Why are Public Authorities not (yet) a relevant user group for EOSC and what can we do to foster it (17:00-18:00)

Agenda

- Background and brief introduction, Fotis Karayannis, EGI Foundation
- Projects case studies & key findings
  - The DECIDO approach, Xavier Salazar, EGI Foundation
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BACKGROUND & INTRODUCTION

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Background - EOSC Focus on Research

EOSC is currently focusing on Research! This is already complex and there is rather slow progress.

During the HE EOSC Projects Coordination meeting, 15-16 June in Brussels, EOSC-A president Karel Luyben stated:

The initial plan was to expand to the public/private sector in 2023-2024,

but there is a delay, for only after the EOSC EU node (coming out of the EOSC procurement) is in place (~mid-end 2024?)

Note: And this makes sense as public sector bodies may ask about operational services, SLAs, prices..

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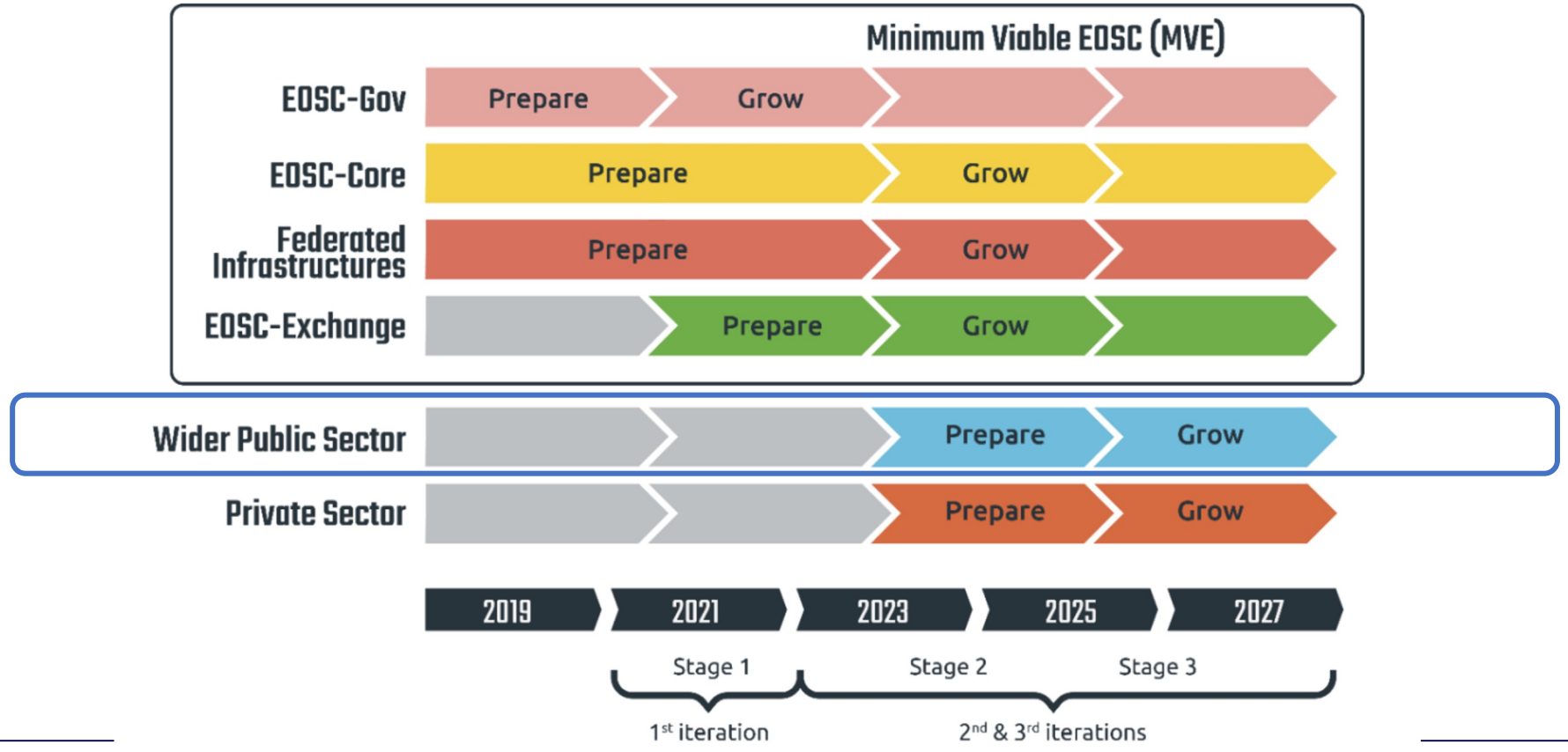
Initial EOSC SRIA plan for expansion to public sector

EOSC Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda v1.1, Nov'22



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EOSC SRIA Multi-Annual Roadmap (MAR) draft

MAR 2025-2027

***"Use cases from the public sector**, citizen science and industry **should be encouraged in the next period** in parallel to the research sector. Also use cases running at national or regional level are interesting. Emphasis should be to support uptake **(2025)**".*

DECIDO views

- **EOSC must demonstrate value and impact** relevant and meaningful to the diverse groups belonging to **broader public sectors**.
- EOSC will need to be expanded with **not just additional services but also with dedicated consultancy** to address the needs and requirements of end-users

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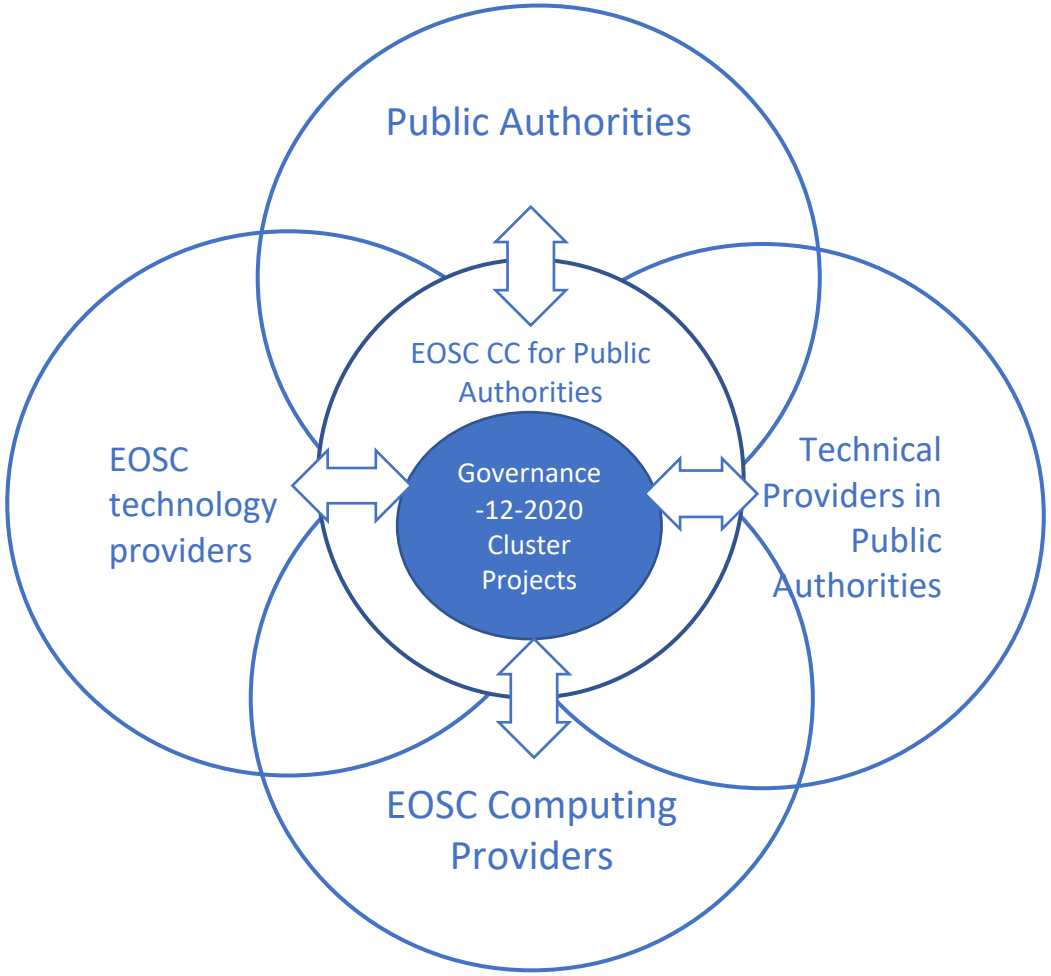
Main Stakeholders around EOSC+Public Sector and value proposition for public sector



Public Authorities and Technical Partners: Fine tuned consultancy and easy access to computing resources, data and services

Providers: Potential headway into previously untapped market segment.

