Template for Post Event Report[1]

Country: The Netherlands
Place: Utrecht
Date: 22/05/2024
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        In-person
National Organisers: SURF, Ministry of Education, Culture and Science (OCW); Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Policy (EZK); Open Science NL; and Data Archiving and Networked Services (DANS)

Executive summary

The tripartite event in the Netherlands on 22/05, hosted by SURF, Ministry of Education, Culture and Science (OCW); Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Policy (EZK); Open Science NL; and Data Archiving and Networked Services (DANS). Key speakers emphasized the importance of the EOSC Federation of nodes, with the first node launching in October 2024. Discussions highlighted the need for collaboration within the rich but complex Dutch research data landscape, concluding with the formation of a working group for exploring Dutch node(s). Presentations covered the role of thematic Digital Competence Centres, the importance of Open Access infrastructure & policies and regocnition & rewards for bringing Open Science into practice. The event concluded with a call for community cooperation and recognition of the progress made in Open Science.

1. Overview[2]

The event was held in the offices of SURF, the IT cooperative of education and research in the Netherlands and brought together participants from Dutch research performing organisations, research service providers, research funding organisations and research communitiesin addition to the EOSC tripartite representatives. This was the second NTE in the Netherlands after the one organized in 2023. It started with a welcome speech of the host, Jet de Ranitz, CEO of SURF and an introduction speech of Susanne Caarls from the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science (OCW). Representatives from the EOSC-Association (Karel Luyben), the EOSC-Steering Board (Volker Beckman) and the EC (Pantelis Tziveloglou) gave presentations about the perspectives on EOSC developments. After a short break our hosts from SURF introduced a discussion about the Fair Data landscape in the Netherlands and invited the audience (divided in 3 groups) to think together about how the Netherlands can contribute to building the EOSC Federation. After this session use cases were presented in order to describe the national contributions to Open Science. The day ended-up with a final speech from the host and a call for further and future collaboration. After a lunch with all participants, the meeting closed.

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[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

2. Main highlights[3]

Representatives from SURF and the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science (OCW) stressed the importance of open science, but also called for reflection on how to take Open Science a step forward. This point was all the more crucial at a time when the installation of a new government in the Netherlands has raised fears of budget cuts, plunging the various players in open science into uncertainty.

The EOSC and EC representatives then went on to talk about the future prospects of the EOSC node and the EOSC Federation.

The subject was then discussed in greater depth in various discussion groups, the aim of which was to determine how the Netherlands could contribute to building the EOSC federation.

The conclusion and answers of the different focus groups on this question was

- *Focus, beside services & tools and compute, storage and network, also on human capacity*
- *Come up with use cases*
- *Need for training and skills development*
- *Determine what to offer but also what to receive from the Federation*

The conclusion was that there is still a momentum and that the next step should be to set-up a national working group which could could also provide input for the tripartite group.

Three use cases presented during the last part of the meeting showed the very real face of open science in the Netherlands.

- *1st Use case :* Dutch national thematic Digital Competence Centres : there are 3 thematic digital competence centres, one for life science and health, one for social sciences and humanities and the last one for natural and engineering sciences. Those thematic digital competences centres play an important role in the Dutch research landscape. Those centres were created in order to respond to the complexity of the research data landscape, the difficulty to find the right support and to reach FAIR data at all time. Key message is that the thematic competence centres are are bringing different stakeholders of Open Science in the Netherlands together.
- *2nd use case :* Open Access Policies and the necessity to build a comprehensive Open Access Infrastructure in order to facilitate the by-in of researchers. The key message was that funding and policies should be in place regarding Open Access at national and international level.
- 3rd use case : You cannot have a dedicated University policy linked to a national policy until you have the support from the academic community. Key message : the human factor is key.

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3. Tripartite collaboration

Karel Luyben (EOSC-A), Volker Beckmann (EOSC Steering board) and Pantelis Tziveloglou (EC) gave some perspectives on EOSC developments.

