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HORIZON 2020 CONTRIBUTIONS TO BUILDING THE EOSC
Joint CNECT-RTD project meeting and workshop

9-10 September 2019

Charlemagne building, Room Alcide de Gasperi
170, rue de la Loi-1049, Brussels

Introductory note

This note provides background information ON the Joint CNECT-RTD project meeting and workshop, supported by the EOSC secretariat[1], taking place in Brussels on 9-10 September 2019.

Context

The meeting is intended as a Concertation Meeting of EOSC-related H2020 projects[2] funded from the recent EOSC and related calls. It is extended to include members of the EOSC Executive and Governance Boards, which were set up in 2018[3]. The two DGs (DGs CONNECT and RTD) are coordinating the activities of the projects and the Boards, hence the need to bring you all together to make sure everyone is well informed about each other's activities. We also expect that over these two days many synergies and joint activities will be discovered and discussed to the benefit of all participants and the EOSC community as a whole.

For the Commission, our main objective for this meeting is to (1) identify key assets for EOSC from the projects, (2) coordinate them with the Governance objectives, (3) facilitate cooperation between the projects and the projects and the Governance structure. With the EOSC implementation in its initial stage, many questions regarding the future direction remain open, whether they relate to the future legal entity, sustainability and financing model, level of service provision, incentives for use, or link to the HPC

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[1] https://www.eoscsecretariat.eu/

[2] The list of invited projects is attached.

[3] Commission Decision C(2018) 5552 of 27.8.2018: The Executive Board's tasks shall be to establish a cooperation between the Commission and Research & Innovation stakeholders on questions relating to the Implementation Roadmap for the European Open Science Cloud ('EOSC') in coordination with the Member States. The group shall assist the Commission in the first phase of development of the EOSC until 2020 and in the preparation of the transition to the second phase of development of the EOSC after 2020.

The EOSC Governance Board enables the Member States and the Commission to jointly design the post-2020 governance structure. More: https://eosc-portal.eu/governance/eosc-board

connectivity, to name a few. We are very much looking forward to having your input to the discussions.

Method, boundary conditions and final report

The agenda has been set to cover most aspects of what we foresee as key topics regarding the current state of development of EOSC. In the opening session the Commission, together with the chairs of the Executive and Governance Boards, will provide an overview of the current status and forthcoming plans.

The format of the meeting is very open and interactive, and you will have the opportunity to participate directly in all sessions through small group discussions. You will also do the reporting by choosing rapporteurs amongst yourselves throughout the two days. Finally, we have also asked you to "sponsor" discussions and propose questions on the 3rd breakout session on "Let's talk governance".

The only boundary conditions we set is to respect the work that has been already undertaken in the field, listen to each other and come with a positive and constructive spirit to the meeting.

In the aftermath of the meeting, we will collect all input from all sessions and collate them in the final report. The report will be distributed to all participants and made public. The Commission, the EOSC Governance and Executive Boards and all other stakeholders can, without prejudice, use it to promote the objectives of EOSC and raise awareness amongst stakeholders.

Europe is at the forefront of production of scientific information in the world and we are now getting closer in becoming the major provider of the digital infrastructure, tools and services for reseach that will help us in overcoming the challenges of the future.

We hope that this meeting, together with all the other opportunities that will be made available to shape the future of EOSC, will help us in building EOSC that will be greater than just the sum of its parts.

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List of invited projects:

Project acronym	Project number
AENEAS	731016
AGINFRA PLUS	731001
ARCHIVER	824516
BE OPEN	824323
CatRIS	824173
CINECA	825775
DARE	777413
DEEP	777435
DigitalHealthEurope	826353
e-IRGSP6	823761
ENVRI-FAIR	824068
EOSC-hub	777536
EOSC-Life	824087
EOSC-Nordic	857652
EOSC-Pillar	857650
EOSC-synergy	857647
ESCAPE	824064
ExPaNDS	857641
FAIR4Health	824666
FAIRplus	802750
FAIRsFAIR	831558
FREYA	777523
GN4-3 (GEANT)	856726
NI4OS-Europe	857645
OCRE	824079
OpenAIRE-Advance	777541
OpenRIskNet	731075
PaNOSC	823852
PRIMAGE	826494
PROCESS	777533
RDA Europe 4.0	777388
SSHOC	823782
VirtualBrainCloud	826421
XDC	777367