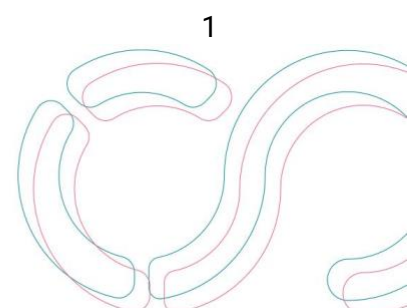


EOSC Association AISBL
5th General Assembly Meeting
Meeting Minutes, released [16/01/2023]

Date/Time:	28 November 2022 12:00-14:00 CET (registration) 14:00-17:30 CET (formal part) 17:30-18:00 CET (informal part) 29 November 2022 09:00-12:15 CET (formal part/break-out sessions)
Location:	Online Meeting via Zoom All participants receive a personalised link sent by Zoom Events with subject line: "EOSC Events registered you for EOSC Association AISBL GA#5"
Chair:	Karel Luyben (EOSC-A) Karel.Luyben@eosc.eu
Secretary:	Ute Gunsenheimer (EOSC-A) Ute.Gunsenheimer@eosc.eu
Election Committee:	Helmut Sverenyak (CESNET) Helmut.Sverenyak@cesnet.cz Claudio Allochio (GARR) Claudio.Allochio@garr.it
Invited Guests:	Representatives of the European Commission (EC) and the EOSC Steering Board (EOSC-SB)
Delegates and Observer Representatives:	The list of participating organisations is available in Annex 1.
Date of Production:	13 December 2022



[Day 1, Monday, 28 November 2022, 12:00 CET](#)

BEFORE THE MEETING

Registration time, 12:00-14:00 CET

Registration opens at 12:00 CET and all participants are requested to identify themselves with a valid ID or passport in a private Zoom breakout room before entering the main online meeting room. During the registration process participants are asked to rename themselves in Zoom in order to indicate whether they are a Delegate (D) of a Member organisation, a representative of an Observer organisation (R), a member of the Board (B), a member of the Secretariat (S) and guests (G).

In total 198 registered their participation in GA#5, and a total of 219 (including support staff and those participants, who could not attend the entire meeting) attend the meeting. With a representation of 25 Mandated Members and 111 Members all statutory quorums were met.

OPENING, 14:00 CET

Item 01: Welcome and Opening of the General Assembly Meeting #5

The Chair, EOSC-A President Karel Luyben, opens the 5th General Assembly (GA) of the EOSC Association AISBL and welcomes all participants to the online meeting. He explains the approach to the meeting, which is structured into two days:

- Day 1 (November 28, 2022), held online in Zoom and addresses agenda items 01 – 10; and the informal part that is planned to start at 17:30 CET.
- Day 2 (November 29, 2022), held online in Zoom and addresses agenda items 11 – 15.

The Chair also highlights the voting procedures: only Delegates, i.e., the official representatives of Member organisations have voting rights. Open voting will be done by raising the virtual hand in the Zoom meeting, and anonymous voting will be facilitated by the ZEUS voting system.

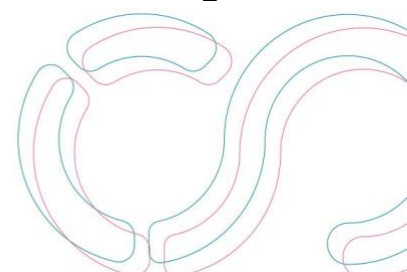
The Chair announces that GA#5 will be recorded, and participants are invited to opt-in to this functionality.

Item 02: Adoption of Draft Agenda

In line with Art. 3.2 of the Statutes the draft agenda was made available on 07.11.2022.

The latest agenda of 07.11.202, which is part of the registration package, is unanimously adopted by the GA.

Jana Pavlic-Zupanc, representing BBMRI ERIC, expresses discontent with the lack of flexibility in changing the organisation's Delegate on short notice, which has resulted in the de facto loss of voting rights for the organisation since the registered Delegate has become unavailable. The point is noted by the Chair.



Item 03: Admission of new Members and Observers of the Association incl. short Presentation of new Organisations

- Paper A - New Members and Observers

EOSC-A Director Ignacio Blanquer notes that since GA#4 in May 2022, the Board approved new Provisional Members and Observers in the Board meetings held on 10 June 2022 and on 28 October 2022. 3 Members have resigned in order to reapply as Observers.

