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**Moving Forward to deliver an «EOSC in Practice»  
by 2018**

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**EOSC** *pilot*  
The European Open Science  
Cloud for Research Pilot Project



# Mission profile

## Our domains of expertise



Sharing the Vision of  
 a European Open  
 Science Cloud

# Contents

- What is the EOSC HLEG expected to do ?
- Starting with some Solid Building Blocks / «Assets»
- An EOSC in Practice
- How are the EOSC Science Demonstrators (SDs) in EOSCPilot Project doing ?
- Mapping these SDs onto a common service model going forward
- Possible new financing instruments and that other models alternatives to grants



# EOSC HLEG Goal & Deliverables

Our **Goal** is to address the setup of a data-driven infrastructure that builds on:

- what exists,
- caters for the whole scientific community and
- provides the governance and services that are today missing.

## **Produced Deliverables**

- Short summary reports of the 2 plenary meetings;
- A scoping paper for the Commission to present at the stakeholders' workshop;
- A short summary report of the minutes of the stakeholder workshops;
- An Interim report – Feb 2018;
- A PowerPoint presentation for discussion with the Commission;
- A [Final Roadmap Report](#) including advice on implementation of the EOSC preparatory phase Latter part of 2018

# User-Oriented Open Science – Pragmatic Approach



- An «EOSC in practice»
- The Group wishes to provide a further elaboration and insights on the basis of outputs from funded related projects, national projects or other community fora (ie: EOSCPilot & EOSChub, eInfraCentral, OpenAire, RDA, FAIR, OSSP, etc. )
- Structure thinking about EOSC into **Technical, Organizational & Financial** aspects
- Introduce and analyse **Incentive Mechanisms** to whet the appetite for all stakeholders
- Services should be offered by **different, existing infrastructures** not by one single infrastructure
- Have a **Functioning Methodology** that is practical that can be followed
- Functional Thinking vs Principle thinking
- User oriented vs Service thinking
  - Users using commercial solutions & find out why & take into account

**Introduce a Business Thinking oriented approach. EOSC is an environment for sharing & making data available to all.**  
**Usability and usefulness of the EOSC are central**

# Other relevant past Best Practices – Being Aware of our Assets

Ensuring long-term sustainability of research data across all disciplines, with strong & flexible governance model

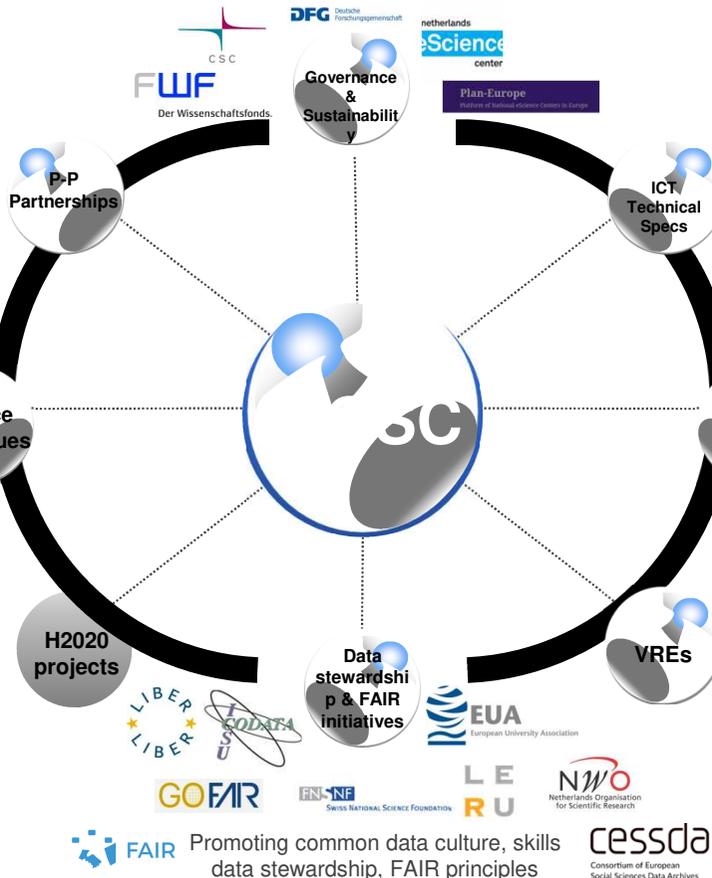
Boosting the value of EU Big Data research as part of the EC strategy to promote a data economy



