

Template for Post Event Report¹

Country: Ireland

Place: Royal Irish Academy, Dublin

Date: NORFest: November 2nd and 3rd, 2023 / Tripartite event: November 3rd, 2023

Format: In person

National Organisers: National Open Research Forum (NORF)

Executive summary

The second National Tripartite Event (NTE) at NORFest 2023, organized by the National Open Research Forum (NORF) at the Royal Irish Academy in Dublin, served as a pivotal platform for discussions on open research and open science. A summary of the national strategy (NAP 2022 and 2023), the EOSC strategy (MAR and SRIA) with an introduction to the EOSC nodes were followed by a panel discussion discussing above mentioned subjects. The duration of the NTE was limited to 1,5 hours.

1. Overview²

Describe here the main objectives and topics of the event, target audience, organisers headlines of the program and the structure of the report

The National Open Research Festival (NORFest) on the 2nd and the 3rd of November 2023 organized by the National Open Research Forum (NORF) at the Royal Irish Academy in Dublin featured a diverse program of events and discussions around open research and open science such as research assessment, data stewardship, open access, FAIR research and many others. This national event, where stakeholders, experts, research funding and research performing organisations were present, provided a vibrant platform for the second National Tripartite Event (NTE) in Ireland on the 3rd of November. Building on the success of the first NTE held in September 2022, this year's NTE event focused on the existing alignments and gaps of Open Science strategies between the national and the European level. A special focus was set on the EOSC node(s). The NTE presented a unique opportunity for participants to delve into the intricacies of this essential concept and explore how it could cultivate the cohesiveness of research infrastructures in Ireland and Europe.

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2. Main highlights³

Provide a summary about the scope and key messages of the presentations.

The NTE commenced with an introduction by Paddy Howard, who represented the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation, and Science (DFHERIS), setting the stage for an event of collaboration and forward-thinking solutions.

¹ This form is a template but national tripartite event organisers can prepare their report according to these guidelines on their own letterhead.

² See examples of similar reports on the EOSC-A website

³ Include the link to the website where presentations are available



After the introduction Roberto Sabatino of HEAnet, EOSC steering board member and representative for the Mandated Organisation HEAnet, summarized the National Action Plan of 2022 and 2023. Because HEAnet is the only member for Ireland in the EOSC-A, he highlighted the importance of feedback and input of the participants during the NTE-session in regard to EOSC related topics.

Sara Garavelli, board-director of the EOSC Association (EOSC-A), shared new insights on the strategy of the EOSC-A. She presented the priorities of Multi-Annual Roadmap (MAR) for 2025-2027, generated via a bottom-up approach that includes the EOSC members, as a part of the Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA). Her presentation also introduced the concept of the EOSC node(s), a crucial element in federating the existing research infrastructures across Europe. The European EOSC node should act as a blueprint for all other national, regional and thematic nodes in order to progress the federation.

On the national level, the NTE offered a unique platform for voices from Irish-based data infrastructure, as Chris Burbidge from the Science Foundation Ireland (SFI iCRAG) outlined their perspective.

Ludek Matyska, representing EOSC-CZ, contributed with an international view, sharing insights on how the Czech Republic progresses in the field of Open Science. EOSC-CZ focusses in the coming years on the care of FAIR research data via creation of a national data infrastructure (NDI), where data producing scientists can store and find the required data. Various working groups and projects will help with the implementation.

A significant portion of the event was dedicated to a panel discussion focusing on the alignment of national actions with EOSC's MAR and SRIA, identifying any existing gaps, and formulating strategies to address them. The panel was moderated by Roberto Sabatino from HEAnet.

The panellists, including Peter Healy (DFHERIS), Kathrin Winkler (European Commission), Daniel Bangert (NORF), Venkatesh Kannan (Irish Centre for High-End Computing - ICHEC), Sara Garavelli (EOSC-A), Ludek Matyska (EOSC-CZ), and Chris Burbidge (SFI iCRAG), engaged in discussions on how national actions can be effectively integrated into the broader European Open Science landscape. They also explored the specific role that Ireland can play in establishing their nodes and the key stakeholders who should be involved in this initiative.

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3. Tripartite collaboration

Provide a summary of the tripartite representatives' presentations and contributions

Roberto Sabatino, member of the EOSC-SB presented the National Action Plan of 2022 and 2023 in Ireland and moderated the panel session in the second part of the event.

Sara Garavelli, board-director of the EOSC-A, elaborated on the concept of the EOSC-nodes and on the importance of federating them in Ireland and connecting them to the European EOSC node. She further elaborated on this subject during the panel session.

Kathrin Winkler, representative for the European Commission, was one of the panellists as well in the second half of the NTE.

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4. Government level contributions

Provide a summary of governmental or public authorities' (e.g., funders) key messages related to EOSC or Open Science national policies

Due to the 1,5h window of the NTE, the input from government level contributions was limited to 2 interventions:

Paddy Howard, representative for the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation, and Science (DFHERIS), did the introduction of the NTE.

