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Open Science Clusters' Action
for Research & Society

About ESCAPE and OSCAR

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The Science Clusters

The need for close collaboration between the ESFRI and the EOSC was addressed in 2019. Funded within the H2020 FP, five projects linked EOSC with ESFRI-endorsed Research Infrastructures (RIs) and other world-class RIs, forming five Science Clusters.

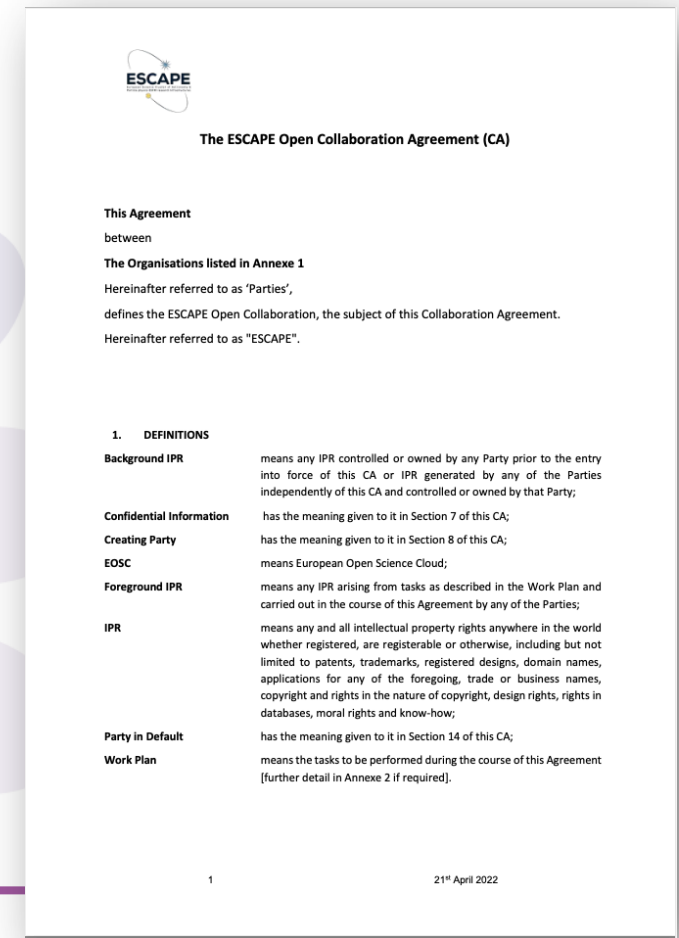
- We offered ourselves an opportunity and a role to help the uptake of Open Science in Europe.
- We build and provide visions.
- We deploy cooperative actions and support a shared work programme

<https://science-clusters.eu/>





Since February 2023, ESCAPE has a Collaboration Agreement signed by the Directors of all the partner RIs



ESCAPE Open Collaboration Work Programme



Virtual Observatory:

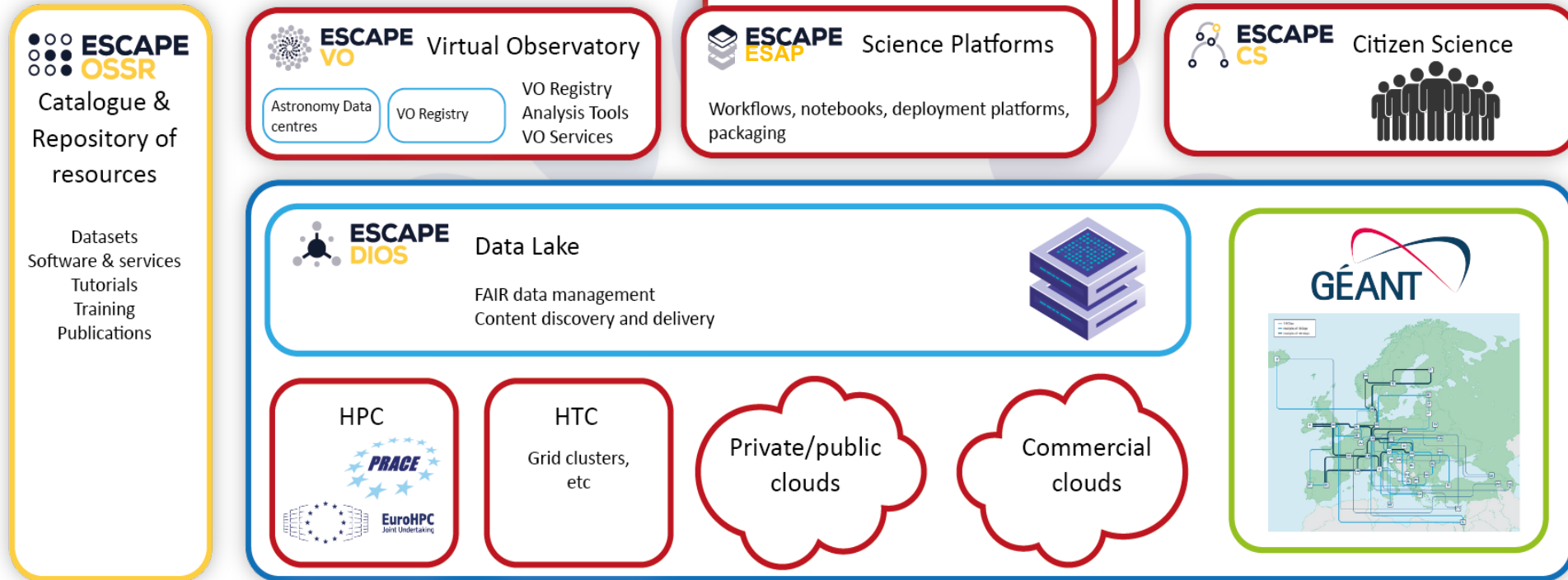
Extend the VO FAIR standards, methods and to a broader scientific context; prepare the VO to interface the large data volumes of next facilities.

