

EOSC: From the EOSC EU Node to the EOSC Federation

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EOSC, for the digital transformation of research

What is EOSC?



A (policy) process

- Accelerate Open Science, FAIR data management and use of digital methods and services
- Stimulate co-operation in science and research, new insights and innovations, higher research productivity and improved reproducibility in research.
- An open and trusted Federation of collaborative and autonomous infrastructures (system of systems, web of distributed Nodes)
 - Applying agreed, consensus-based policies and rules of participation
 - Enable European researchers to store, share, process, analyze, and reuse research digital objects (e.g. data, publications and software)

An evolving ecosystem

- Bringing together the European Commission, the governments and the many R&I stakeholders involved in the European Research Area
- Co-created across European, national, and institutional levels



EOSC, an EU policy priority

- **EU Strategy for Data:** EOSC is the basis for a science, research and innovation data space that will be connected and fully articulated with the sectoral data spaces.
- European Research Area (ERA) Policy Agenda Priority Action 1:

 Enable the open sharing of knowledge and the re-use of research outputs, including through the development of the European Open Science Cloud (EOSC).



Outcomes of Priority Action 1:

- 1. Deploy Open Science Principles and identify Open Science best practices.
- 2. Deploy the core components and services of EOSC and federate existing data infrastructures in Europe, working towards the interoperability of research data.
- 3. Establish a monitoring mechanism to collect data and benchmark investments, policies, digital research outputs, open science skills and infrastructure capacities related to EOSC.



EOSC, next ERA policy agenda, current proposals

Deepening an internal market for knowledge

- Enabling Open Science
- Equity in Open and Responsible Research
- Research Infrastructures
- Inclusive and intersectional gender equality
- Research Careers
- Research Assessment
- Fundamental research and scientific leadership
- Establishment of a European Science for Policy ecosystem
- Knowledge Valorisation
- Freedom of Scientific Research
- AI in science and research in the EU
- Global Approach to R&I
- Knowledge Security

Research and innovation excellence

- Improve EU-wide access to excellence
- · An new ERA for Research Management

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Green and digital transition

- Revamping the SET Plan (merger with Renewable Energy Valleys, tbc)
- Greening Research: first steps towards sustainable research practices
- Non-animal approaches in biomedical research and testing pharmaceuticals
- A harmonised framework to support integrity and ethics in R&I
- Unleashing the full R&I potential of Europe's universities
- Industrial transformation for Europe's competitive sustainability and strategic autonomy
- Citizen Engagement, including trust in science for a stronger and more democratic European society

Investments and reforms

An R&I foresight community of practice



EOSC, keeping the policy momentum

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The future

competitiveness

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Much more that a Market "A central pillar of this strategy is the **creation of a European Knowledge Commons** – a centralised, digital platform providing access to publicly funded research, data sets, and educational resources. ..."

"An important factor that would enhance P&I capacity is the available."

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The future of European competitiveness

Heitor et al.

Align, Act, Accelerate. Research, technology and innovation to boost European competitiveness "An important factor that would enhance R&I capacity is the availability of world-leading research and technological infrastructure, capable of serving the whole European ecosystem"

"The EU's efforts to hone its competitive edge need to be guided by European values, [...] such as academic freedom and independence, research integrity and ethics, transparency, diversity, inclusion, gender equality, open science and open access to scientific publications and research data."

"The European Open Science Cloud (EOSC) is a key enabler of the digitalisation of research infrastructures while delivering the European Data Space for research data. It has potential to become the most generally used infrastructure in Europe".



Main objectives of a strategy?

- Mission Letter: "... I would like you to prioritise the foundations that foster knowledge and innovation, notably through a long-term strategy to boost European Research Infrastructure, with the aim of creating a pan-European ecosystem of research infrastructures and services ..."
- Answers to questionnaire: "... a European Strategy on Research Infrastructures will **address the accessibility, resilience, and security of our infrastructures**, to allow researchers to test and develop their ideas ..." & "... I will present a European Strategy on Research Infrastructures to **ensure European researchers and innovators have access to world-class facilities and services and make full use of them**, with a **focus on industry, SMEs and startups** ..."
- Hearing: "... I ... support **investment** in research and technology infrastructures ..." & "... the research infrastructure ... is really important ... that's why one of the priorities for my mandate will be to propose research and technology in a strategy to **develop our infrastructure** ..." & "... I think this is the way forward, to **create a better environment for our young researchers** to improve the research and innovation infrastructure as well ..." ...
- → "Ecosystem": streamlining, prioritising based on landscape analysis, performance monitoring, roadmapping ...
- → "Investment"; "resilience and security": funding resources, energy and supply, digitalisation, greening of RIs, research security ...
- → "Accessibility": integrated and sustainable scheme for access to RIs, adapting to user communities, incl. industry ...
- → Also: attracting and growing talents, RIs as hubs for international collaboration ...