EOSC related entities: Easy access to early adopters for testing and requirement gathering and whose endorsement offers the required reassurance for other consumers in EOSC.

DECIDO and governance-12-2020 cluster project: Additional avenue for exploiting and sustaining the services and results developed by the projects

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But what is public sector?

Research is also mostly funded by the public sector!

But with public sector we usually refer to local, national or regional authorities in the countries, e.g. municipalities, prefectures, etc.

Still, in the answer from EOSC-A in the Brussels coordination meeting, Karel referred to "*governmental institutions producing big amounts of data, such as weather institutions, statistics institutions, social science ones..:*

Looking into definitions/types of governments:

Central Governments, State/Provincial Govs, Local govs/municipalities, public education, healthcare, Defense/Security, Regulatory agencies, and many more

Each of these has considerable markets, but probably EOSC may be more attractive for smaller municipalities? And beyond?

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Audience, who are you?

Do we have anyone from public sector organisations (excluding research sector)?

Quick round the room introductions?

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Agenda for today

Still not much focus in EOSC+Public Sector, besides some few projects like the ones which will be presented:

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THE DECIDO APPROACH – CASE STUDIES AND KEY FINDINGS

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DECIDO at glance

Title

eviDEnce and Cloud for more InformeD and effective pOlicies

Topic

DT GOVERNANCE 12-2020

Innovation Action

Duration

36 months

Start Date
1st March 2021

Costs

EUR 4,327,255

Consortium

14 PARTNERS

Key Words

#cloud
#evidence-based
#policy-making
#EOSC
#co-creation

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Consortium as whole

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- **Research & Academia**: FOKUS, KPRF, KAMK, NTUA, TECNALIA
- **NGO**: EGI, LC, Vol.TO, SCN, Ibercivis

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EVIDENCE-BASED POLICY MAKING			X	X		X	X		X	X				X
DATA ANALYTICS	X	X		X			X	X			X			
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ETHICS/LEGAL	X				X						X			
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BUSINESS	X											X		
DISSEMINATION& COMMUNICATION	X	X	X		X					X		X		X
TRANSFER & EXPLOITATION	X	X	X	X	X			X			X			
EOSC SERVICES											X			

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Background

Policy making is the process of creating and monitoring policies to solve societal challenges. In this respect, it is often conceptualized as a **policy cycle**, consisting of several different phases, such as agenda setting, policy formulation, policy implementation & monitor and policy evaluation.

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Needs in the policymaking

Citizens are called to take an active role in **public services definition** and implementation through co-production and co-creation

Evidence&data-based approaches are strongly recommended to take **informed design decisions** affecting the policies

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Scope of the project

Support the **policy makers** along with citizens, organisations, businesses, public authorities to create/improve **better policies**, exploiting the **power of data**.

All these actors will use **DECIDO Digital Services** to be facilitated in the **co-creation activities**, in each phase of the **Policy Life Cycle (PLC)**.

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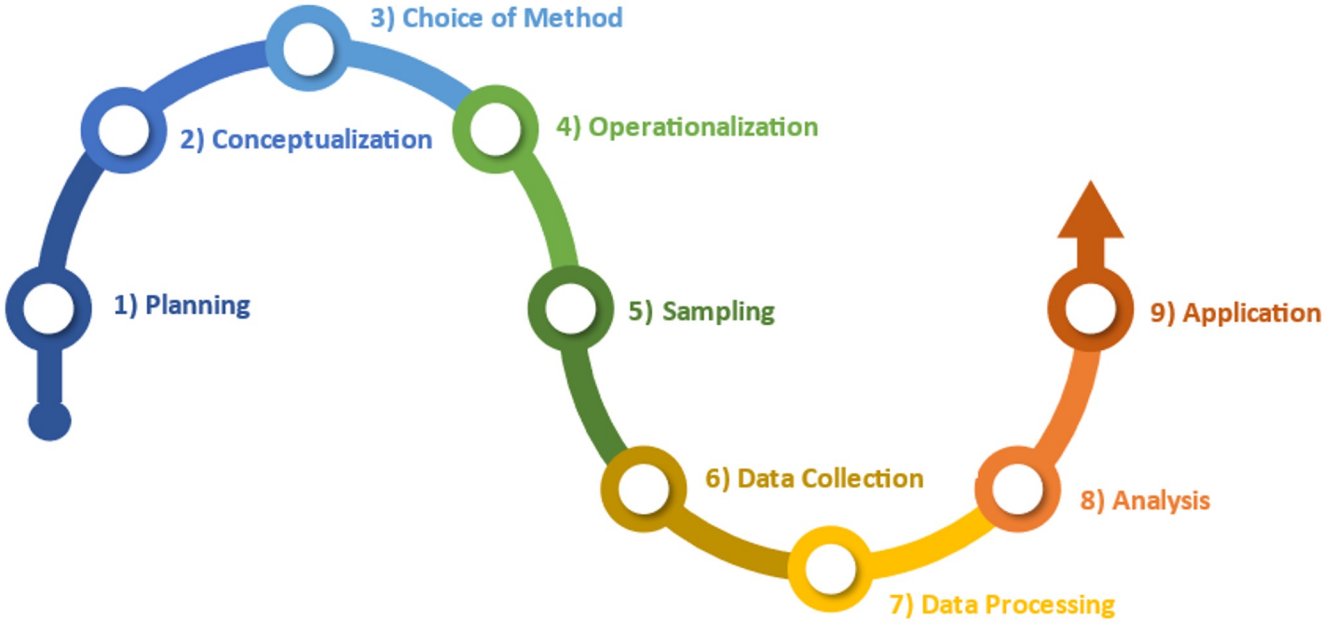
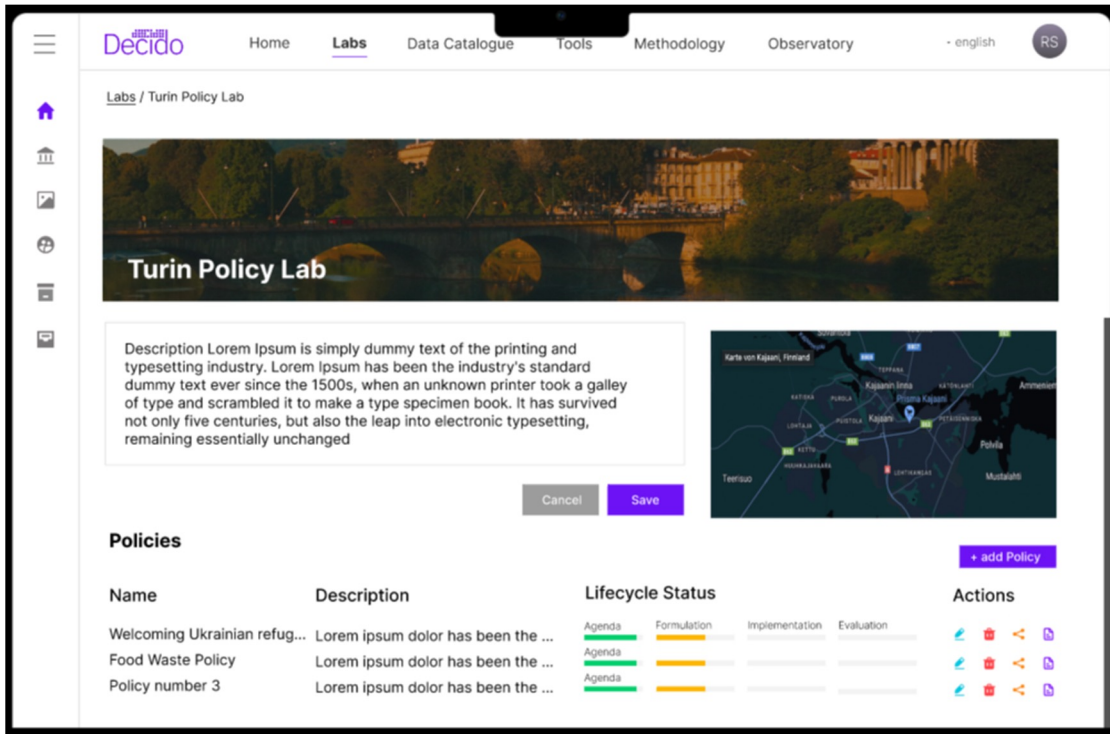
Pillars of DECIDO