Harmonising stakeholder's offerings under a common service catalogue framework



Leveraging on existing best practices & real use cases



Leveraging RDA as a global neutral discussion forum as well as the technical & social infrastructure solutions & ICT technical specifications developed by RDA WG & IG that enable data sharing, exchange, & interoperability



Building on the implementation & governance best practices, & multi-disciplinary approach to community building of ESFRIs & ERICs

EOSC data catalogue capitalise on recommendation from major users like ELIXIR, EOS; ENES & GEOS



Facilitating communication between scientists & computer infrastructures



Promoting common data culture, skills data stewardship, FAIR principles



## Leverage on existing “Building Blocks” & relevant Working Service Models

# Incentives to make EOSC Human-Centric

- Builds the links between **People, Data, Services, Training**, Publications, Projects and Organisations.
  - These links allow to build relevant Data, Service and Training search and recommendation engines
- **User-friendly collaborative tool** for data sharing and re-use
  - Contact people and organisations to get insights and help on data
  - The natural place to publish data with the support of **repositories**
- Visibility and network effects are great incentive mechanisms
  - Incentive to publish data
  - Incentive to become a data expert
  - Incentive to use the EOSC



# Feedback from HLEG experts from 1st F2f meeting

- List here the contributions delivered so far
  - **Common Credit Pilot** model put into practice a 2 year (originally planned to be 3 year) pilot to test this business model to facilitate researcher use of cloud resources
  - **INSPIRE** framework (<https://inspire.ec.europa.eu/data-specifications/2892>) could serve as a model concerning selection of international standards
  - **OSSP** National Policies on Open Science. Data coming out for Publicly funded research to be considered PSI ? [Review of the directive on the re-use of Public Sector information...](#)
  - **GO FAIR** initiative <https://www.dtls.nl/fair-data/go-fair/>
  - **National German Data Research** help define a list of minimum viable products that should be included & that can incrementally design the working functionality
- Services to be rendered
- Come up with some **Icebreaker Use Cases** based on needs & considerations that could serve as “Common Service Working models”

# Feedback from HLEG experts 2nd F2F meeting



- **Data** has to be trustworthy and the **person who generates** the data obtains some recognition that the data is getting used;
- **Data is disseminated effectively if they are available and made** through trusted and **certified repositories** and respect **FAIR** principles enabling **re-use into data products** (with related **recognition/citation** for the data producer, curators) potentially generating innovation and added value;
- What do I need to have a **Trusted Environment** ?
- A Role that could be carried out on an EU level is a certification level, seals etc – we introduce a level of trust **Open Access** – this is far better done on a continental level rather than on a national level;
- **Coin/Credit ?** Come up with a pilot exercise in the EU context
  - a) **Recognition**, b) **Trusted Services**, C) **data certification & the selection of the cloud provider being GDPR compliant** D) **Voucher Schemes**