During the panel discussion, Peter Healy from DFHERIS took part in answering questions from the public.

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5. Relevant quotes

Include some relevant quotes to highlight the different perspectives, including from the tripartite representatives, national representatives and the community (Tip: the tweets of the event will help identify important remarks)

Roberto Sabatino: *'Now HEAnet is the only member and MO for Ireland. This session is very important to get input from other stakeholders in regard to EOSC'*

Sara Garavelli: *'EOSC is not building a new infrastructure, but wants to federate all existing infrastructures in Europe'*

Chris Burbidge: *'There are a lot of projects that interlink or try to, but it is not easy, we need a good baseline, federation can happen at all different levels in Ireland.'*

Sara Garavelli: *'The point is not to change the things that already exist. In Finland there are already existing federations for example via the CLARIN infrastructure. People need to sit together and think about what in Ireland can bring value to the federation.'*

Chris Burbidge: *'There is need for a better development of a roadmap in regard to the funding on the National level.'*

Venkatesh Kannan: *'The lifecycle or research data should be rethought, and we should focus like EOSC on the federation part to use and reuse the data'*

6. Future plans and actions⁴

Identify key information about future plans and actions, and based on the presentations and discussions, elaborate a summary of the main recommendations or suggestions presented for Open Science and EOSC development.

Federating will be important in order to set up and connect the Irish with the European EOSC node(s).

Daniel Bangert, National Open Research Coordinator at NORF, and his colleague Michelle Doran, are leaving and will be replaced. For now, it is not known by whom. The procedure is running. Roberto Sabatino will keep us informed on the evolutions.

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7. Use cases or practices

Indicate the cases or practices that you identify as particularly successful and illustrative of EOSC development in the country or at institutional level

Due to the 1.5h limitation of the event, there was only 1 session that addressed some kind of EOSC development in the country: the session from Chris Burbidge of SFI iCIRAG, an Irish based Data Infrastructure.

The rest of the NTE mainly focused on the strategic level, the gap analyses between the national and the European level and the introduction of the EOSC-nodes.

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8. Main indicators

Provide the main indicators related to the audience

8.1 Indicators organisation event

Official name of the event: *European Open Science Cloud National Tripartite Event*

Starting Date: *03/11/2023*

Ending Date: *03/11/2023*

Thematic profile (was there a specific theme to the event apart from the Tripartite collaboration?):

The NTE was part of a larger event, on progress on Open Science in Ireland: [NORFest 2023 Programme | National Open Research Forum](#)

Target audience: from RPOs: VPs/Directors of research, research managers, library staff, Research Infrastructure Directors/managers.

From RFOs: policy leaders

⁴ If you have access to that information, indicate short term objectives (two years' time) for EOSC development in the **country** and dissemination strategy related to the tripartite event.

8.2 Profile of participants

Total number of participants: 45

In-person: 45

Virtual (online):

Gender (%): Male: 40% Female: 60% Other: _____

8.3 Type of participants affiliation

Research Performing Organisations: 30 (number of participants)

Research Funding Organisations: 8

Service providing Organisations: 5

Libraries: _____

Public administration: _____

Others:

8.4 Sectors

(Optional)

Identify from the participants registration form and the attendance list, which sectors were present in your event (e.g. < Health, Education, ...)

Higher Education, Government, Health

8.5 EU HE InfraEOSC funded projects, dataspace or other partnerships participation

Please indicate name of projects and partners from EU funded projects that participated in your event (this question should be included in the registration form)

None

9. Programme and List of organisations that participated at the National Tripartite Event

Provide the agenda or programme posted by the organisers for the NTE and the list of organisations according to participants affiliation

The agenda is as follows:

1. Introduction (DFHERIS)
2. Summary of the NORF NAP 2022 and NAP2023 actions (Roberto Sabatino, HEAnet)
3. Summary of EOSC MAR and SRIA. Intro to EOSC node concept (Sara Garavelli – EOSC Association)
4. Perspective from a Irish-based data infrastructure (Chris Burbidge, SFI iCRAG)
5. Perspective from other National NDI (CZ) (Ludek Matyska EOSC-CZ)
6. Panel discussion covering:

- *How do national actions map to MAR and SRIA – are there gaps and how do we address them ?*
 - *What does Ireland need to do in relation to EOSC nodes ? How do we get started, who needs to be involved*
- Moderator: Roberto Sabatino, HEAnet*

Panelists: Peter Healy (DFHERIS), Kathrin Winkler (EC), Daniel Bangert (NORF) Venkatesh Kannan (ICHEC), Sara Garavelli (EOSC-A), Ludek Matyska (EOSC-CZ), Chris Burbidge (SFI iCRAG)

Organisations:

*HEAnet
ICHEC
DFHERIS
SFI
HRB
TEAGASC
IreL
MU
UL
UCC
UCD
iCRAG
UoG
TCD
NORF
RIA
TUS
DCU
RCSI
TUDublin*

If there are any particular interesting aspects to add to the sections indicated, please feel free to add them.