It is noted that the Mandated Organisation for Moldova, [Institute for Development of Information Society](#) (IDSI), has changed its status from Member to Observer of EOSC-A and therefore cannot maintain its status as Moldova's Mandated Organisation.

The Board screened all new applications and proposed a list of 8 new Members and 4 new Observers which met the requirements for Members and Observers in the EOSC-A Statutes, providing information from applicants changing status.

A representative of each of the provisional Members and Observers briefly presents their organisation and its motivation for joining the EOSC Association.

The GA is given the opportunity to address the admission of any individual organisation, and as there is no response it is agreed to vote on all of the applications in a single public vote.

The General Assembly is invited to admit the provisional Members and Provisional Observers to become full Members and Observers of the EOSC Association.

The General Assembly unanimously accepted all proposed new Members and Observers. The Board welcomes the new Members and Observers, which will soon be added to the list on the [membership webpage of EOSC-A](#).

Item 04: Report of the President and the Secretary General

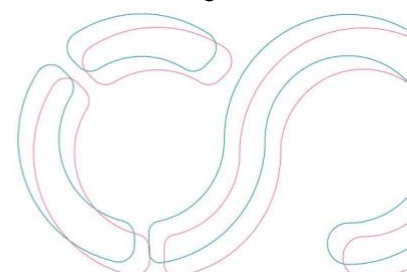
- Paper B – Report of the President and the Secretary General

The Chair, EOSC-A President Karel Luyben, presents the Report of the President and Secretary General (Papers B, C, D and E) which describes the following aspects:

1. Deepening the co-programmed EOSC Partnership
2. Widening the Ecosystem
3. Consolidating the Association

The Chair, EOSC-A President Karel Luyben, notes that the next EOSC Partnership Board Meeting will take place on the 19th of December 2022 and presented the respective draft agenda.

- Paper C – SRIA 1.1 and Multi-Annual Roadmap (MAR) 2023-24



Sarah Jones, EOSC-A Director, describes the HE Work Programme Design and Delivery Process and how the SRIA 1.1 and MAR 2023/24 influence this process. She notes the new level of coordination between EOSC-A and the HE projects, including the introduction of the EOSC-A Vademecum, and highlights new SRIA/MAR priorities. These include: data quality, more support for research software, infrastructure for sensitive data sharing, long-term data preservation and trusted digital repository networks, along with continuing to build the EOSC-Core and -Exchange. A favorable comparison is made between the HE draft Work Programme 2023-24 and the priorities in the MAR, indicating alignment between the EC's and the Partnership's priorities.

Jones summarizes the updates made to the MAR 2023-2024 and states that SRIA 1.1 is expected to be approved by the Partnership Board in December.

The GA is invited to approve the SRIA 1.1 and Multi-Annual Roadmap (MAR) for 2023-24. The General Assembly unanimously adopts the SRIA 1.1 and MAR 2023-24.

- Paper B – Report of the President and the Secretary General

Following on with the Report, the Chair, EOSC-A President Karel Luyben, updates the General Assembly on the establishment of the Additional Activities Plan (AAP) 2023, which has been submitted to the EC for review and which is expected to be agreed between the EC and EOSC-A in the next Partnership Board meeting on 19 December. The survey to establish the KPI baseline survey of the Monitoring Framework has been implemented and is now being evaluated by EOSC-A. The submission of the report to the EC is expected for early spring 2023.

Secretary General Ute Gunsenheimer points out the importance of 'Widening the Ecosystem' via collaboration with the Horizon 2020 projects, EOSC Future and Horizon Europe INFRAEOSC Projects and presents the corresponding activities EOSC-A has implemented such as the [H2020 KER brochure](#), the '[Co-branding Guidelines for Horizon Europe INFRAEOSC Projects](#)' and the '[Vademecum](#). A Handbook for Effective Collaboration within the EOSC co-programmed Partnership' are two key documents for collaboration among projects.

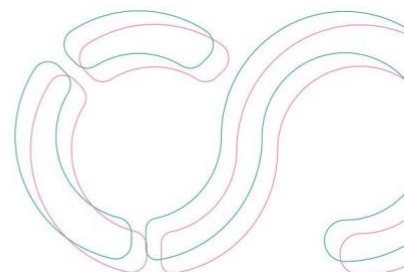
- Paper D – Establishment of 'ESFRI RIs Working group'

The establishment and purpose of the Operational Body 'ESFRI RIs Working Group' is introduced by Suzanne Dumouchel, EOSC-A Director, who also highlights the main responsibilities of this WG.