EOSC, the Federation and its value proposition

EOSC as an open and trusted Federation of collaborative and autonomous infrastructures, a web of distributed EOSC Nodes:

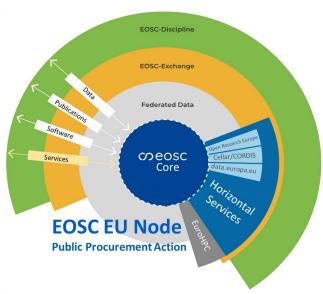
- **Economies of scale:** EOSC Nodes will take advantage of commonly pooled resources and functionalities, enabling them to focus on their core business.
- **Interdisciplinarity:** EOSC will make a step change in fertilizing research that cuts across established disciplinary boundaries, while increasing visibility and re-use of discipline-specific data and services.
- **Research security:** Researchers will find in EOSC a trusted and sovereign environment where they can securely store, analyse and share their results and collaborate within and across disciplines.
- **Enabling AI:** By pooling massive amounts of high-quality FAIR research data, software and compute, and by connecting to other common European data spaces, EOSC aspires to become a key driver of European leadership in AI for science.
- **Policy implementation:** Infrastructure and service providers that will enrol in EOSC will seamlessly comply-by-design to the EU's research and digital policies that are enshrined in the rules and policies of the EOSC Federation.



Rollout of the EOSC Federation (I), the EOSC EU Node

The EOSC EU Node provisioned from the European Commission and its value proposition:

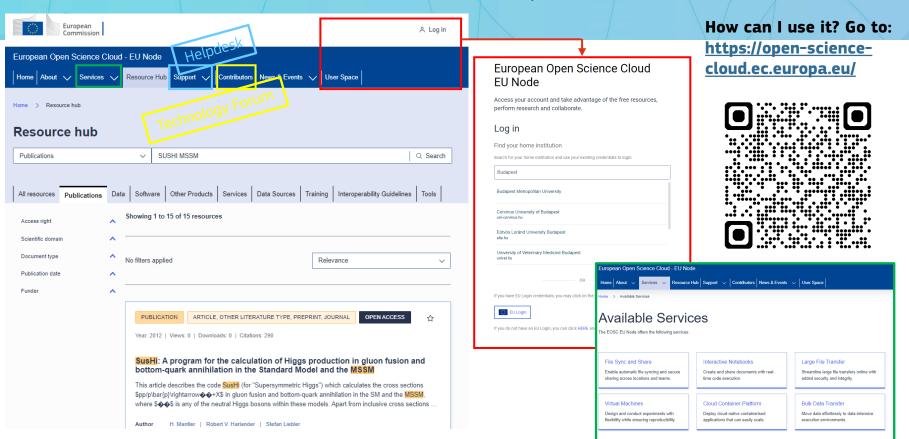
- **Facilitate** the creation of the "Web of FAIR data and interoperable services" (aka. EOSC Federation) under the Open Science Policy
- **Put** a "seed in the ground" by operationalizing the first recognised EOSC Node at the European level for the initial 3 years
- **Offer** "core services" for scientific research infrastructures to federate (single-sign-on, catalogues, knowledge graph, application workflow, monitoring, accounting, helpdesk) and common "horizontal services" for end-users to benefit from (compute, containers, data transfer, notebooks, file sharing, open research data)
- **Define** the *pathway and blueprint* (EOSC Interoperability Framework) for other potential EOSC Node operators to join the federation

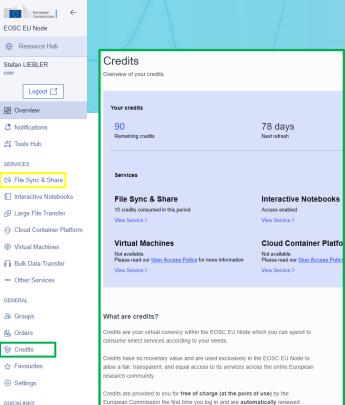




Can I use it? Yes, you can! Launched at EOSC Symposium in Oct. 2024!

