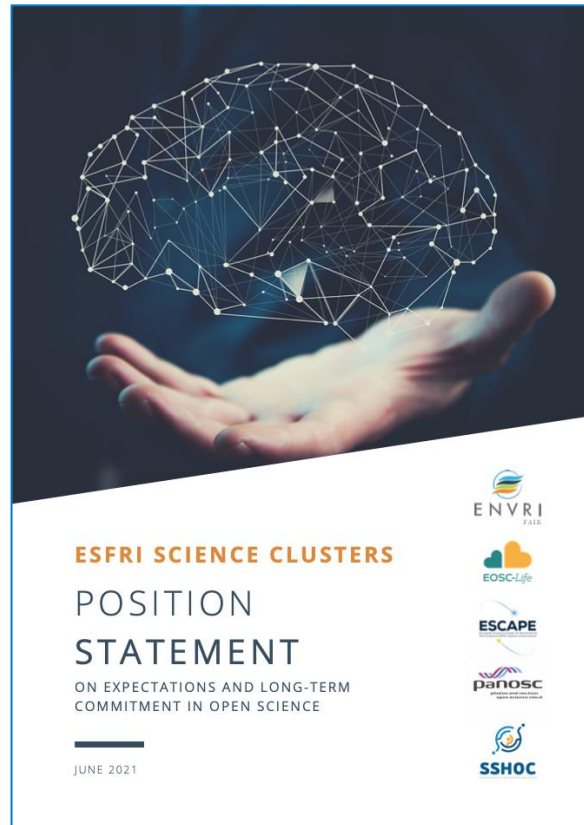
- “**Open-science data-intensive research**” in order to “**rise productivity of researchers and to lead to new insights and innovation**”
- Commit in **Open Science** implementing the **FAIRness** of scientific data
- Connecting ESFRI and other world-class RIs to **EOSC – European Open Science Cloud**
- **ENVRI-FAIR** (Environment and Earth Sciences), **EOSC-LIFE** (Biomedical Science), **ESCAPE** (Astrophysics and Particle/Nuclear Physics), **PANOSC** (Neutron and light sources facilities) and **SSHOC** (Social Science and Humanities).



Broader synergies among clusters



<https://zenodo.org/record/3675081-.X2R2PJNLhTY>



<https://zenodo.org/record/4889503>



<https://indico.in2p3.fr/event/24327/>



ESFRI Science Clusters

<https://science-clusters.eu/>

- The Science Clusters are engines for Interdisciplinarity.
- The Science Clusters occupy a unique position between EOSC, ESFRI RIs and scientific communities.

Research Infrastructures and Communities

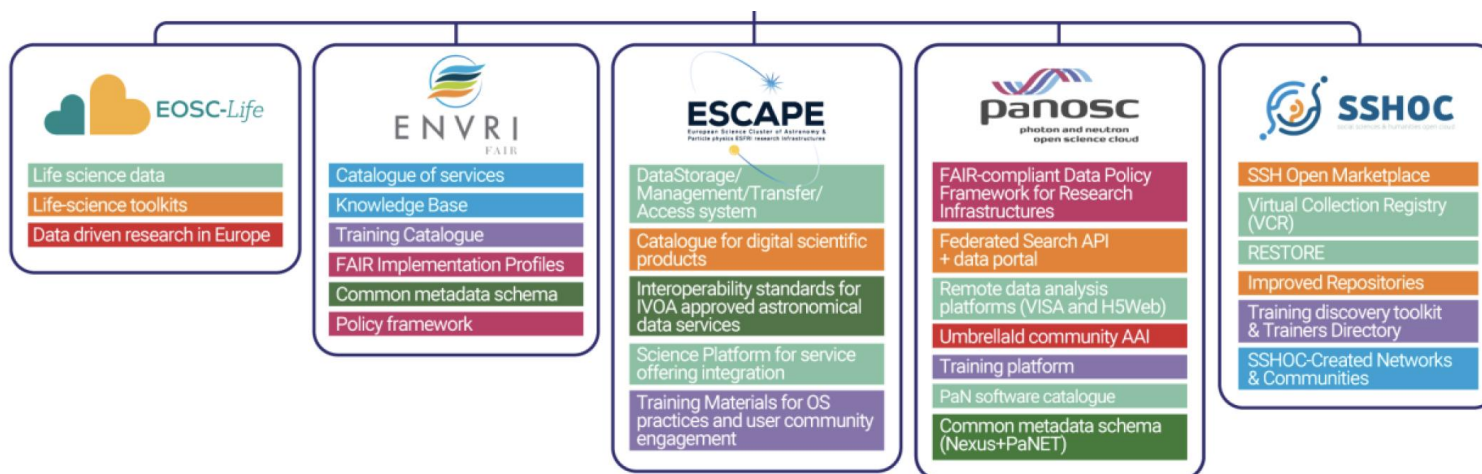
The science clusters have grown out of five collaborative projects funded by the European Union in 2019 to link ESFRI and other world-class Research Infrastructures (RIs) to the European Open Science Cloud (EOSC). The services developed by the clusters and other outcomes of the projects are cornerstones of the emerging EOSC fabric and support both disciplinary communities and multidisciplinary initiatives with harmonised models for access to data, tools, workflows and training. Each cluster unites multiple RIs in their specific scientific domain.