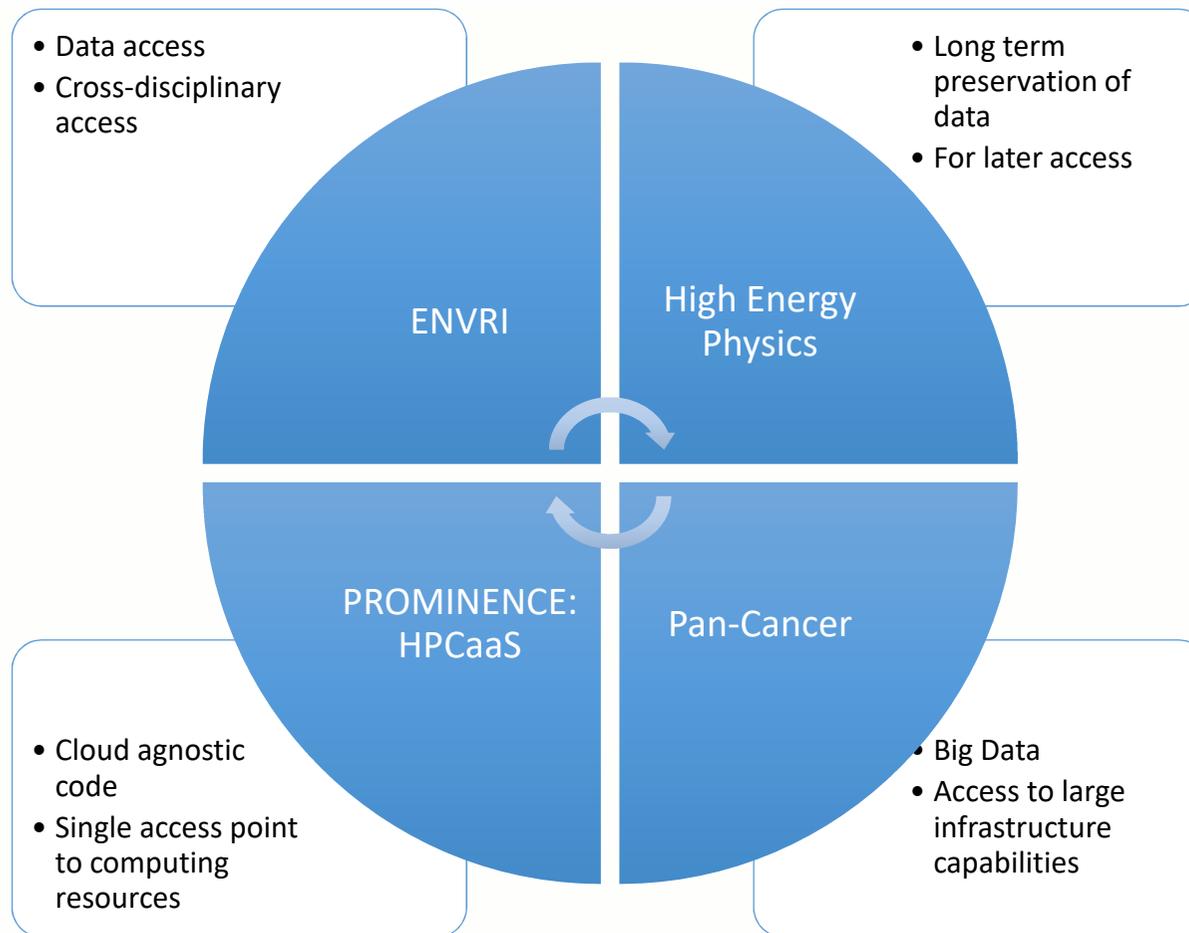


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## What we can learn about user needs through H2020 EOSCpilot's Science Demonstrators (SDs)



- **Advanced Virtualisation:** Transparent access to Computational Resources Progressing with a framework which will help conceptualise the range of stakeholders and interoperability objectives
- **A Market Place** for modular services to be combined in traceable **Workflows:** Build, Run and Share Workflows
  - Data workflows for extraction, analysis, curation, publication, preservation, etc.
  - The workflows should run transparently on EOOSC Computational Resources



## Challenges for EOSC

# Authentication & Dealing with Large Infrastructure Capabilities



## Modular and Traceable Workflows

### EPOS/VERCE

- Abstract **workflows** for distributed data-intensive applications
- Support for composition
- Executable in numerous parallel environments

### Genome SD

- Framework for computational workflows
- Write complex parallel **workflows**
- Transparent deployment on multiple platforms

### CryoEM

- Scipion: an image processing framework to “glue” software for **workflow** combinations
- Traceable and Reproducible **workflows**

### LOFAR

- Data **workflow** project to facilitate data access
- Both to power and non power user

Potential Services for the EOSC as a market place of atomic micro-services that can be pipelined and combined in traceable workflows

# EOSC Example of commons credit model ...

## Others to be investigated

**The Commons Credits Model Pilot** designed to provide investigators with access to cloud based computing resources as a means to seed the **American National Institutes of Health (NIH) Commons** (<https://datascience.nih.gov/commons/>) with useful digital artifacts of biomedical research

- 2 year pilot to test **business model** to facilitate **Researcher use of cloud resources** (enhance data sharing and potentially reduce costs)

## Mapping to EOSC

- NIH already has a full **set of standards** in place, ranging from interoperability to business relationships to access profiles
- **Finding right cloud provider** Choosing a **legally-compliant cloud provider** paramount. With a view to protecting personal data
- **GDPR** poses specific obligations onto the cloud provider, from data security to subcontracting conditions
- **Creation** of a **marketplace** for conformant cloud providers. Selection of interested cloud providers abiding by NIH standards is thoughtfully assigned directly to researchers
- They are provided with a # of "**coins**" they spend to obtain cloud services from provider of their choice

Trusting only compliant cloud providers offering adequate guarantees with respect to data storage and processing services, foster and rapidly spread good practices Other Examples ?

# How can we move forward the EOSC?



- Convergence between **Member States** actors is of the essence
- Practical **pilots** to provide solutions for easy movement of data across platforms
- **Science demonstrators** can provide evidence of pipelines being containerized
- Adoption of the **FAIR** principles
- HLEG as a facilitator of **Common Service Working Models...**
- ...always helping to shape the future **workprogramme**, based on global challenges and excellence!

*Thank you! Questions?*

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