The Co-creation PLC methodology



DECIDO Portal

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Pilots in a nutshell

Kajaani, Finland
Forest fire

Increasing threat of forest fires

How to identify and map resources

Review of current procedures across the departments of Kajaani City

Torino, Italy

Floods

Food waste

Refugees from Ukraine

Improve design of emergency policies related to the above-mentioned issues

Greek Municipalities
Power Outage

Power outage management of public infrastructure and cultural assets on the island of Halki via emergency response mechanisms

Aragon Region, Spain
Wildfires

Improve the design of emergency policies related to wildfires and management of emergency situations

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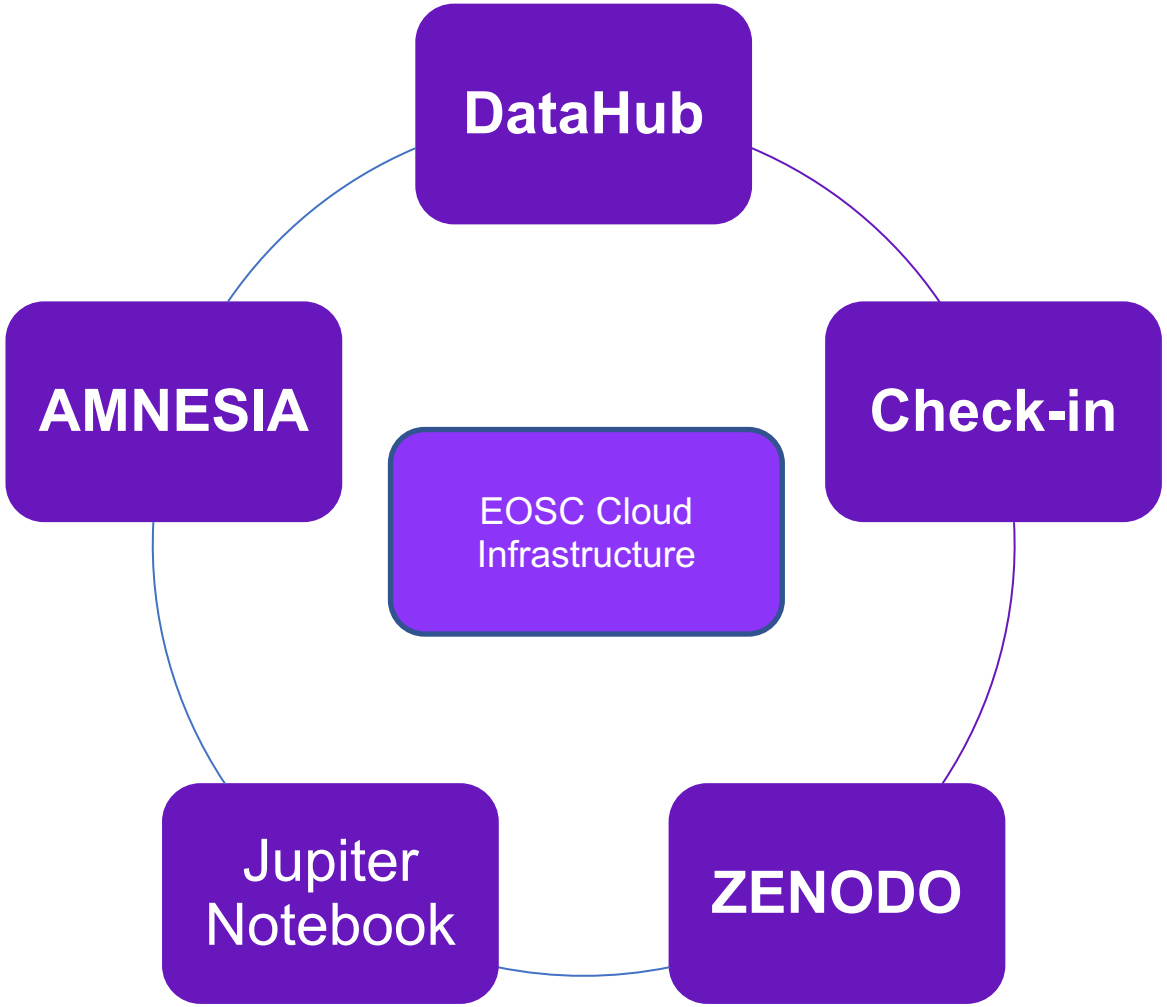
EOSC services to be used in DECIDO



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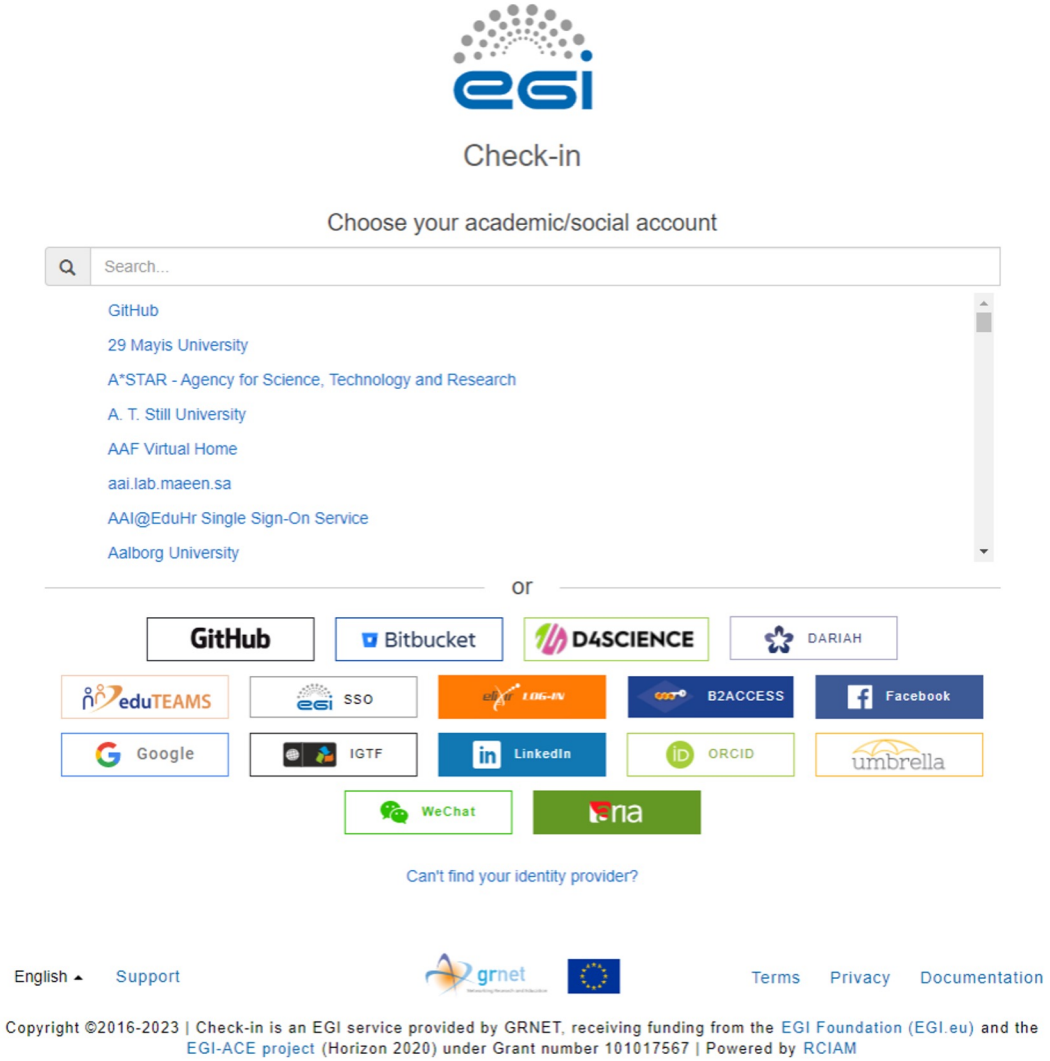

