

EOSC Federation: future steps and engagement

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Principles for Building the EOSC Federation

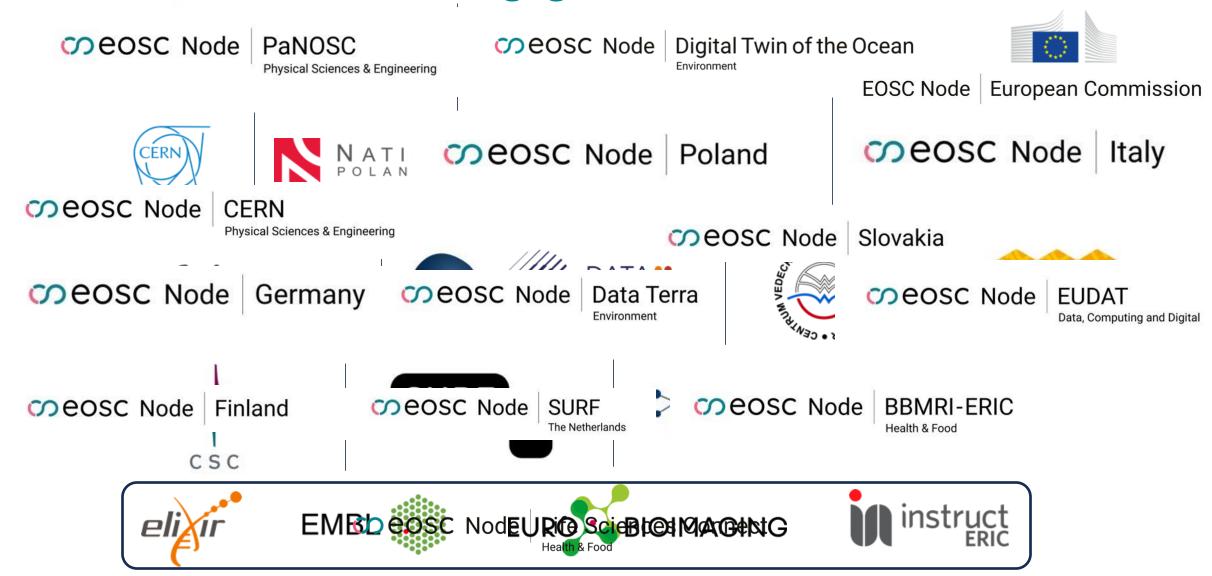


The vision for EOSC is to establish a system that enables researchers in Europe to store, share, process, analyse, and reuse FAIR research outputs—such as research data, publications, and software—across disciplines and borders.

- System of systems approach: Build on existing and planned infrastructures to create an interconnected ecosystem.
- **Inclusivity and accessibility**: Ensure low barriers to entry, ease of use, and broad participation.
- **Community-driven and participatory**: Engage the research community in co-creating and shaping the Federation.
- **Trust, security, and governance**: Establish clear rules, monitoring, and enforcement mechanisms to ensure a safe and reliable environment.
- **Flexibility and adaptability**: Allow for an evolutionary approach, adapting based on findings and lessons learned.
- **Autonomy and control**: Respect institutional autonomy while ensuring that data and service owners retain full control over shared resources and openness levels.
- Broad engagement and transparency: Keep all interested stakeholders informed and involved in key developments.

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Nodes engaged in 2025



Federating more than 30 service and research product catalogues - and growing! eosc.eu/building-the-eosc-federation/

Outputs of the Build-up Group

Consensus on Technical Requirements

Mandatory Technical requirements

Federated AAI

Adhere to the EOSC Node Federated AAI requirements as defined in EOSC AAI Architecture 2025 (March 2025) https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.15388270

Federated catalogues

Register their Service catalogues and Research Product catalogues in the EOSC EU Node Resource Catalogue (September 2025) https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.15516020

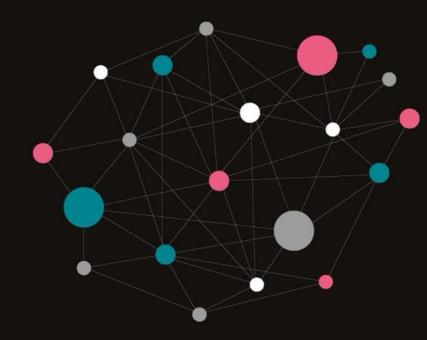
Recommended



- Application Workflow Management
- Service Monitoring
- Service and Research Product Accounting
- Order Management
- Helpdesk
- Management System



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UDDOOF EVENTED OUTCOMES AND MEASURES OF SUCCES

The EOSC Federation
Handbook has been written by
a group of **volunteers**, who
have been working together
since March 2024 with the
support of the EOSC Focus
project.