Science Platforms:

Flexible science platforms to enable the open data analysis tailored by and for each facility as well as a global one for transversal workflows.

Citizen Science:

Open gateway for citizen science on ESCAPE data archives and ESFRI community



Software Repository:

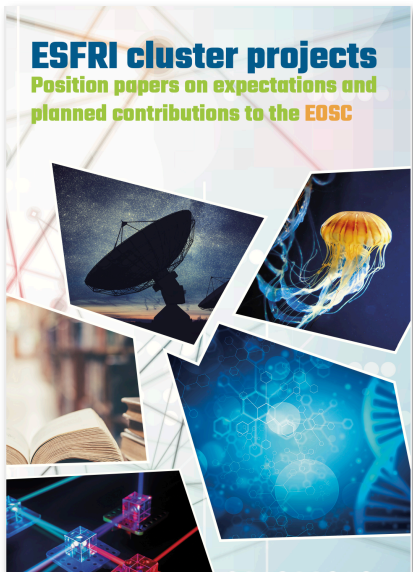
Repository of "scientific software" as a major component of the "data" to be curated in EOSC.

Data Lake:

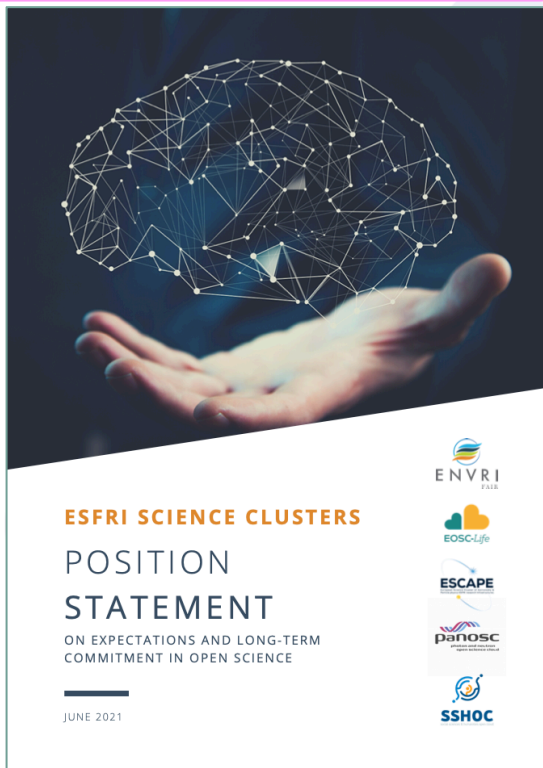
Build a scalable, federated, data infrastructure as the basis of open science for the ESFRI projects within ESCAPE.

ESCAPE work programme aimed at building a domain-based implementation of EOSC

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A small but impactful participation and a step forward in shaping the SCL work plan.