EGI Check-in

- Provides multiple authentication sources
- Easy to use authentication

- Lacks the ability to personalize the look and feel to the service it's integrated in

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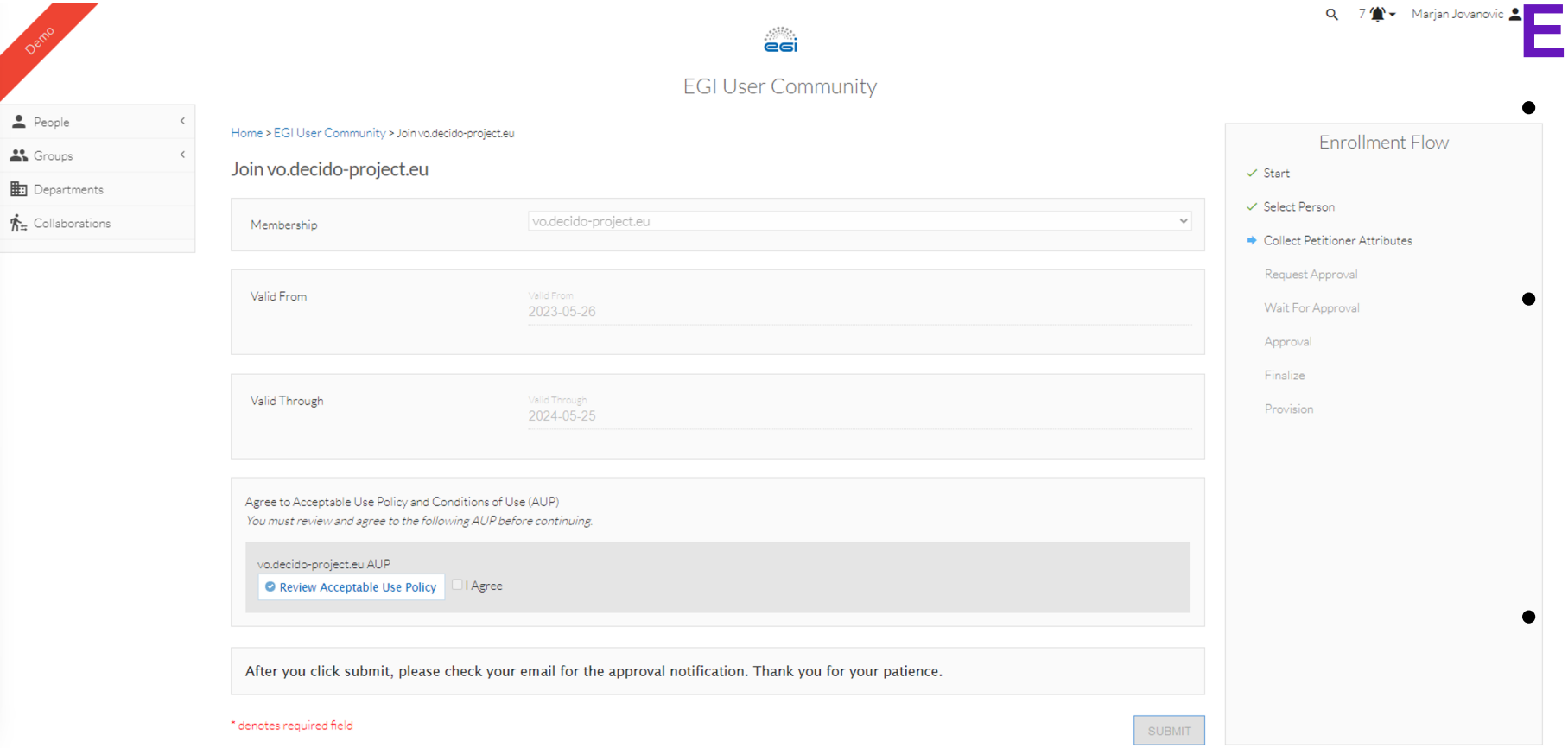

Enrolment

- Uses a straightforward wizard that collects data from the user
- Can be complicated for the not technical savvy user because of the number of required steps
- Can be time consuming (from filling in the data to waiting for the admin approval)

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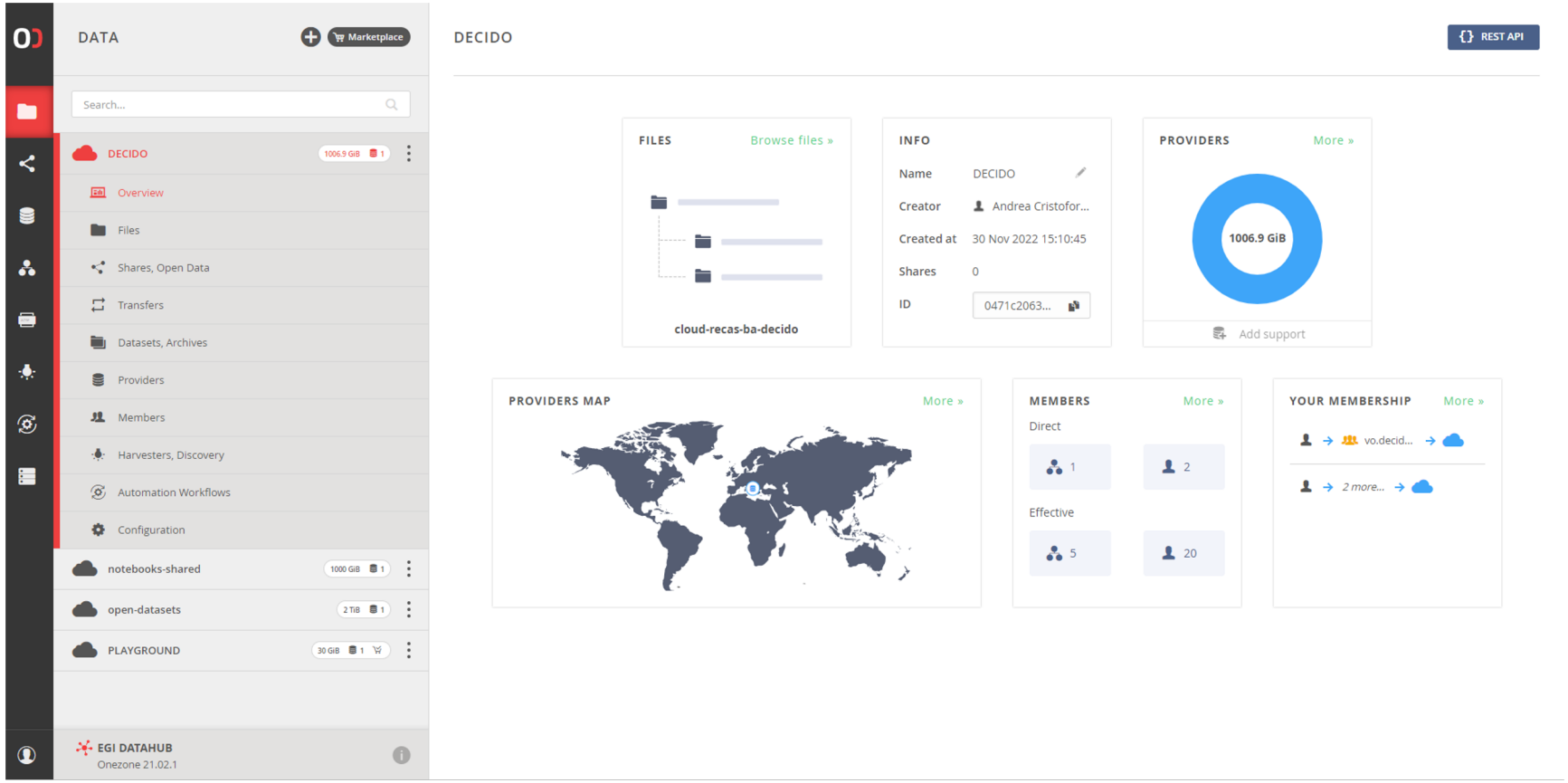