The General Assembly takes note and is invited to approve the establishment of the Operational Body 'ESFRI RIs Working Group'. The General Assembly unanimously adopts the establishment of the Operational Body 'ESFRI RIs Working Group'.

- Paper B – Report of the President and the Secretary General

In continuation with the Report of the President and the Secretary General, the Chair, EOSC-A President Karel Luyben, presents to the General Assembly the main achievements in the consolidation of the EOSC Association and the current strategy work and thinking of the EOSC-A Board.



As a major accomplishment, the Chair, EOSC-A President Karel Luyben, notes the recent engagement of 6 Task Force Support Officers and the growth of the EOSC Association Team, the launch of the EOSC Forum, a GDPR-compliant tool for community communication.

Secretary General, Ute Gunsenheimer, continues with the presentation of the report providing some details about the new Horizon Europe project, EOSC Focus, whose kick-off took place in Vienna in June 2022. She also introduces to the General Assembly the new EOSC corporate design and the concept of sub-logos.

- Paper E – Bylaws Establishment Process

Suzanne Dumouchel, EOSC-A Director, presents the process for drafting and agreeing the internal rules of procedure of the EOSC Association, the Bylaws. The final version of the Bylaws will be presented in May 2023 at GA#6 and expected to be approved by the GA at the latest by GA#7.

The GA is invited to take note of the proposed process for establishing the EOSC Association Bylaws.

Item 05: Election of President of the EOSC Association incl. short Presentation of Candidate / Item 06: Election of two Board Members incl. short Presentations of Candidates

- Paper F – President Candidacies
- Paper G – Director Candidacies

The chair, EOSC-A Director Marialuisa Lavitrano, opens the election of President and two Board Members of the EOSC Association and explains the procedure of voting. The election of the President and the two Board Members require a double two-third majority. This means that the candidates need to receive two thirds of the votes of all Delegates and also two-thirds of the votes of Delegates of mandated organisation Members.

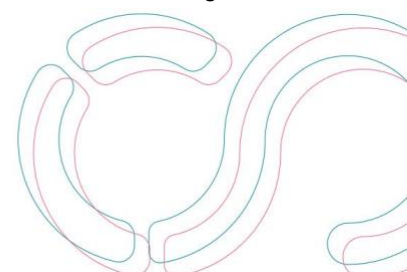
The Chair notes that there is only one candidate for President and two candidates for Board Members and invites them to briefly present their candidatures:

- Candidate for President: Karel Luyben (CESAER).
- Candidate for Board Member: Ignacio Blanquer (UPV).
- Candidate for Board Member: Sarah Jones (GÉANT).

Before the voting opens the candidates are asked to present their views in a short speech. The Election Committee opens the voting, and the Chair asks the Assembly to cast their votes by the ZEUS voting system.

COFFEE BREAK, 15:30 CET

CONTINUATION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 15:45 CET



Item 05: Presentation of Election Results EOSC-A President / Item 06: Presentation of Election Results for two Board Members

Some Delegates do not receive the email from the ZEUS voting system and are unable to vote. The Chair notes that other voting systems will be proposed for the next General Assembly.

The Election Committee reports the results of the election:

- Karel Luyben (CESAER) has been elected as the President. The results of the vote by Member Delegates: Yes = 85; No = 3; Abstain = 5; Present, but unable to vote = 18; Total = 111. The results of the vote by Mandated Organisation Delegates: Yes = 23; No = 0; Abstain = 0; Present, but unable to vote = 2; Total = 25.
- Ignacio Blanquer (UPV) has been elected as Board Member. The results of the vote by Member Delegates: Yes = 90; No = 1; Abstain = 2; Present, but unable to vote = 18; Total = 111. The results of the vote by Mandated Organisation Delegates: Yes = 24; No = 0; Abstain = 0; Present, but unable to vote = 1; Total = 25.
- Sarah Jones (GÉANT) has been elected as Board Member. The results of the vote by Member Delegates: Yes = 89; No = 4; Abstain = 0; Present, but unable to vote = 18; Total = 111. The results of the vote by Mandated Organisation Delegates: Yes = 23; No = 0; Abstain = 0; Present, but unable to vote = 2. Total = 25.

The Chair congratulates the new President and Board Members and invites them to make a short speech.