Supporting Open Research Test Science Projects
Fostering the domain based EOSC exchange services for RIs
Integrating them with EOSC core functionalities

After H2020 grants, the five Science Clusters are putting long-term structures in place (through MoU or Collaboration Agreements).

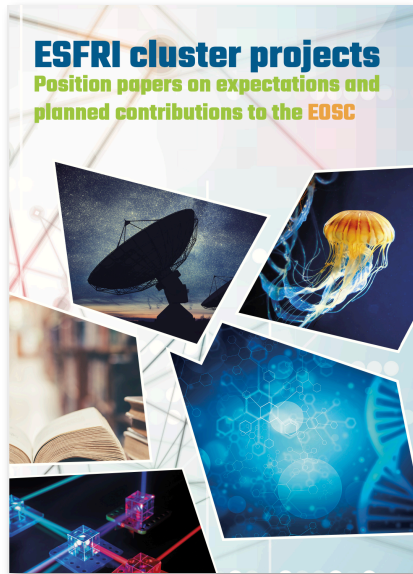
Definition of more structuring inter-Cluster objectives.



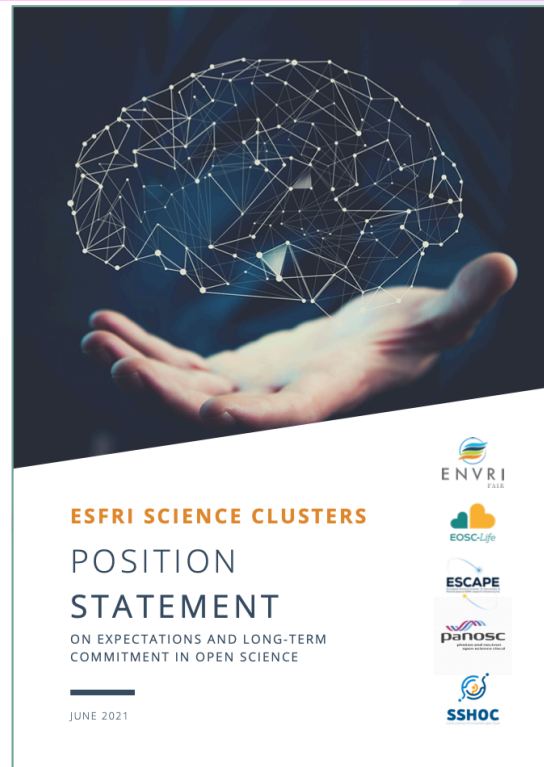
The Science Clusters in Horizon Europe : OSCARS and EVERSE

- Acknowledge software achievements, raise awareness of the foundation approach (virtual institute), promote careers and skills
- Implement EOSC through highly composable platforms (VRE), including software
- Consolidate SCL services and support the goals of Open Research.

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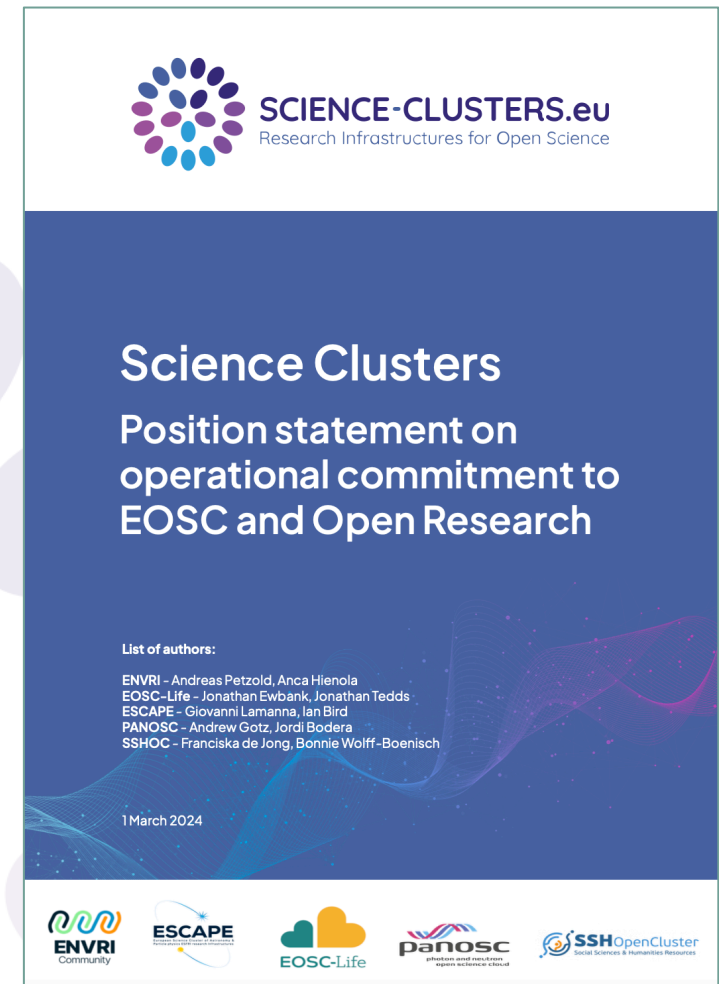


