



# Institutional needs for FAIR research data and the route to SRIA 2.0

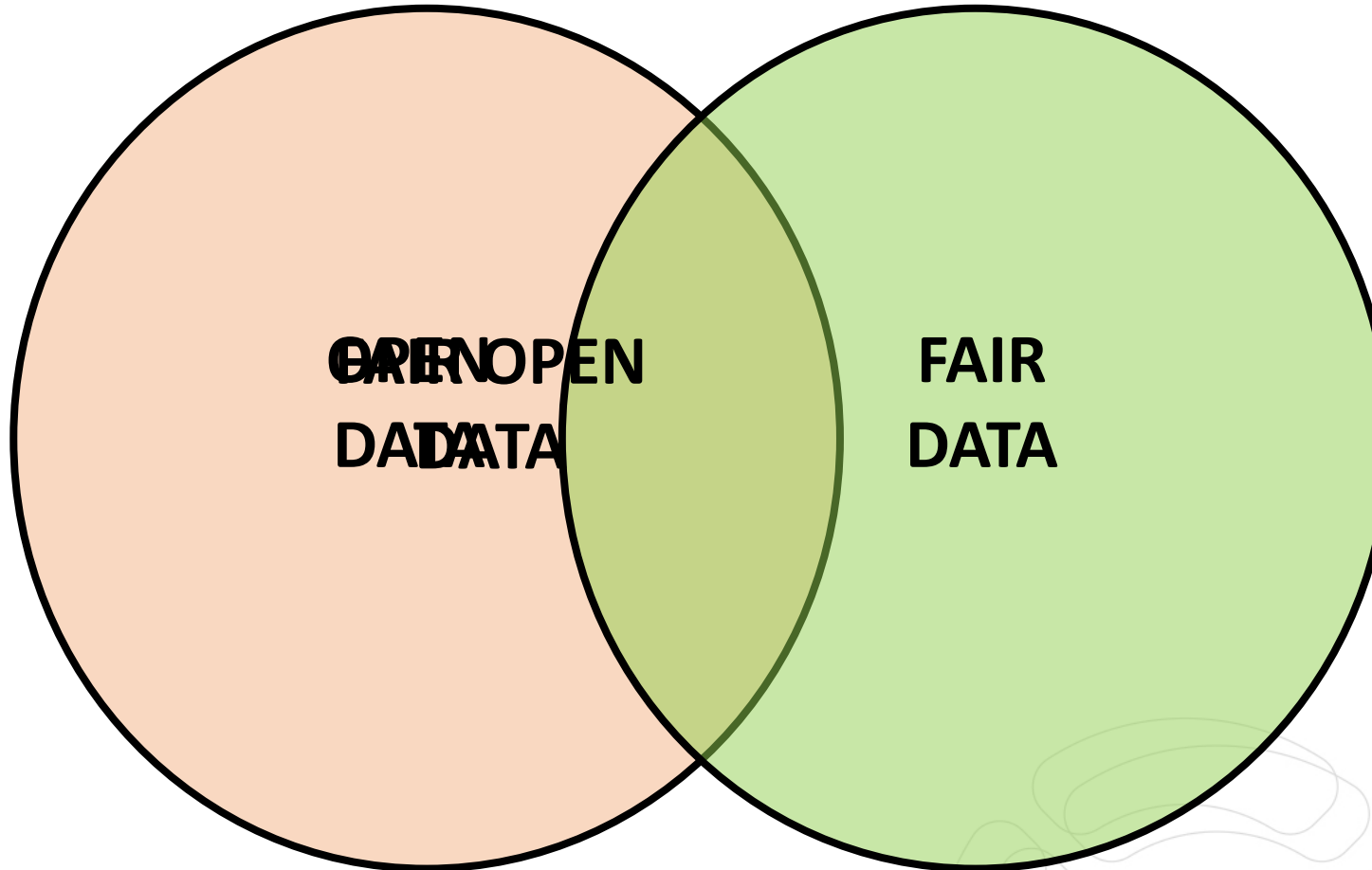
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# OPEN DATA and/or FAIR DATA