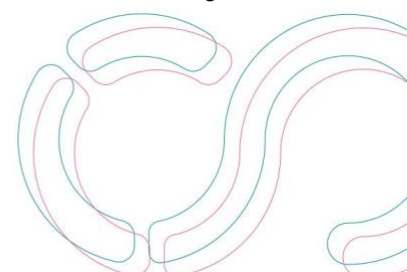
Item 07: Up-date on the Tripartite Collaboration

- Paper H – National Tripartite Events
- Paper M – Reflections Paper: EOSC operations and evolution post-2027

The Chair, EOSC-A President Karel Luyben, invites Michael Arentoft, head of the Open Science Unit of the European Commission's Directorate-General for Research & Innovation, to provide an update on the EOSC Partnership's Tripartite Collaboration.

Michael Arentoft described the EOSC Partnership's Tripartite Collaboration structure and highlights the importance of strengthening this collaboration. Arentoft states that the overall purpose of the Partnership is to give support to promoting Open Science across the whole of the European Research Area (ERA). To do this, DG RTD has managed to place EOSC at the top of the current ERA policy agenda as Action 1: Enable Open Science. Arentoft details the core components of EOSC that are covered by this Action, the monitoring mechanisms that have been enacted, and how these concrete activities will bring EOSC to 2027.

Arentoft then introduces the GA to the Tripartite Collaboration's new process of strategic reflection, and presents a process timeline through 2028. The discussion began in 2022, resulting in a 'Reflection Paper' that looks toward the new EU Framework Programme, FP10, post-2027. The first milestone was the November 2022 Tripartite meeting in Prague to consolidate support for the paper jointly elaborated by EOSC-A and the EC.



Arentoft detailed where EOSC planned to be by 2027 and framed the strategic discussion as one about the post-2027 governance, funding and Partnership status. He then detailed the outcomes of the November Tripartite Event discussion and indicated the Tripartite will meet again in 2023 to decide the next steps.

The Chair, EOSC-A President Karel Luyben, then introduces Volker Beckmann, EOSC Steering Board Co-Chair from the French Ministry for Higher Education and Research. Volker Beckmann presents three priority policy issues identified by the EOSC SB:

- EOSC and data literacy
- EOSC and the commercial partners
- EOSC sovereignty on FAIR data

Volker Beckmann notes the importance of monitoring Open Science and presents the official 'EOSC Steering Board Statement'. Beckmann then outlines the survey-supported EOSC SB position on the way forward for EOSC, which concludes that, 'EOSC is here to stay—there's no turning back!'

Then, the Chair, EOSC-A President Karel Luyben, gives the floor to Secretary General, Ute Gunsenheimer, who presents the highlights from the EOSC-A National Tripartite Events:

- As of September 23, 2022, 25 Member States committed to ERA Priority Action No. 1: Deploy Open Science principles and identify Open Science best practices. A new Member State committed after that date.
- National Tripartite Events took place in: Austria, Ireland, Nordic & Baltic Countries, Greece, Spain & Portugal, Slovenia, Poland, Georgia and Germany.
- The events to-date have brought 177 speakers, moderators and panellists to more than 1 200 participants across 16 countries.

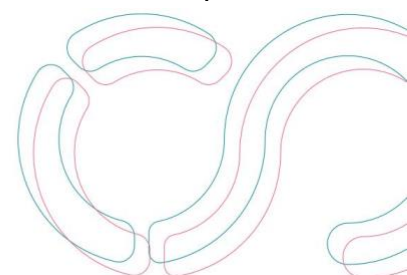
Secretary General, Ute Gunsenheimer, notes the strong national support for the events and invites the respective Mandated Organisations to share their experiences and feedback on the National Tripartite Events.

Item 08: Work Plan 2023

- Paper I – Work Plan 2023

Secretary General Ute Gunsenheimer notes that EOSC-A has put a lot of effort into establishing the monitoring and reporting requirements of the EOSC Partnership in 2022 and introduces the Work Plan 2023. This includes maximizing the impact of case studies, leveraging contributions by the Partners (AAP) and monitoring and communicating progress towards the Partnership's KPIs.

Secretary General Ute Gunsenheimer presents the timeline for establishing the Multi-Annual Roadmap 2025-2027 and SRIA 1.2. She refers to the presentation of Michael Arentoft about the work on shaping the future of EOSC post-2027 and invites the General Assembly to submit its reflections on the Reflection Paper by 02 January 2023 to info@eosc.eu.