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The Science Clusters

- call to be an integral part of the governance of the central EOSC/EU Open Science authority
- look forward to taking part in the evaluation of the procured EOSC services for the EOSC EU Node (and calling for alignment of the evaluation actions with national initiatives).
- are ideally positioned to own the “Exchange for Science” layer. They would assess and maintain the portfolio of high-level services through the Science Clusters’ repository of services, software, workflows, tutorials, training supports and expertise. (This is complementary to other hardware and e-infrastructures’ Exchange horizontal services, like compute capacity.)

Extension of the role of the Science Clusters :

Strengthening and supporting RIs in ERA would require that the legal authority of EOSC supports and relies on the Science Clusters’ role :

- to incentivise an **economies of scale approach** for the **sustainability of ESFRI and other RIs**, as well as for security in data management;
- to maintain and develop innovative training schemes;
- to develop a science strategy in the EU, co-elaborated with EU member states and the EC, for specific science priorities and innovative paths; structure and strengthen science diplomacy, and ways for scientific knowledge to serve public debate as well as decision-makers;
- to link EOSC to **other sectoral data spaces** by leveraging crosscutting and cluster cross-domain projects connected with these data spaces.

The operational role of the Science Clusters has to be seen in the EOSC Federation through the implementation of five thematic 'EOSC Science Cluster Nodes'.

They would manage:

- cascading grant calls for open science for a period spanning the transition phase, and potentially in the long run;
- a highly composable virtual research environment (VRE) per scientific domain for full hosting of open science projects;
- the federation of data archives (including software catalogues);
- the cooperative schemes with EOSC national Nodes, which could be transdisciplinary, on either specific domain-based open science programmes (including curiosity-driven national access to pan- European RIs actions) or multidisciplinary projects including those bridging with industries, as well as with other sector data spaces;
- to move towards “open data, software and hardware” and more broadly to open access to RIs;
- to lead further initiatives, in coordination with National Nodes, such as supporting a series of outstanding international conferences and camps on “Open Research”.

In response to the EU call on EOSC HORIZON-INFRA-2023-EOSC-01-01

- Building on the [Science Cluster approach](#)
- to ensure the **uptake of EOSC by research communities**

Partners

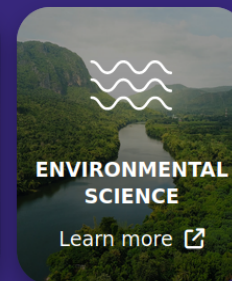
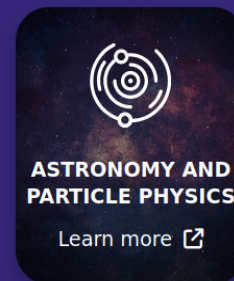
- Coordinator: **CNRS LAPP**
- **15** partners, **2-3** representing each Science Cluster community

Budget and timeline

- Starting date: **1 January 2024**
- Duration: **4 years**
- EC funding: **25 M€** (100%)

Research Infrastructures and Communities

The science clusters have grown out of five collaborative projects funded by the European Union in 2019 to link ESFRI and other world-class Research Infrastructures (RIs) to the European Open Science Cloud (EOSC). The services developed by the clusters and other outcomes of the projects are cornerstones of the emerging EOSC fabric and support both disciplinary communities and multidisciplinary initiatives with harmonised models for access to data, tools, workflows and training. Each cluster unites multiple RIs in their specific scientific domain.