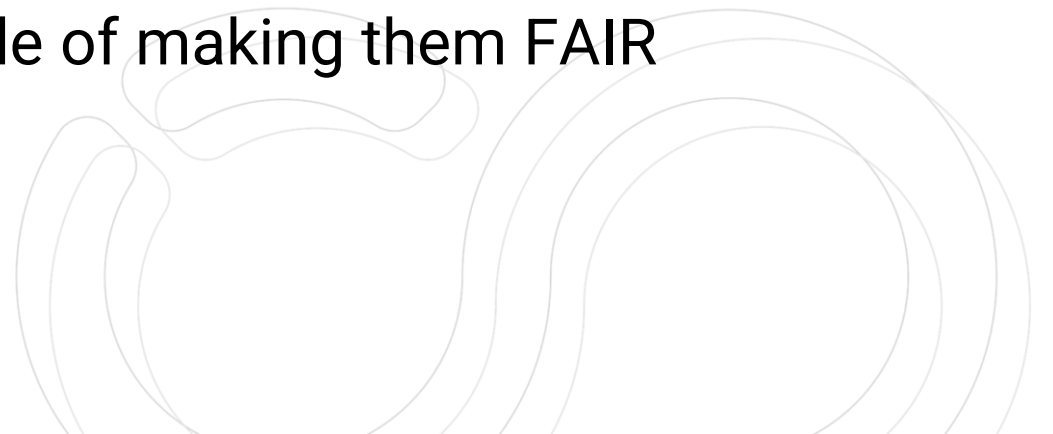


**FAIR** ≡  
Findable  
Accessible  
Interoperable  
Reusable

Towards “as FAIR as possible” and “as open as possible”

# eosc Why Open Science and making data FAIR?

- Scientific integrity; public opinion on reliability of the scientific domain
- Democratised knowledge; equitability of data; positive image
- Diversity, equity, inclusivity (team science, academic career track)
- Quality in cooperation with partners (exchange of data / software)
- Helps in creating educational materials
- Part of the digital strategy (digitalisation of research and education)
- Open education helps the creation of new courses
- Not making data FAIR will cost a multitude of making them FAIR



# eosc How Open Science and making data FAIR?

- Policy (top-down as well as bottom-up)
- Infrastructure (hardware / software; internal / external)
- Support (library and ICT – data stewards)
- Guidelines
- Training (FAIR etc.)
- Recognition
- Extra transition money



# Critical success factors for institutions

- Researchers are incentivised to perform Open Science;
- Researchers performing publicly funded research make relevant results available, as openly as possible;
- Research data produced by publicly funded research is FAIR as much as possible by design;
- Professional data stewards are available in research-performing organisations to support Open Science;
- EOOSC becomes a valuable and valued resource to a wide range of users from research and education, public and private sectors



# Equitability – challenges for RPOs

- Enable everyone to create FAIR-by design data (tailored to their field) through capacity-building, training, upskilling
- Recognize the value chain: FAIR data is generated, third parties benefit, third parties provide resources for FAIR data generation
- Make FAIR data infrastructure ‘as accessible as possible, as restricted as necessary’ for others to re-use
- Give credit and really “onboard” data “owners” and creators: define roles and responsibilities (credit and reward for all the players involved)
- Include the Federated FAIR principles: **Ownership**, **Localisation** and **Regulatory compliance** (OLR) to let the data stay where they are (data-visiting, not sharing)

## FIP mini-questionnaire

use this form to make a first version of your FAIR Implementation Profile

Community description	Your answers
Name of Community	
Description of Community	
Supporting Links	
Research Domain	
Data Steward	
Date of FIP creation	

FAIR principle	FIP Question	FAIR Enabling Resource type	Your answers
<a href="#">F1</a>	What globally unique, persistent, resolvable identifiers do you use for metadata records?	Identifier service	
<a href="#">F1</a>	What globally unique, persistent, resolvable identifiers do you use for datasets?	Identifier service	
<a href="#">F2</a>	Which metadata schemas do you use for findability?	Metadata schema	
<a href="#">F3</a>	What is the technology that links the persistent identifiers of your data to the metadata description?	Metadata-Data linking schema	
<a href="#">F4</a>	In which search engines are your metadata records indexed?	Registry	
<a href="#">F4</a>	In which search engines are your datasets indexed?	Registry	
<a href="#">A1.1</a>	Which standardized communication protocol do you use for metadata records?	Communication protocol	
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<a href="#">A1.2</a>	Which authentication & authorisation technique do you use for metadata records?	Authentication & authorisation service	
<a href="#">A1.2</a>	Which authentication & authorisation technique do you use for datasets?	Authentication & authorisation service	
<a href="#">A2</a>	Which metadata longevity plan do you use?	Metadata longevity	
<a href="#">I1</a>	Which knowledge representation languages (allowing machine interoperation) do you use for metadata records?	Knowledge representation language	
<a href="#">I1</a>	Which knowledge representation languages (allowing machine interoperation) do you use for datasets?	Knowledge representation language	
<a href="#">I2</a>	Which structured vocabularies do you use to annotate your metadata records?	Structured vocabularies	
<a href="#">I2</a>	Which structured vocabularies do you use to encode your datasets?	Structured vocabularies	
<a href="#">I3</a>	Which models, schema(s) do you use for your metadata records?	Metadata schema	
<a href="#">I3</a>	Which models, schema(s) do you use for your datasets?	Data schema	
<a href="#">R1.1</a>	Which usage license do you use for your metadata records?	Data usage license	
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<a href="#">R1.2</a>	Which metadata schemas do you use for describing the provenance of your metadata records?	Provenance model	
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<a href="#">R1.3</a>	Who is the community, and what are their domain-relevant community standards?	The FAIR implementation Profile	<i>This FAIR implementation Profile</i>