The Work Plan also includes the follow-up of National Tripartite activities in the context of ERA, the continuation of the collaboration with HE INFRAEOSC Projects and neighbouring projects as well as establishing real working relations to the other partnerships (as stated in the MoU). One of the main objectives for the coming year will be to broadcast the voice of the community internally on EOSC Forum and, publicly, via the EOSC Focus project and relaunching eosc.eu to show-case the results of the Membership, Task Forces and HE Projects.

Secretary General Ute Gunsenheimer, informs that after GA #5, those members that are not yet on the forum, will be onboarded and that the submission of a new proposal under the upcoming INFRAEOSC Call (INFRAEOSC-2023-01-05) is under consideration.

The General Assembly is invited to approve the proposed Work Plan for the EOSC Association for 2023. The Work Plan 2023 is approved

Item 09: Financial Matters

- Paper J-1 – Financial Matters / Balance Forecast 2022
- Paper J-2 – Financial Matters / Budget Proposal 2023

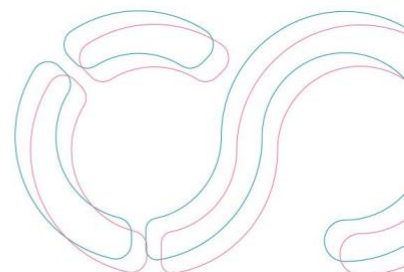
Treasurer Klaus Tochtermann presents the Balance Forecast of EOSC-A for 2022, in the categories personnel, office-related, financial management, communication activities, event and travel. The projection for the year 2022 results in a surplus of EUR 288.042,16. This surplus is the result of the delay in recruiting staff and start-up time needed for attracting the 2,5 full-time equivalents for the support of the Task Forces. For that reason, personnel costs will be considerably higher in 2023.

A presentation of the Budget Proposal 2023 is also given to the Assembly. The projected income is sourced from the membership fees of the 168 Members and 81 Observers at the same rate as in 2022, i.e., EUR 10.000 for Members and EUR 2.000 for Observers. In addition, the EOSC-A pro rata part of the Horizon Europe project EOSC Focus (EUR 590.000,00). The estimated costs are presented in the categories personnel, office-related, financial management, communication activities, event and travel. A 10% contingency on all cost categories is included in order to address all unforeseen, additional indexations due to inflation and other crisis-related costs.

In the discussion, some Members request that the budget of the Horizon Europe project EOSC Focus be presented separately in the next meeting.

Delegate Volker Mehrmann of the European Mathematical Society noted that he did not believe it was a good practice to leverage a surplus from the previous year in order to balance a negative budget in the following year, and therefore that a balanced budget should be proposed for 2023.

Delegate Mattias Björnmalm of CESAER notes that it is stated that the liquidity of the EOSC Association is determined by the rate of payment of dues by its members and suggests that the team looking at establishing new fee models for EOSC-A consider both the question of liquidity and inflation in their review. Treasurer Tochtermann noted the suggestion and promised to engage Björnmalm when the fee assessment process got underway.



The General Assembly is invited to approve the Budget Proposal for 2023. The General Assembly approves the Budget Proposal for 2023, with 2 abstentions.

- Paper J-3 – Financial Matters / Paper on Process for Assessing Membership Fee Models

Treasurer Klaus Tochtermann presents the process for assembling a team to assess the EOSC-A membership fee models. The General Assembly is invited to take note of the proposed process for Assessing Membership Fee Models.

Item 10: Wrap-up and Closing of Formal Part

The President expresses his warm thanks to the preparation team of this General Assembly; the trustees; Trust-IT; the Board of the EOSC Association; the Secretary General; and finally to all the participants of this 5th General Assembly of the EOSC Association for their participation and invites everyone to activate the video on Zoom to take a picture and join the following informal part and Day 2 of the GA #5.

Secretary General, Ute Gunsenheimer gives the technical instructions of Day 2.

Day 2, Tuesday, 29 November 2022, 9:00 CET

Item 11: Opening and Welcome to Day 2

The Chair, EOSC-A President Karel Luyben, opens Day 2 of the 5th General Assembly (GA) of the EOSC Association AISBL and welcomes all participants to the online meeting.

Secretary General, Ute Gunsenheimer explains the approach and technical instructions to the meeting on the second day.

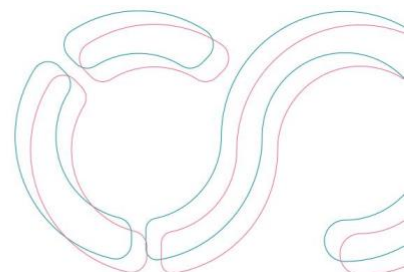
Participants are invited to join the break-out rooms assigned to them.