DataHub

- Provides a centralized portal to store data
- Integration with Check-in provides single sign in for the user

- Contains complicated elements that can discourage the user

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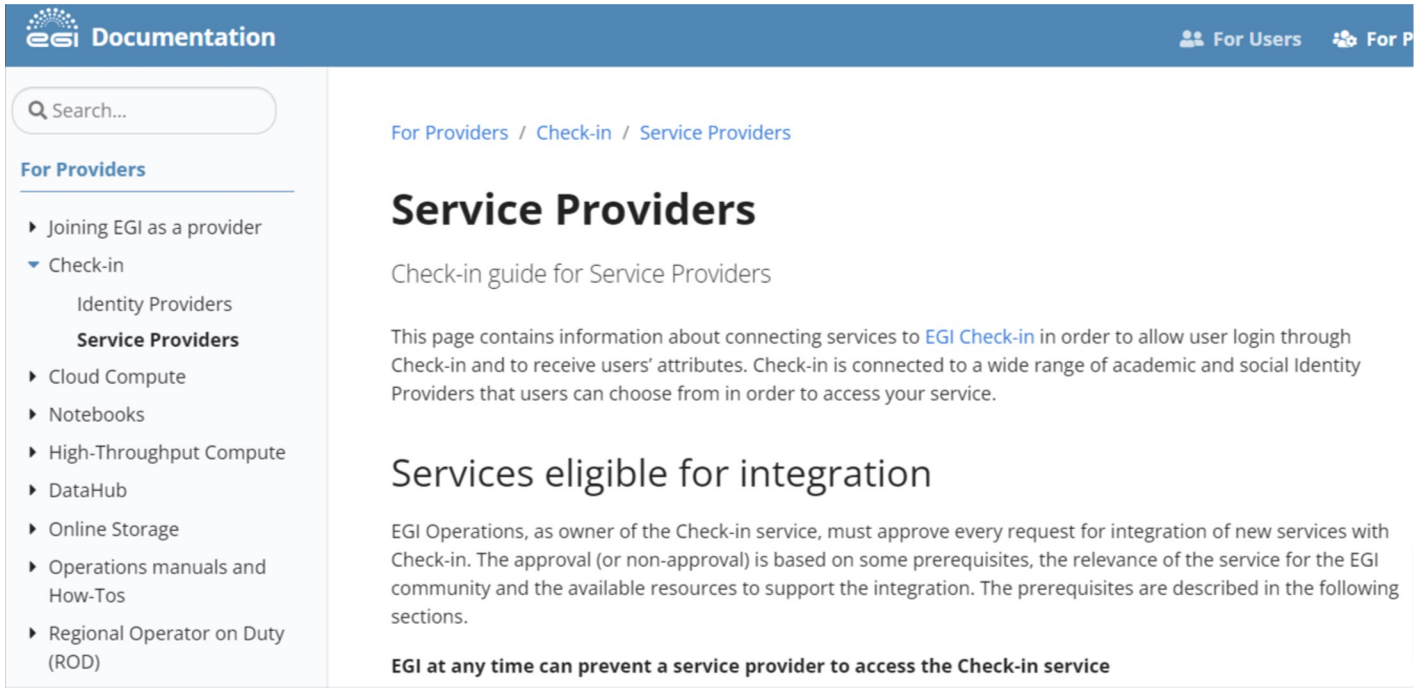
Feedback on EGI services from **Programming** side



Documentation

- Developers are provided with clear and concise documentation
- Service integration is straightforward

- It would be helpful to include more detailed examples, step-by-step tutorials and code snippets to illustrate usage scenarios

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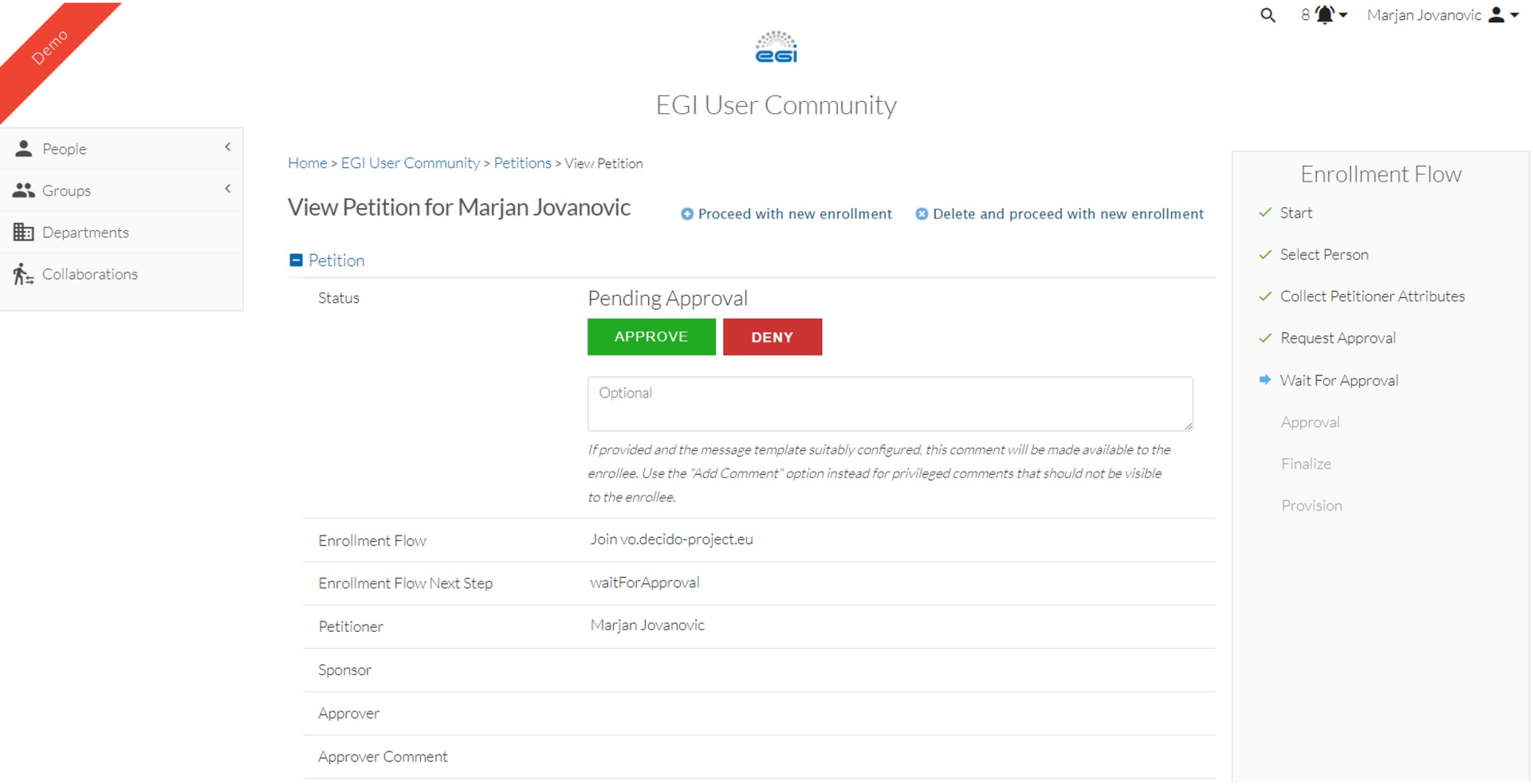