- *Pantelis Tziveloglou mentioned that the discussions about the future were ongoing and that the current priority was the EOSC EU-node and the EOSC Federation. The way ahead is to increase the uptake of services to the researchers, to attract service providers, to set-up policies and the EOSC Federation and then to secure sustainability.*

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[3] Include the link to the website where presentations are available

- *Volker Beckmann also mentioned the future and the need for change. He came back on the fact that now EOSC is a contract between the EC and EOSC-A but that the member states are left apart and he explained that the EOSC EU-node and the Federation of nodes should change that situation and would involve member states more closely. He also pointed out that the EOSc EU node would not solve all the problems, and stressed that there was still a lot of work to be done outside the EOSC Federation too.*
- *Karel Luyben also spoke about the creation of an EOSC Federation and launched a call for contributions to co-create a handbook for the EOSC Federation.*

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4. Government level contributions

Ministry of Education, Culture and Science (OCW) key messages:
- *Open Science will be the norm. All relevant stakeholders in the Netherlands underpin this ambition and strive towards accelerating the transition towards Open Science*
- *Open Science NL was launched a year ago to fund inititatives to make open science the norm in the Netherlands*

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5. Relevant quotes

"We started with an idea and ended-up with a community", Jet de Ranitz, CEO of SURF
"EOSC can show that Europe can bring something to the members states and is not just a burden", Volker Beckmann, co-chair, EOSC Steering Board.

6. Future plans and actions[4]

Surf launched a call to the Dutch Open Science community to set-up a working group to provide input at the national level to the newly established Tripartite Group about the Dutch node(s) in the context of an EOSC Federation.

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7. Use cases or practices

The Dutch national thematic Digital Competence Centres are an example of a successful use-case. Those thematic digital competence centres were created in order to respond to the complexity of the data research landscape, the difficulty to find the right support and to reach FAIR data at all time. There are 3 thematic digital competence centres to support

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[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.*

researchers, one for life science and health, one for social sciences and humanities and the last one for natural and engineering sciences. Those digital competences centres play an important role in the Dutch research community and collabate with the local digital competence centres which are based at research performing organisations.

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8. Main indicators

8.1 Indicators organisation event
Official name of the event: National Tripartite Event - Netherlands

Starting Date: 22/05/2024
Ending Date: 22/05/2024

Thematic profile (was there a specific theme to the event apart from the Tripartite collaboration?): The aims of the event was to inform Dutch stakeholders about the decision-making process and positions of the EC, EOSC-A and EOSC-SB regarding the governance of EOSC after 2027 and the way in which the EOSC federation could be operationalized. The event was also used to give stakeholders in the Netherlands the opportunity to discuss ideas about how the Dutch Open Science landscape can be connected to the EOSC.

8.2 Profile of participants
Total number of participants: 45
In-person: 45
Virtual (online): 0

Gender (%): Male: 25_____ Female: 20_____ Other: _____

8.3 Type of participants affiliation

Research Performing Organisations: 11_____ (number of participants)
Research Funding Organisations: 2_____
Service providing Organisations: 19_____
Libraries: 5_____
Public administration: 8_____
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, …)
- *Life science and health*
- *Social sciences and humanities*
- *Natural and engineering sciences*

8.5 EU HE InfraEOSC funded projects, dataspaces 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)

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
https://eosc.eu/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Agenda-National-EOSC-Tripartite-Event.pdf

- EC
- EOSC-A
- EOSC-SB
- SURF
- Ministry of Education, Culture and Science (OCW)
- Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Policy (EZK)
- Open Science NL
- DANS
- KNAW
- UKB
- UvA
- UU
- LIBER
- TU-Delft
- MARIN
- eScience Center
- CLARIN
- Health-RI
- TDCC-LSH
- TDCC-SSH
- TDCC-NES
- EUR
- TNO
- GO-FAIR
- PNN
- OSC-NL
- Research Software Engineers Network
- Netherlands Reproducibility Network (NL RN)
- LCRDM