

Summary report from session 3

“The EOSC added value for the thematic communities - How can RI end users benefit from EOSC”

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- Main topics discussed in the session:
 - EOSC implementation vision and status
 - the role of the clusters into EOSC
 - the added value of EOSC for thematic communities, RIs and regions
- The vision for EOSC is to provide services and data that will make the work of researchers easier and more efficient
- These services and data are coming from **existing e-infrastructures and RIs** and the EOSC catalogue plans to be **as inclusive as possible**. EOSC will act as the “glue” making sure that these services and data are accessible and discoverable in a **seamless way** and thus **reusable** by different actors.
- There won't be a unique point of access (the EOSC portal is only one of the access points) – EOSC is a “system of systems”

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- ESFRI clusters are acting as intermediaries between EOSC and the RIs with the aim of **making the Ri services reusable in EOSC** by other RIs.
- Clusters are also **enabling platforms for the development of new thematic services, strengthening the alignment within ESFRI domains** and this seems to be a very appreciated feature by researchers.
- Clusters also have a key role in being a reference point for those building new RIs to understand the EOSC ready-to-use features (e.g. AAI, metadata etc.) that can be reused to avoid duplication of efforts.
- EOSC brings to the clusters **potential for true interdisciplinarity** by enabling more interdisciplinary data access and discovery and by providing more interoperable and ideally less expensive services
- 2 thematic use cases have been showcased: the Covid 19 data platform & BY COVID project / the FNS-Cloud use case (focus on food nutrition security)

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- Both use cases highlighted the value EOSC can bring
 - Showcasing that identifying, referencing and combining different data types has not only scientific but also **societal value**
 - **RIs have developed solutions for domain specific needs** that can be reused in other context and **combined with EOSC can provide added value to the researchers**
 - **EOSC can provide key building blocks for ESFRI RI as well as national infrastructures/centers** to strengthen their scientific services
- One use case on the added value of EOSC on a region has also been presented: the NI4OS Europe use case (focus on South – Eastern Europe)
 - Different regions have different needs and different levels of maturity (policy, infrastructures, adoption, etc)
 - Tailored efforts are needed to best support the region with EOSC adoption
 - Different requirements for EOSC can come from different regions as follows: **EOSC needs to be inclusive, embracing regional requirements and needs**