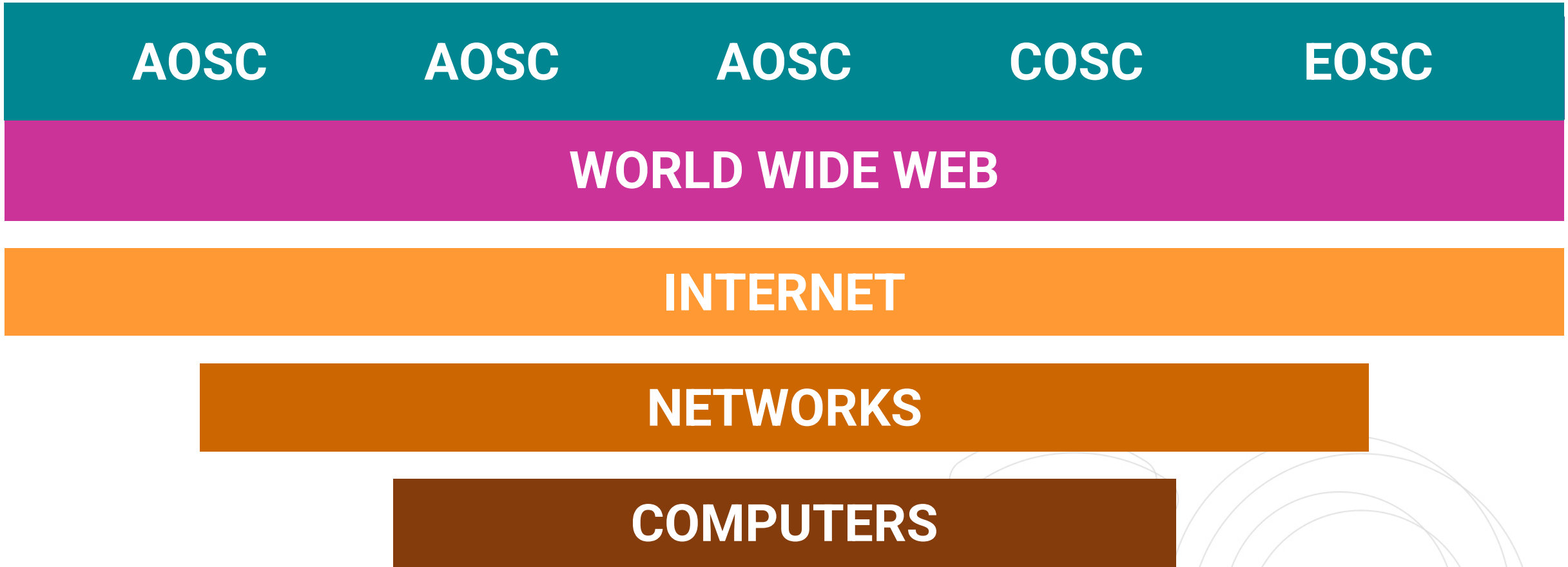
Link to this document (version 2.0): <http://bit.ly/FIPminiquestionnaire>  
 GFF Interpretations of the FAIR Principles: <https://www.qfair.foundation/interpretation>  
 FER Type Definitions: <https://osf.io/2f9ej>  
 FER examples: <https://osf.io/v3an2>

# Convergence to FAIR

- Machine actionability: the machine must (with the right request and search engine) be able to find the data; on the basis of the metadata be able to know 'what is possible with these data'; on the basis of the metadata be able to know 'what am I allowed to do with these data';
- Metadata also determine if use and re-use is allowed with some or all of these data today and for what time in the future
- Linking these FAIR data allows to form a federation of relevant existing and future data sources
- For those contributing to and making use of EOSC, and
- In interaction with other regions of the world



