

EOSC Task Force on Researcher Engagement and Adoption

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The EOSC TFs and TF REA

The 13 EOSC-A Task Forces:

- Within the EOSC-A structure. Allow EOSC-A members and others to help steer the implementation of EOSC
- Liaise with EOSC projects. Identify strategic gaps and areas for investment to input to the EOSC SRIA.
- Summer/autumn 2021: Charters adopted by EOSC-A. Open call for memberships.

The EOSC TF REA (www.eosc.eu/advisory-groups/researcher-engagement-adoption):

- Co-Chairs Franciska de Jong, Sverker Holmgren, Kathrin Winkler
- 38 members, broad span of competences and affiliations
- Still in the initial phase, setting up the work etc
- Main task right now: Provide input towards the update of the Multi-Annual Roadmap in the EOSC Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA).

Why EOSC TF on Researcher Engagement and Adoption?

EOSC SRIA (Section "Guiding Principles"): The overarching principle for developing EOSC is that research has to be at the centre of the EOSC initiative. Thus engagement with research communities is fundamental to understand their requirements and ensure that the way in which EOSC operates and the services are offered is of use and value to the researchers [...]

Overall Aim of the TF Researcher Engagement and Adoption

From the TF REA Charter:

Engage diverse research communities in order to increase their participation in EOSC

- *along and between disciplinary lines, utilising the achievements of the ESFRIs and the thematic services.*
- *on a country basis via engaging national initiatives, research performing organisations and scientific institutions, and by collaborating with representative bodies.*

Core Activities

- Assess the current information position of researchers on EOSC and collect success stories of researcher engagement.
- Identify and generate communication materials and initiate a clear advocacy programme and an engagement campaign addressed to researchers.
- Encourage organisation of training events at various levels with multiple foci and audiences (thematic, horizontal, national, (non)technical, etc.).
- Use existing initiatives, organisations, projects at various levels to consult with research communities to gather their requirements and feedback.
 - Universities: by utilising existing membership organisations and networks
 - Topically organised clusters and disciplinary organisations
 - National initiatives

Basis for the work in the TF REA

- Researchers as both users of EOSC services and providers of EOSC digital objects
- Work towards that **EOSC services will be of actual use to research community end-users by making sure that researchers can take ownership and an active role in shaping and furthering EOSC**
- A lot of engagement work has been done, is done, and will be done by EOSC projects – liasing, e.g. via TF Members
- In practice, researcher engagement and ownership is often via research *mediators*
- Three perspectives – subgroups in the TF:
 - Thematic communities of researchers at the international/European level - Researchers already use digital services made available through ESFRIs, science cluster projects and other thematic service providers
 - National – Bundles national strategies on researcher engagement and may bring those to the European setting. Also synchronises the discussion on EOSC at the national level
 - Institutional – This is where the publicly funded (and more) research is done! Many institutions are members of networks like LERU, EUA, CESAER, ...

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