The Handbook provides an overview of the organisational and operational structure, and technical characteristics, of the EOSC Federation

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Interviews performed with all first wave Nodes & **Survey distributed** to gather additional feedback

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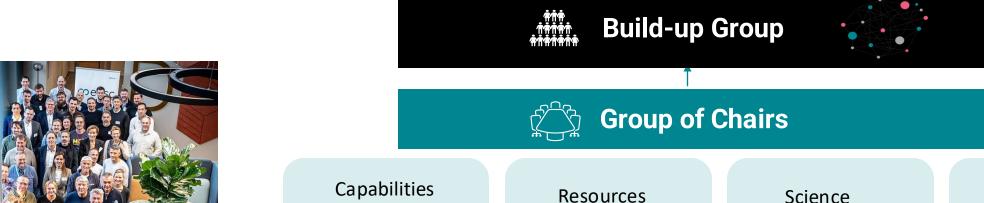
Outputs of the build-up group: multi-node scientific use cases

Marine microbiomes	Exploring the impact of marine microbiomes on carbon sequestration	Dick Schaap, MARIS
REANA	Cross-node workflow for the analysis of CERN's ATLAS/CMS experiment's open data on the REANA reusable data platform	Tibor Simko, CERN
Galaxy	Cross-node workflow for the processing of imaging data from the environmental and life sciences using the Galaxy platform	Björn Grüning, NFDI
Pan-Finder	The photon and neutron federated knowledge finder, PaN-Finder, an AI-enabled data search tool for navigating the large data sets of European Research Infrastructures	Andy Götz, PaNOSC
MCVAL	A prostate cancer screening tool, MCVAL, that employs multi-centric validation of Al models	Andreas Türk, BBMRI-ERIC
AMR	The use of genomic sequencing analysis to facilitate cross-border surveillance of anti- microbial resistance	Jaroslav Budiš, CVTI SR

	BBMRI	DTO	CERN	csc	CVTI SR	Data Terra	EOSC_PL	EU Node	EUDAT	ICSC	LSRN	NFDI	PANoSC	SURF
Marine microbiomes		Χ				X	Χ				X			
REANA			X				X	Χ		X		X		
Galaxy		Х		Χ		Х		Χ	Χ		X	X		X
PaN Finder												X	X	
MCVAL	Χ			X	X		Χ		X	X				X
AMR					X		Χ							



Outputs of the Build-up Group: Coordination of the EOSC Federation



Fed. AAI

Service Catalogues interoperability & integration

Integrating scientific data repositories

File Sync & Share

Scientific Workflows

Sensitive Health Data

Governance

Cybersecurity

Preparation of MoU

Handbook Review



Helsinki, Oct'25



~150 people from the nodes have participated in the EOSC Federation Build-up Group and subgroups



EOSC Federation MoU: Shared Path to Operations

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Memorandum of Understanding on Preparing Operational Integration within the Envisaged FOSC Federation

This MoU is a statement of mutual understanding and intent.

It is not legally binding and does not create enforceable rights or obligations



Signatories: EOSC Association & EOSC Nodes

Scope

- It sets out the mutual understanding of roles and principles for interim collaboration among the Participants, with the sole purpose of testing and preparing practical approaches for future participation in the EOSC Federation.
- During this phase, the Participants aim to establish approaches and frameworks for future service integration, interoperability, and quality assurance, including consideration of FAIR principles, technical standards, and ethical, legal, and social implications (ELSI) expectations. These preparatory steps are intended to lay the foundation for an operational model under a future binding agreement governing the EOSC Federation.

https://eosc.eu/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/20251103_MoU_Operational-Preparation_EOSC-Federation.pdf



Assessment of the EOSC Federation to-date

By Q4 2025 the EOSC Federation will ...

- ... consist of several enrolled EOSC Nodes
- ... have established a first operational **governance and organisational structure**, including clear description of the roles and responsibilities of its constituent bodies
- ... have detailed the **application process** to become an EOSC Node, including assessment of organisational, legal and technical requirements
- ... have established a first edition of **Federation-wide policies**, such as Rules of Participation, Access and Acceptable Use policies, cybersecurity, privacy and data protection
- ... have established a first edition of the EOSC Interoperability Framework
 - ... have demonstrated cross-Node utilisation of some of the federating capabilities

Results achieved with the voluntary effort of the first wave nodes and support of the EU Node



Transition to production

 What must be in place to be able to move the EOSC Federation from prototype to production?