Enrolment

- Is easily readable and provides detailed information about the user
- Displays a lot of data that is not important to the maintainer (Other groups, departments etc.

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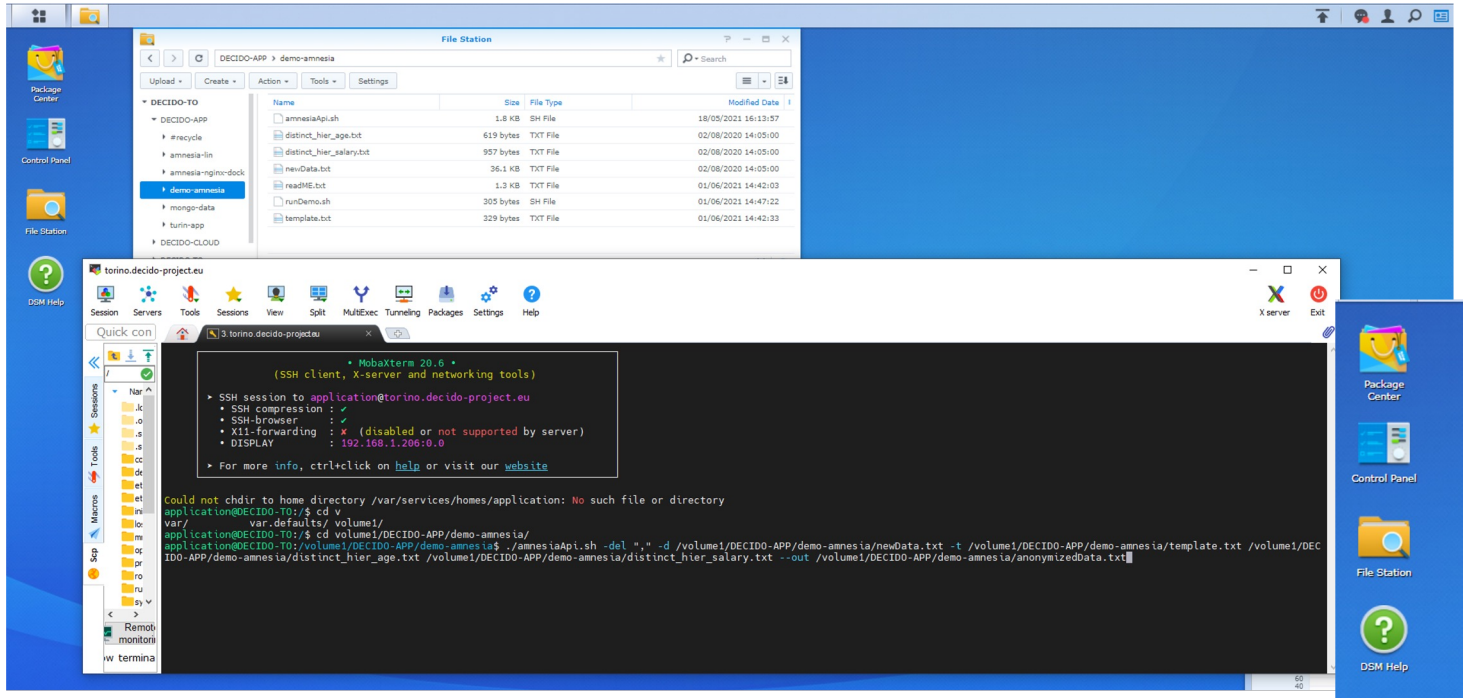
Feedback on EOSC services



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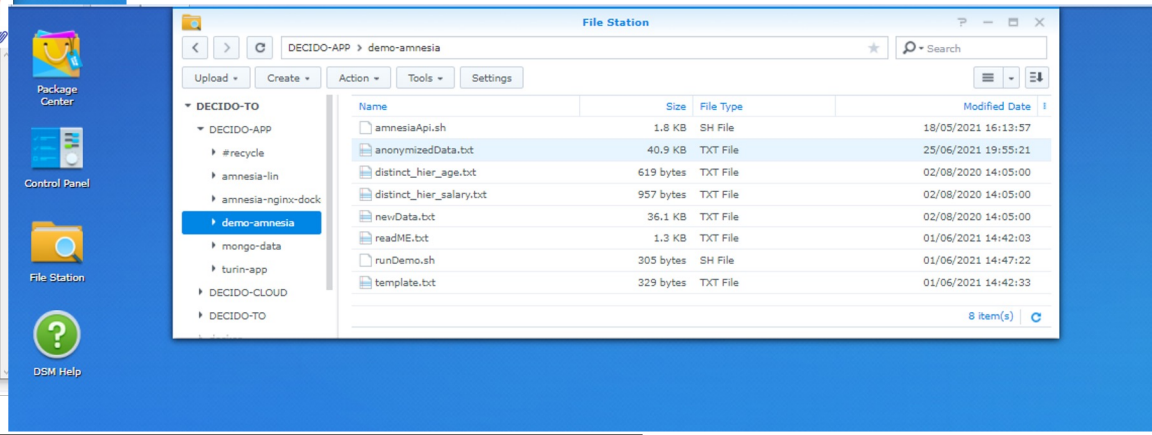
- Desktop application good for the privacy, but not user-friendly

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application@DECIDO-TO:/$ cd v
var/          var.defaults/ volume1/
application@DECIDO-TO:/$ cd volume1/DECIDO-APP/demo-amnesia/
application@DECIDO-TO:/volume1/DECIDO-APP/demo-amnesia$ ./amnesiaApi.sh -del "," -d /volume1/DECIDO-APP/demo-amnesia/newData.txt -t /volume1/DECIDO-APP/demo-amnesia/template.txt /volume1/DEC
IDO-APP/demo-amnesia/distinct_hier_age.txt /volume1/DECIDO-APP/demo-amnesia/distinct_hier_salary.txt --out /volume1/DECIDO-APP/demo-amnesia/anonymizedData.txt
The dataset was anonymized successfully and the file was downloaded in /volume1/DECIDO-APP/demo-amnesia/anonymizedData.txt
application@DECIDO-TO:/volume1/DECIDO-APP/demo-amnesia$
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Skills4EOSC project and activities in the public sector

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Skills4EOSC Competence Centre Network

Skills4EOSC aims at building a **Coordination Network of Competence Centres** for Open Science, FAIR and EOSC in Europe (CCNet).

The Skills4EOSC CCNet will be based on a lightweight mechanism to align and coordinate the network nodes.