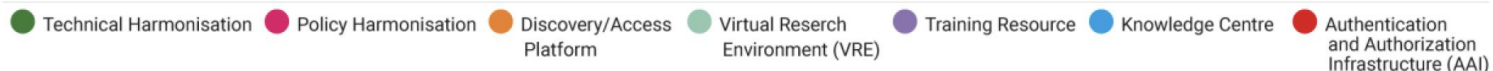
- The Science Clusters uniquely capable to address the challenges of open research data being at the same time data producers and consumers.
- The Science Clusters are a key part in developing mid-level multidisciplinary tools and platforms.
- The Science Clusters' track record of integrating infrastructures can be a significant asset for the EOSC. *(The majority of the EOSC Association members are EU member States Universities and Research Institutes: science and the support of research communities as the EOSC major aim!)*
- The 5 Science Cluster H2020 grants are ended. However, all of the 5 have put in place long-term structures – through MoU or Collaboration Agreement.
- They have a common position and agree: to have effective mechanisms to enable cross cluster/cross-domain collaborations; to participate in the EOSC implementation (by Nodes)

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- Building on the [Science Clusters' approach and results](#)



RESULTS CATEGORIES



Budget and timeline

- Starting date: **2024-01-01**
- Duration: **4 years**
- EC funding: **25 M€** (100%)

Cascading grant calls

- Opens: ~ **March 2024 / Nov. 2024**
- Project start: **Sept-Dec. 2024 / Aug-Oct. 2025**
- Budget: **100 - 250 k€** / project
- Duration: **1 - 2 years**

OSCARS' Objectives

(A) consolidating achievements from the five H2020 INFRA-EOSC-2018-01-04 projects into **lasting interdisciplinary services and working practices** towards:

(B) Leading and fostering the involvement of a broad range of research communities in EOSC via the development of new **Open Science projects** to drive the uptake of FAIR-data-intensive research throughout the ERA by:

EXPECTED RESULTS

- **Open Science practice:** increased scientific impacts via the support of Open Science projects;
- **Community-based Competence Centres (CCC)**, contributing to the sustainability of the Science Cluster actions, fostering their impacts, supporting and aligning operations of ESFRI and other RIs and involving the long tail of science.
- **Composable Open Data and Analysis Services (CODAS)** onboarded into the EOSC Exchange platform, fostering the alignments of practices in scientific data analysis and enhancing researchers' participation in Open Science.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- **Operational Competence Centres**
- Uptake of **web-based highly composable platforms for Open Science data analysis**;
- **Stronger involvement of scientific communities in Open Science** and the shaping of EOSC;
- Enhancing and further structuring of the successful **cross-fertilization** work built by the Science Clusters;
- **Economy of scale** of (cross-cluster) services;