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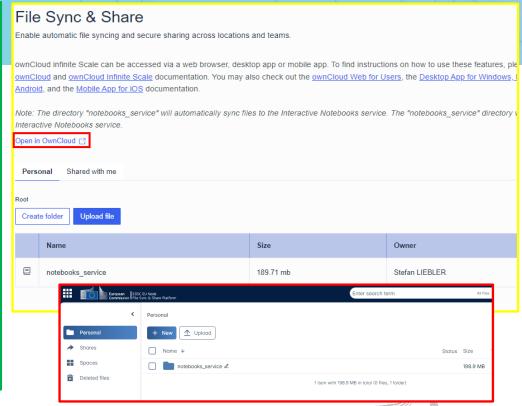
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Training Platform

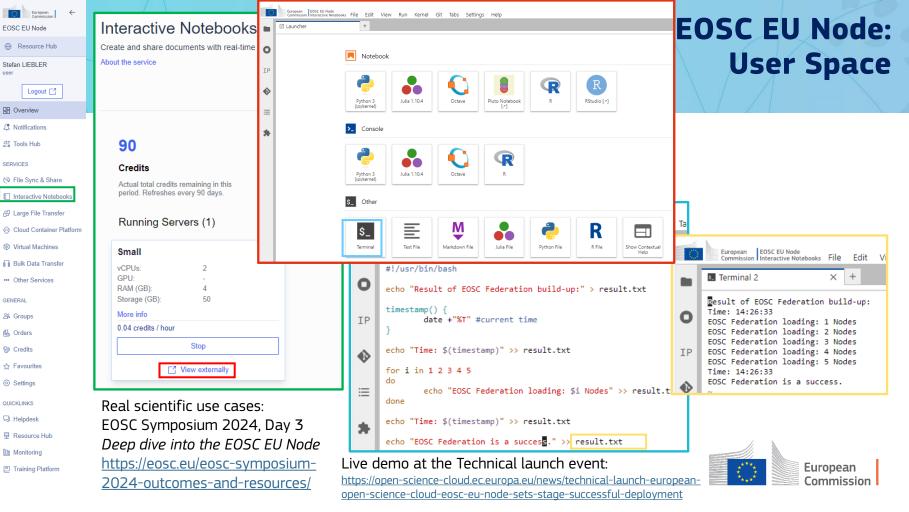
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EOSC EU Node: User Space







Rollout of the EOSC Federation (II)

EOSC Tripartite Group (EC, MS/AC, EOSC Association):

Established in April 2024 by the *EOSC Tripartite Governance* with the aim of developing commonly agreed positions and providing strategic steering for what concerns the establishment, operation, and future development of the EOSC Federation.





Member States & Associated Countries

Involved in the **EOSC Steering Board**

Document on "Building the EOSC Federation: requirement for EOSC nodes"

Set requirements on: Legal status, quality service provision, capacity to onboard third-party services and to contribute to EOSC core capabilities, compliance with EOSC Federation rules and standards, monitoring, community engagement and sustainability.

EOSC Federation Handbook (in progress, led by EOSC-A)

Questionnaire for parties interested in joining the build-up phase of the EOSC Federation

121 organizations replied to the questionnaire between June and August 2024.



Rollout of the EOSC Federation (III)

Build-up phase of the EOSC Federation (kick-off early 2025):

<u>Goal</u>: to achieve a first realization of an operational EOSC Federation towards the end of 2025, with several nodes (including the EOSC EU Node) interconnected and enabling the sharing of resources, i.e. data and services, and the demonstration of EOSC added value in practice.

Identification of Potential Candidate Nodes

- Readiness contribute to the goals of the build-up phase
- Maturity and accessibility of resources
- Diversity (geographic scope, thematic, type, etc.)

Dialogue phase

- Improved understanding of the vision and readiness (organisational aspects, technical capabilities, compatibilities, maturity, offered resources, etc.)
- Co-creation of roadmap for the buildup phase

Identification of Candidate Nodes

- Organisations invited to kick-off the build-up phase.
- Voluntary work. No financial support foreseen for orgs joining the build-up phase.

<u>Successive waves</u> of enrolment on nodes and onboarding of services (timing & frequency tbd)

Continuous engagement of all interested organizations on relevant developments and decisions



EOSC, alongside the Federation

EOSC post-2027: Discussion of the Tripartite Governance on future governance, finance and operations of EOSC

- Further development and deployment of the Federation
- Providing input to the next EU Framework Programme

Horizon Europe support to EOSC:

Horizon Europe (2021-2027) support to EOSC ~ EUR 490 million

2021-23

- **27 funded projects,** 587 participations
- 1 procurement action for EOSC EU node

2024

9 new projects selected for funding

2025-27: INFRAEOSC destination fully embedded in the Strategic Orientations for 2025-27 Research Infrastructures Work Programme.

- WP25: adoption expected for April 2025
- WP26-27: adoption expected for December 2025 Key Inputs for WP25:
- EOSC Partnership and the EOSC Strategic Research &Innovation Agenda
- EOSC Steering Board opinion papers
- ESFRI-EOSC Task Force recommendations
- Stakeholder consultations





Thank you!