<https://oscars-project.eu/>



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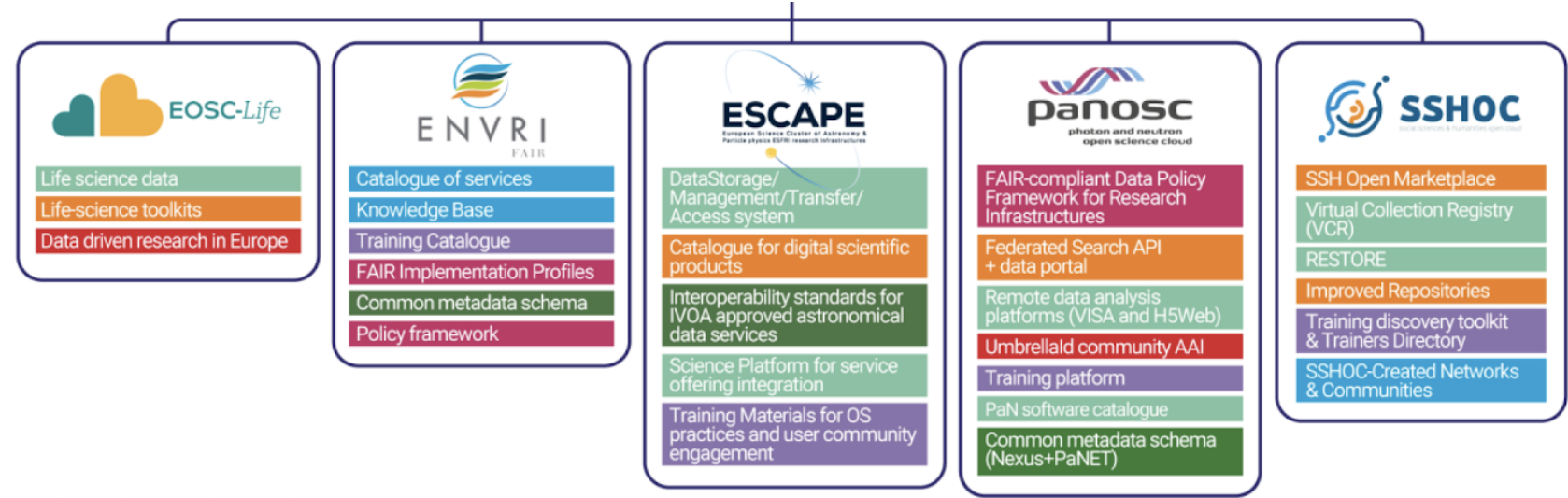
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Science Clusters' Key Exploitable Results



RESULTS CATEGORIES



A) Consolidating achievements from the five Science Cluster projects into lasting interdisciplinary services and working practices towards:

- More cohesion;
- Leveraging **cross-domain approach** and **cooperation with e-infrastructures**;
- **Cross-fertilization** for shared solutions of key services for researchers in all domains;
- Cooperating and supporting the **EOSC partnership**.

B) Leading the involvement of a broad range of research communities in Open Research (EOSC) via the development of new **Open Science projects/services** to drive the uptake of FAIR-data-intensive research throughout the ERA by:

- Contributing to a **data space for science, research and innovation**, integrated into the other data spaces described in the European Strategy for Data.
- Pursuing the creation of **pan-European research-enabling value-added services**;
- Fostering the **coordination** of national activities, European RIs and the scientific community at large, including the long tail of science;
- Fostering **interdisciplinarity** for achieving challenging new science pathways.