Adapt Build-up group to MoU / Technical implementation roadmap / new federating capabilities

Expansion of the EOSC Federation

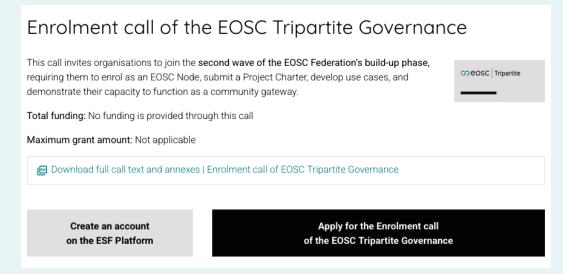
- 2nd and other waves of enrollment
- Onboarding of resources

New nodes & onboarding of resources



Expansion of the EOSC Federation: 2nd wave

- Call deadline: 18th February 2026, 17:00 CET
- Results will be available in April 2026 (eligibility check; review by independent experts; tripartite approval)
- Call budget: 0€
- Expected duration of projects: 24 months with possible extensions
- Weblink for further information: https://eosc.eu/eoscabout/calls-grants/
- Contact: <u>eosc-nodes-helpdesk@esf.org</u>



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- Challenges to address
 - clearly articulate the primary purpose of the proposed Node's participation in the EOSC Federation.
 - present a strong value proposition that highlights how the project contributes to the EOSC Federation
 - enrich the EOSC Federation with state-of-the-art federated resources (services and data).
 - identify key deliverables and milestones, including potential risks and limitations that may impact the project execution
- Documents to submit
 - Project Charter
 - Endorsement letter/acknowledgement of the corresponding authority/ies

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- #1 Applicants must be interested in enrolling as a separate Node.
- #2 Applicants must have the capacity or have a clear plan to develop the capacity to implement activities that enable the broader represented community to engage and participate in the EOSC Federation (e.g. to onboard 3rd party resources)
- #3 Applicants must agree to comply with the mandatory technical specifications regarding integration in the EOSC
 Federation, in particular regarding integration in the EOSC Federated AAI and exposure of their resources through (a)
 common EOSC catalogue(s).
- #4 The resources that applicants aim to make available to EOSC users via an EOSC Node must operate at minimum at Technical Readiness Level (TRL) 7
- #5 Applicants must commit at least **five individuals** involved for the duration of the build-up phase, including the roles of coordinator, operations officer, a legal officer, a cybersecurity officer and a communications officer. Applicants must specify the names assigned to the aforementioned roles in their application.
- #6 Applicants must agree with existing Node(s) or other applicants to align on and propose the development of at least one scientific multi-Node use case or one use case realising a concrete contribution to federating capabilities
- #7 Applicants are **willing to sign a Memorandum of Understanding** (MoU) on preparing operational integration within the envisaged EOSC Federation



Funding opportunities available via EOSC Gravity project to support the Growing the EOSC Federation

EOSC Gravity node grant: €50k

- Preparatory work for potential future Nodes
- Deliverable: Project Charter



Node Enrolment

- Independent of funding opportunities
- Selection overseen by EOSC Tripartite

Operating Nodes



EOSC Gravity interproject grant: €50k

- Onboarding of resources to existing EOSC Nodes
- Use case deployment

Timeline

Deadline for submission: 18 February 26

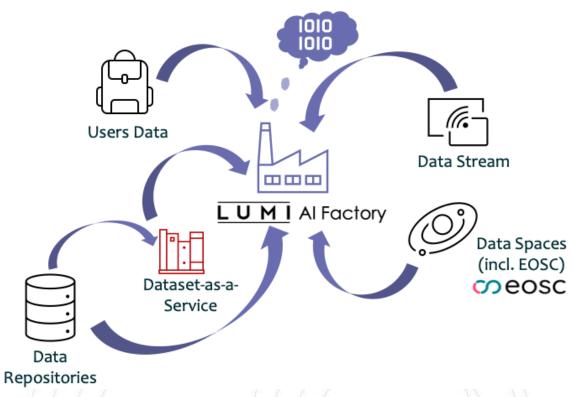
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How to get ready – the Finnish experience

Understand your node priorities and focus

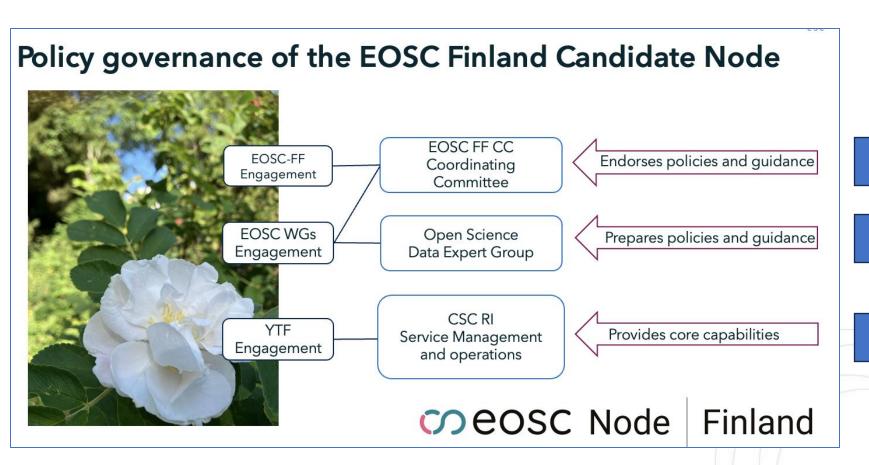
Smooth Access, Shared Standards, Stronger Research