 **EOSC – additionality to the web of FAIR data**



[Modelled after: World Wide Web - Wikipedia](#)



# Outlook to the future



# “A web of scientific insight”

- Web of FAIR Data and related Services
- Federation of relevant existing and future data sources
- Virtual space where science producers and consumers come together
- An open-ended range of content and services
- **Based on the FAIR principles**
- Meeting all European data requirements
- In interaction with other regions of the world



# Ingredients for EOSC

- Hardware (available at many locations)
- Software (being put together for the first Node)
- Protocols for the federation
- EOSC Interoperability Board (EIB) as gatekeeper
- FAIR data as the most important content of the system
- Governance to make EOSC run smoothly



# Protocols for EOSC

*The Use Policy affect **all users** (registered or anonymous) and defines what is acceptable use of EOSC. For example: lawful, respect of intellectual property, respect of security rules...*

from Peter Szegedi

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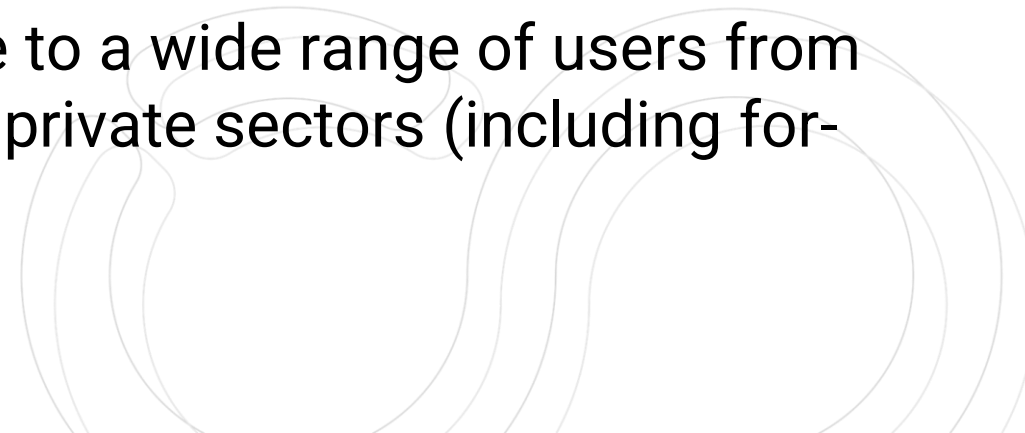
Taking the distributed and loosely coupled component character of EOSC as a reality. The major challenge is to functionally link, rather than physically integrate, all valuable resources (FAIR data and services).

The access to these services needs to be as easy as possible for both humans and machines and will likely be customised per research community


Therefore, an EIB is needed to ensure that all components of value to the EOSC ecosystem are findable through FAIR metadata (both data resources and services, such as algorithms, workflows, data orchestration software, and middleware components);

**have a clear access protocol** associated with these metadata; and become **machine actionable** and interoperable in the larger ecosystem, with optimal freedom to operate granted to both providers and users.

# Critical success factors for EOSC

- Research data produced by publicly funded research in Europe is FAIR as much as possible by design;
  - The EOSC Interoperability Framework supports a wide range of FAIR digital objects including data, software and other research artefacts;
  - EOSC is operational and provides a stable infrastructure, supporting researchers addressing societal challenges;
  - EOSC is populated with a valuable corpus of interoperable data;
  - The scope of EOSC is widened to serve the public and private sectors
  - EOSC is a valuable and valued resource to a wide range of users from the research and education, public and private sectors (including for-profit).
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# Draft content of SRIA 2.0 (I)

- Introduction: goal;  
history;  
present;  
future
  - EOSC description: ingredients
  - Federation: hardware;  
software;  
protocols
  - FAIR data and metadata: search;  
accessibility;  
interoperability;  
rules for reuse
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# Draft content of SRIA 2.0 (II)

- Services: core;  
horizontal;  
funding
- Governance: entity responsible for federation;  
involvement of countries  
involvement of stakeholders
- Full AI Ready:



# AI readiness is needed

- AI for FAIR
  - How do we use AI to help structure and standardize the (meta)data?
  - How can AI help us collect new information (e.g., provenance, rights, etc.)
- FAIR for AI
  - AI wildly increases the demand for data and the need for computing power and storage
  - FAIR plus AI increases the risk of re-identification (of people and other protected entities)
- AI trained on un-FAIR data multiplies potential inaccuracies and inequities
  - Hides provenance trail
  - Looks really convincing