€16 million

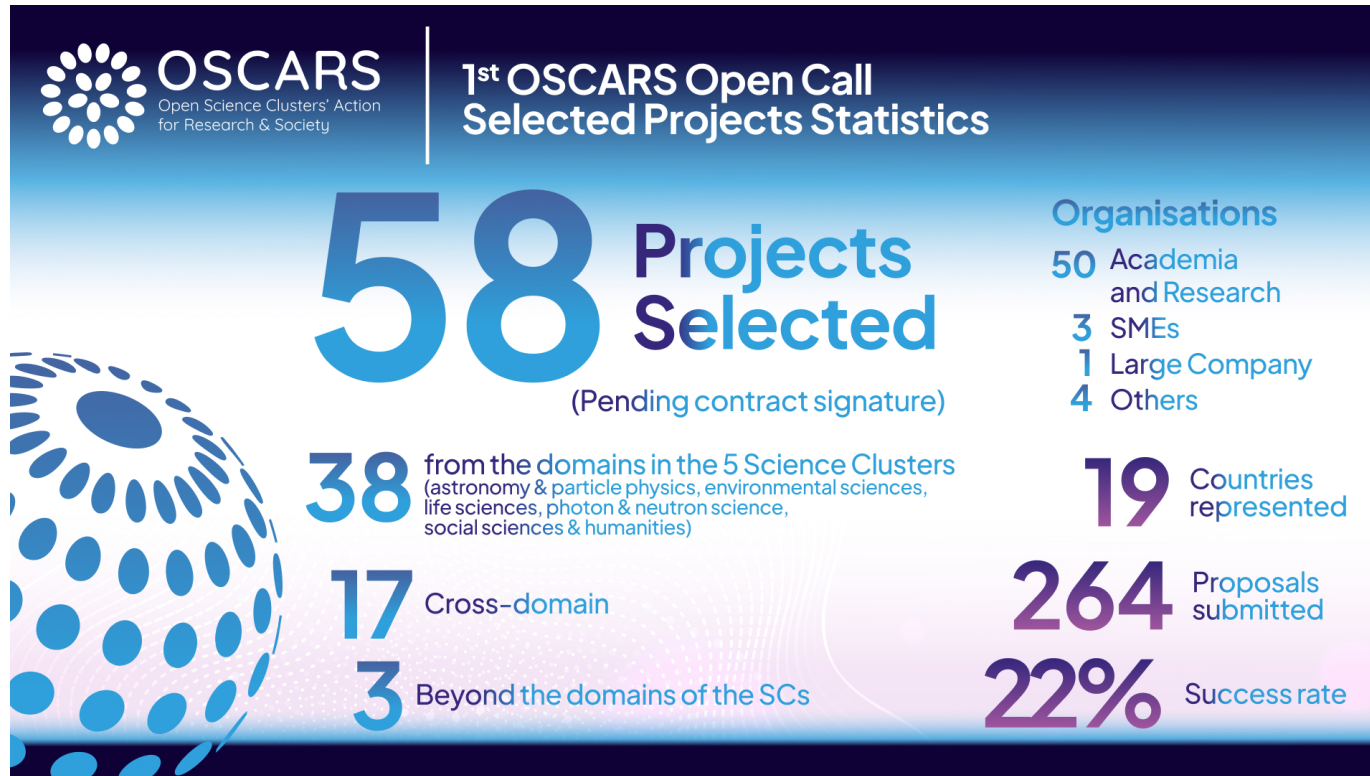
**IN OPEN CALLS
FOR OPEN SCIENCE
PROJECTS**



The 1st OSCARS Open Call for Open Science (OS) projects and services aimed to source Open Science projects, i.e., scientific research projects, citizen science projects or any other projects that will develop services or networks in the scientific disciplines covered by and beyond the Science Clusters.

Selected projects will make (meta)data, software, tools and/or workflows FAIR and available to fellow researchers and the general public, to facilitate accessibility and reuse by the scientific community at large.





48 projects have opted for the full 24 months duration. The majority of proposals (**50**) have requested a contribution of **more than € 200,000**. **Only eight projects** have asked for less.

Funding will be provided to selected projects upon successful conclusion of a Third-Party Project Agreement signed by the coordinating organisation of the selected projects. This process is expected to be concluded in the second half of September 2024.

WP1
**Cluster Open science
Competence Centres
(CLOCC)**

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WP2
**Composable RI Services
in EOSC (CRISE)**

Sally Chambers



WP3
**Testing and Widening
Uptake (TEWE)**

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OSCARS project coordinator



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- **Open Science practice:** increased scientific impacts via the support of Open Science projects;
- **Community-based Competence Centres (CCC)**, contributing to the sustainability of the Science Cluster actions, fostering their impacts, supporting and aligning operations of ESFRI and other RIs and involving the long tail of science.
- **Composable Open Data and Analysis Services (CODAS)** (service catalogues, data hubs, analysis platforms, etc.) onboarded into the EOSC, fostering the alignments of practices in scientific data analysis and enhancing researchers' participation in Open Science.
- An **established inter-cluster web-based “scientific social network”** in Europe. Training, mentoring, cross-disciplinary events and cross-cluster developments.

- **Operational Competence Centres**
- Uptake of **web-based highly composable platforms for Open Science data analysis**;
- **Stronger involvement of scientific communities in Open Science** and the shaping of EOOSC;
- Enhancing and further structuring of the successful **cross-fertilization** work built by the Science Clusters;
- **Economy of scale** of (cross-cluster) services;
- Enable a **largely participative research ecosystem**, promoting provenance tracking to research outputs and contributing to the evolution of research assessment methodologies.



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Thank you