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Set up an inclusive governance for your node / community



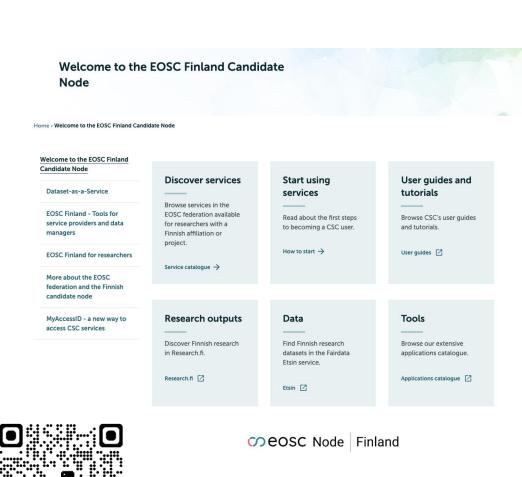
National governance: strategic level

National governance: technical level

Institutional governance

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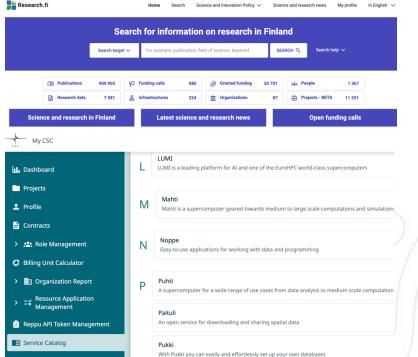
• Do not re-invent the wheel, leverage on previous investments on ALL fronts, fill the gaps

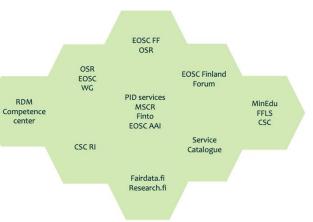


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National data resources

- Fairdata.fi national FAIR repository of research data
- Research.fi information on research conducted in Finland: publications, research data, infrastructures. funding, organisations and people
- Research Data Management Competence Center for training, skills development and support





RDA GORC model



Governance / engagement NFW! AVOTT WG

How to get ready – the Finnish experience

Start small

Welcome to the EOSC Finland Candidate Node

Dataset-as-a-Service

EOSC Finland - Tools for service providers and data managers

EOSC Finland for researchers

More about the EOSC federation and the Finnish candidate node

MyAccessID - a new way to access CSC services

MyAccessID – a new way to access CSC services

MyAccessID is a new way to register a CSC account, easier and safer to invite researchers from abroad to your project. It will be implemented soon.

Services available with MyAccessID

A table that shows what you can do in the different services currently without a CSC Project or Haka affiliation, i.e. with "only MyAccessID".

Service	Access to users originating through MyAccessID gateway
Allas	Possibility to use service after invitation by PI with Finnish affiliation.
Chipster	Possibility to use service after invitation by PI with Finnish affiliation.
cPouta	Possibility to use service after invitation by PI with Finnish affiliation.
Fairdata	Download of data that requires login, possibility to create and publish metadata for remote resource (URN), possibility to store and publish data with DOI after invitation by PI with Finnish affiliation (HEI, RI or Kotus).
Mahti	Possibility to use service after invitation by PI with Finnish affiliation.
Noppe	Possibility to use service after invitation by PI with Finnish affiliation.
Puhti	Possibility to use service after invitation by PI with Finnish affiliation.
Pukki	Possibility to use service after invitation by PI with Finnish affiliation.
Rahti	Possibility to use service after invitation by PI with Finnish affiliation.



- Start working towards compliance with the mandatory technical specifications (AAI / Federated catalogues)
- Get in touch with the nodes of wave 1 to get advice and to discuss use cases

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REANA			X				X	X		Х		Х		
Galaxy		Χ		Χ		Х		Χ	Х		Х	Χ		Х
PaN Finder												Х	X	
MCVAL	Χ			Χ	Х		X		Х	Х				Х
AMR					Х		X							

- Share the MoU with your legal department
- Take advantage of EOSC related funding opportunities (e.g. Gravity grants)



Thank you