



EOSC Governance and Funding

Science Europe's views on the development of
EOSC

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Science Europe in a Nutshell

- ▶ Association of major public research organisations in Europe: Research Funding Organisations (RFOs) and Research Performing Organisations (RPOs) with a public mission
- ▶ 43 Member Organisations (MOs) from 27 countries
- ▶ Combined research budget of approximately €18 billion per annum
- ▶ Expert Working Groups on Open Access, Research Data, Research Infrastructures, etc.

Science Europe's general view on EOSC

- ▶ Enable participation and support access of scientists to the EOSC in order to take part in future open exchange of scientific knowledge and data;
- ▶ Important to bring existing eInfrastructures together and efficiently coordinate them;
- ▶ however, the complexity of this endeavour must not be underestimated;
- ▶ Need for speedy development BUT important to ensure future functionality of structure, governance and other importance aspects as well as inclusion and acceptance of scientific communities

Governance of the EOSC

- ▶ Open Science should be developed in a way that recognises the **driving role of scientific communities** in shaping and adopting Open Science practices
 - ▶ The EU's large public research organisations will play an important role in the EOSC and therefore wish to contribute to its successful realisation
 - ▶ The EU's large public research organisations provide, through their national and international roles, a **significant part of the underlying infrastructure** to the European research system
- ➔ All this needs to be **reflected in the EOSC Governance**

Funding the EOSC

- ▶ **Sustainable business model** for the EOSC still needs to be developed; **still unclear** how and by which mechanisms the EOSC will be funded in the long run (post 2020)
- ▶ It is expected that at least part of the funding will be provided by national funding bodies
- ▶ Funding for infrastructures comes from a great **variety of sources** and institutions that have different responsibilities and that operate at local, national and international levels. The different funding actores, levels and disciplines are **not part of a coordinated structure**.
- ▶ Currently, in many cases, national funders or science ministries grant funds to cover user-fees or they participate in a membership model.
- ▶ It needs to be ensured that the respective national science communities get a **substantial benefit or respective access** to the eInfrastructures and the services they fund