The nodes are the Skills4EOSC Competence Centres (CCs).

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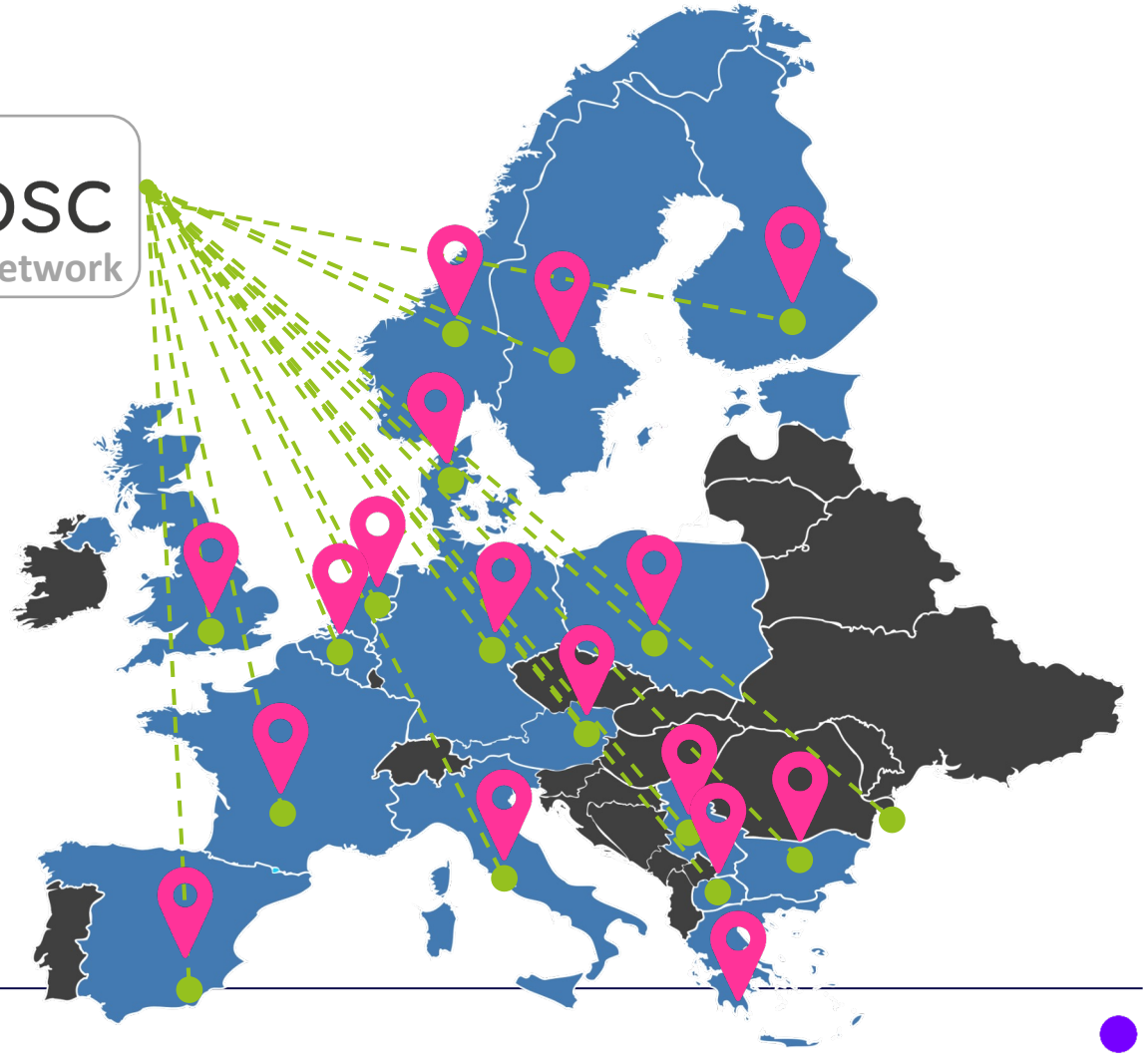

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Developing paths for different targets

Science for policy: honest brokers, civil servants, policy makers

Institutions: undergraduate, PhD, data stewards and professionists, including data librarian and curators, legal and ethical experts

Research Infrastructures and **thematic** communities: designing training with and for researchers and professionists

Professional networks: lifelong learning through peer networks

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Designing Training of Trainers **for the targets**

Start by designing relevant **Minimum Viable Skillset** for the target roles

Based on the MVS competences, define **learning outcomes or key messages** to be delivered in the ToT

Apply the **FAIR-by-design methodology** in the definition of learning material

Minimum Viable Skillset Catalogue available in Zenodo

Key messages for policy makers already tested

FAIR by design methodology for learning material available in Zenodo

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Upskilling the Public Sector

Honest/Knowledge Brokers

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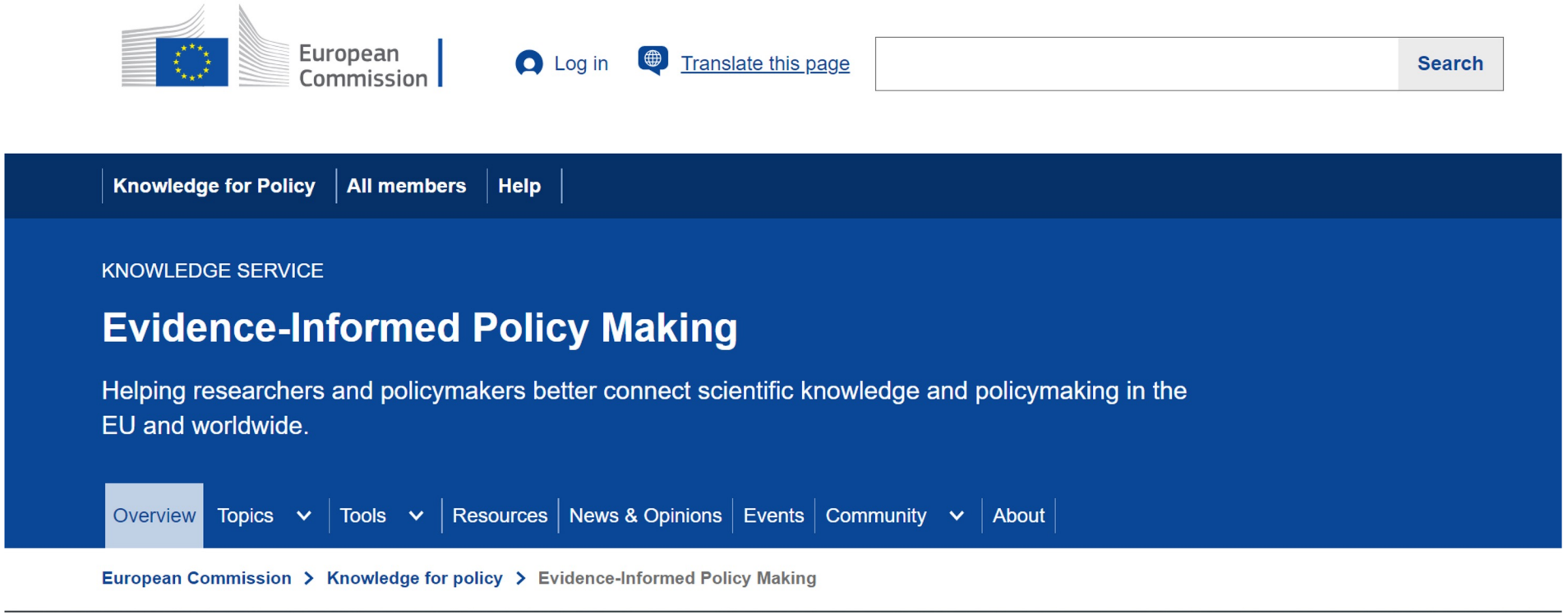
Important collaborations: JRC Science for Policy community



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Other Skills4EOSC Resources

Advocacy kit for reaching out to funders and policy makers

Support promoting Open Science skills at the level of policy makers and funders, thus ensuring a steady policy support and national/regional funding streams to keep the Competence Centre going

Science4Policy kit

The kit includes best practices based on use cases for Science for Policy that Competence Centres experts can use as resources to build their courses and activities.