EVERSE

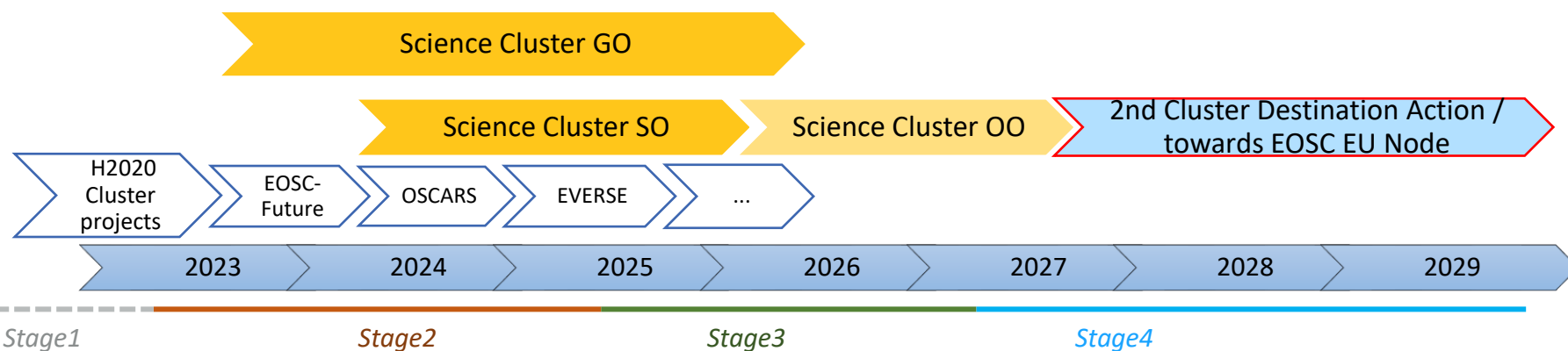
European Virtual Institute for Research Software Excellence

Further actions are led by the Science Clusters, such as EVERSE

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- The **catalogue of software** will continue to be populated with new collaborative cross-border software, workflows and methods and for the benefit of the community at large.
- Development of community-based approaches for ensuring and improving **quality of scientific software and code** highly relevant to all Science Clusters.
- **Establish the Virtual Research Institute (VRI)**

Science Clusters' work plan



General Objectives (GO):

- consolidation of thematic data infrastructures (cluster VREs, platforms and a “few core services”) as parts of a federation.

Specific Objectives (SO):

- relevant scientific results from clusters;
- increased number of RIs;
- enhance researchers uptake of OS and widening dimension.

Operational Objectives (OO):

- sustainable operation of the deployed cluster as a “platform infrastructure” (e.g. CCC and VRI);
- continuous promotion and hosting of inter-domain FAIR Science Projects.
- domain-based (new RIs’) challenges as well as new Open Science Objectives.

Cluster diversity and EOSC implementation

Research Infrastructures (RIs) managing thematic data repositories (as in social science).

- **National nodes should co-ordinate to evolve expertise based on the science domain and participate in an EU thematic federation.**

RIs managing thematic data repositories and workflows (based on widely distributed data sources, e.g. for earth and environment science).

- **A transversal thematic EU Node would be useful to promote data federation and strengthen the community around the same goals.**

Domain where data production and management are already federated in a community-based data hub as an RI in itself and series of national Nodes (as in life science).

- **They are aimed at becoming or being included in an EU thematic EOSC Node.**

Large physics infrastructures operating as multi-domain research facilities would benefit from the basic services of e-infrastructures and the EU EOSC Node.

- **They are data producers; promoting a EU League of such research facilities for data-research would reinforce common practices and goals.**

Big-Science RIs have all the scientific and technological expertise and are responsible for the production and exploitation of data.

- **A Community-based EU Node would operate for the sustainability of ESFRIs, for economies of scale and to maintain the RIs commitment to the EOSC.**

EOSC implementation

About the EOSC EU NODE:

A) EU Node for EOSC core services' operation

- Instrumental for multi-disciplinary and long-tail of science and to foster standardization in data stewardship.
- Limited scientific scope if aimed at proposing services as one fits all solution.
- Ownership can be moved to national entities/Nodes contracted to operate major services.

B) EU Node for EOSC high-level services' evolution, for Open Science and Excellence Research

- A future EU entity to manage cascading grant calls that would be suitable in the long run to promote cross-domain cooperation, the uptake of open science by researchers, the fostering of science priorities for society in the EU framework.
- Strengthening and supporting ESFRIs would require an EU EOSC Node for: economy of scale in data management; training; development of science strategy in the EU; science diplomacy and the impact of science on society; linking EOSCs to other sectoral data spaces.
- Management of highly composable virtual research environments per scientific domain for full hosting of open scientific projects and federation of scientists in open research.
- Centrally supporting the federation of thematic data with the involvement of national institutes.
- The EU EOSC Node should include the concept of 'cluster of clusters' and would manage their coordination.
- Each scientific cluster would operate a European thematic node, owned by the EC and managed by the association of ESFRI cluster members (and their consortia of national institutes).

Conclusion

- Important progress in the cooperation of the five science clusters
- We are achieving our goals and milestones according to our work programme
- The sustainable long-term goal of each science cluster is seen as part of the overall EU plan for the implementation of the EOSC, including the EOSC-EU Node. The five Science Clusters are working also along this perspective.