Item 12: Pathway to SRIA 2.0 / Break-out Sessions with Task Forces Co-Chairs

- Paper K – EOSC-A Task Forces

This item is divided into 2 break-out sessions (40 minutes each). In these break-out sessions the work done in the different Task Forces is being presented. Participants are invited to join one of the 2 break-out rooms assigned to them (Session 1). After this, Participants are invited to join the second break-out room assigned. The following break-out rooms are available:

- TF Session 1 – PID policy and implementation
- TF Session 2 – Researcher engagement and adoption
- TF Session 3 – Rules of Participation (RoP) compliance monitoring
- TF Session 4 – FAIR metrics and data quality
- TF Session 5 – Semantic interoperability
- TF Session 6 – Data stewardship curricula and career paths



- TF Session 7 – Research careers, recognition and credit
- TF Session 8 – Upskilling countries to engage in EOSC
- TF Session 9 – AAI Architecture
- TF Session 10 – Infrastructures for quality research software
- TF Session 11 – Technical interoperability of data and services
- TF Session 12 – Financial Sustainability
- TF Session 13 – Long-term data preservation

COFFEE BREAK, 10:30 CET

CONTINUATION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 10:45 CET

Item 13: EOSC in Practice: Showcasing Additional Activities / Break-out Sessions

After the coffee break, participants are welcomed in the general session of the General Assembly.

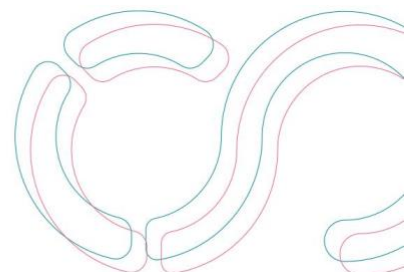
The President Karel Luyben introduces the AAP use cases and invites participants to join the break-out room assigned to them, in which these use cases will be presented, followed by a Mentimeter session.

The following break-out rooms are available:

- **AAP Session 1:** Jorge Carretero (PIC/IFAE, Spain), Anna Krivjanska (Slovak Centre of Scientific and Technical Information), Roxanne Wyns (KU Leuven, Belgium).
- **AAP Session 2:** Peeter Kondratjev (Tallinn University, Estonia), Natalia Galica (National Science Centre, Poland), Marianne Knudsen (Fonds National de la Recherche, Luxembourg).
- **AAP Session 3:** João Mendes Moreira (Foundation for Science and Technology, Portugal), Nenitha Dagslott (Research Council of Norway), Drazenko Celjak (University of Zagreb Computing Centre, Croatia).
- **AAP Session 4:** Petra Černošková (National Library of Technology, Czech Republic), Roberto Sabatino (HEAnet, Ireland), Eric Retzlaff (Fraunhofer IRB, Germany)
- **AAP Session 5:** Eleni Toli (ATHENA Research Centre, Greece), Donatella Castelli (National Research Council, Italy), Santi Rello Varona (Hospital La Paz Institute for Health Research, Spain).
- **AAP Session 6:** Alban Gaignard (CNRS, France), Sofia Abrahamsson (Swedish Research Council), Federica Tanlongo (GARR - Italian Research and Education Network).
- **AAP Session 7:** Andrea Bertino (SWITCH, Switzerland), Alina Irimia (Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development, and Innovation Funding, Romania), Matthew Good (University of Oslo, Norway).
- **AAP Session 8:** Ingrid Dillo (Data Archiving and Networked Services, Netherlands), Sara Garavelli (CSC – IT Centre for Science, Finland), Tereza Kalova (University of Vienna, Austria).

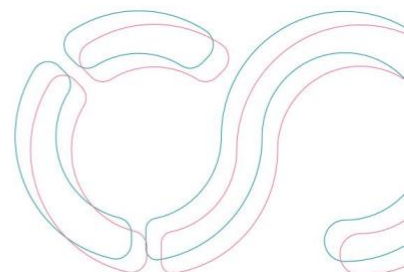
Item 14: Open Floor for any kind of Questions and Statements

The President Karel Luyben opens the floor for any kind of questions and/or comments.



Item 15: Closing of General Assembly Meeting #5

The President, Karel Luyben, expresses again his warm thanks to all the participants of this 5th General Assembly of the EOSC Association for their participation and closes the meeting.



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