The kit will be built by leveraging on selected practices and initiatives in Europe.

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Thank you!
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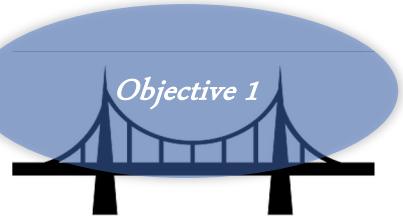
Main Objectives

Creation of a **BRIDGE** between Public Authorities and **European Open Science Cloud**

Objective 1



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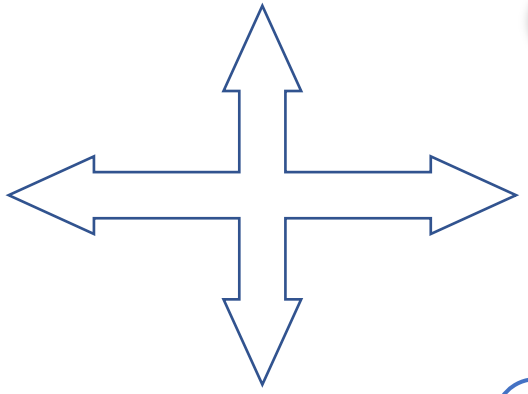
Objective 2

To widen the use of the **European Cloud Infrastructure** services and data to Public Authorities



Objective 3

To enable and encourage Public Authorities to use appropriate infrastructures, services, data and methodologies to apply a more **evidenced informed** approach to policies

Identification of **a set of pathways, recommendations** and a sound **business plan**...

Objective 4

...addressing Public Authorities through the transition towards the use of the European Cloud Infrastructure and the application of **evidence and co-creation** in the policy lifecycle.

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Key Exploitable Results & Pilots overview

Kajaani
Finland

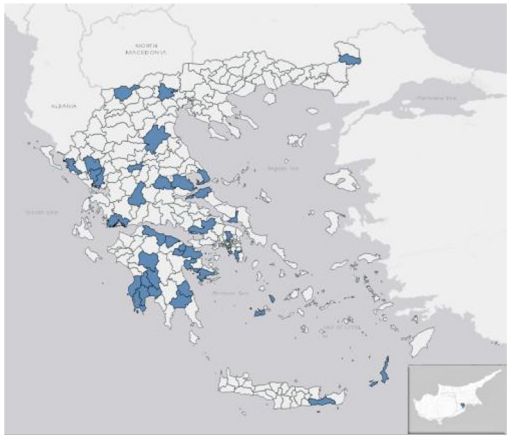
Forest fire

SCOPE

DECIDO will serve as an intermediary between the **public sector, the citizen science world** and the European Cloud Infrastructure (ECI) through the direct collaboration with **EOSC** and will provide storage capacity and processing power through **EGI infrastructure**.

Turin,
Italy

Flood, food waste, Ukrainian refugees



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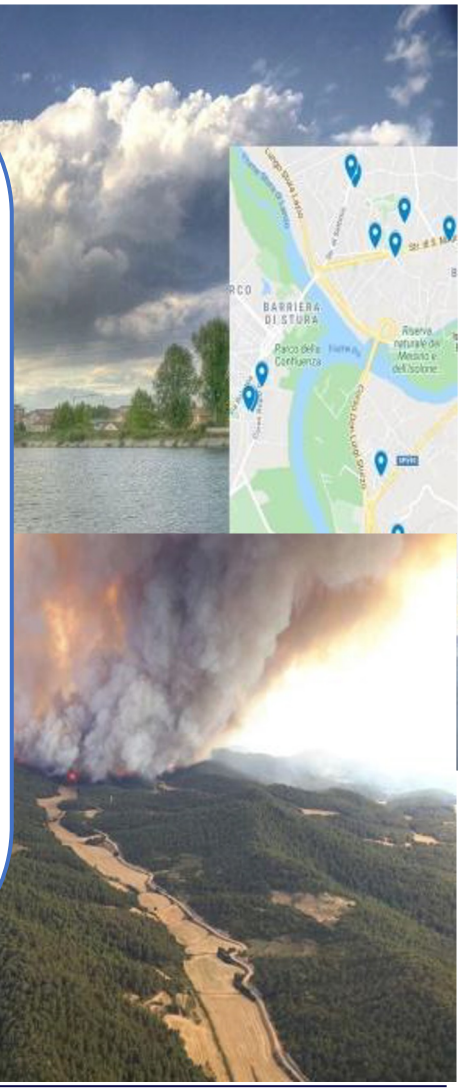

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EGI Check-In

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EGI Notebook

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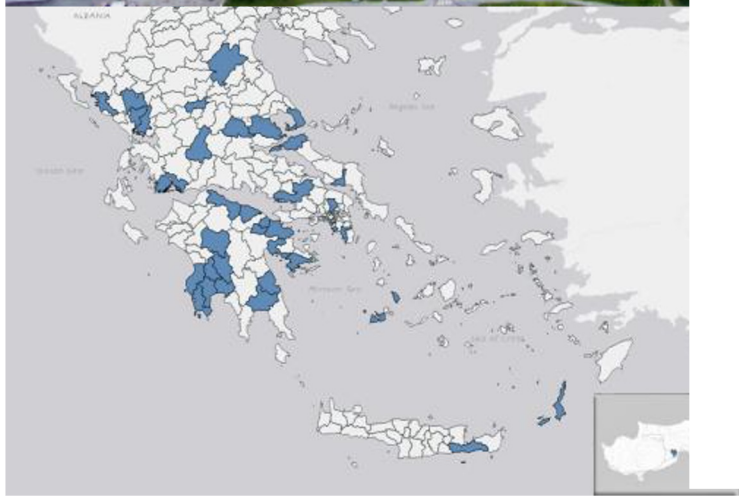
EOSC High-Level view of Key Exploitable Results



Public Authorities

KER 1: Approach for Evidence-Based Policy Making

KER2: DECIDO PORTAL (including Open Observatory / Data Catalogue)

KER4: CO-CREATION Methodology

KER3: EOSC Competence Center for Public Authorities

Application Pull

Technology Push

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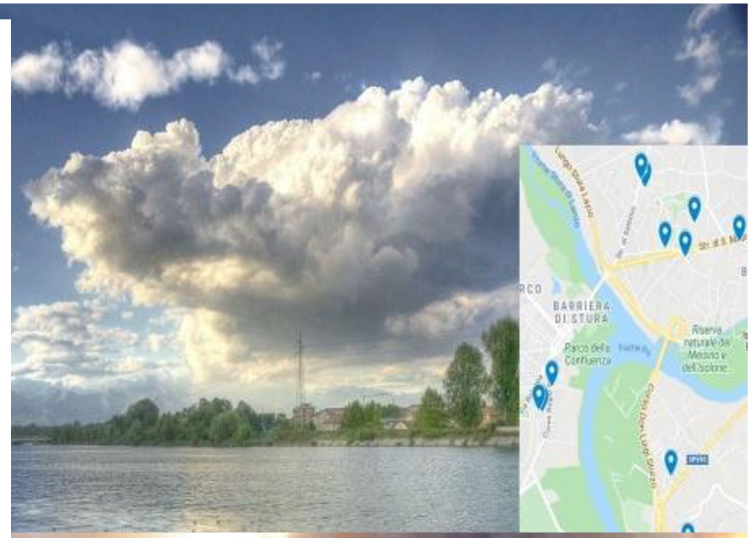

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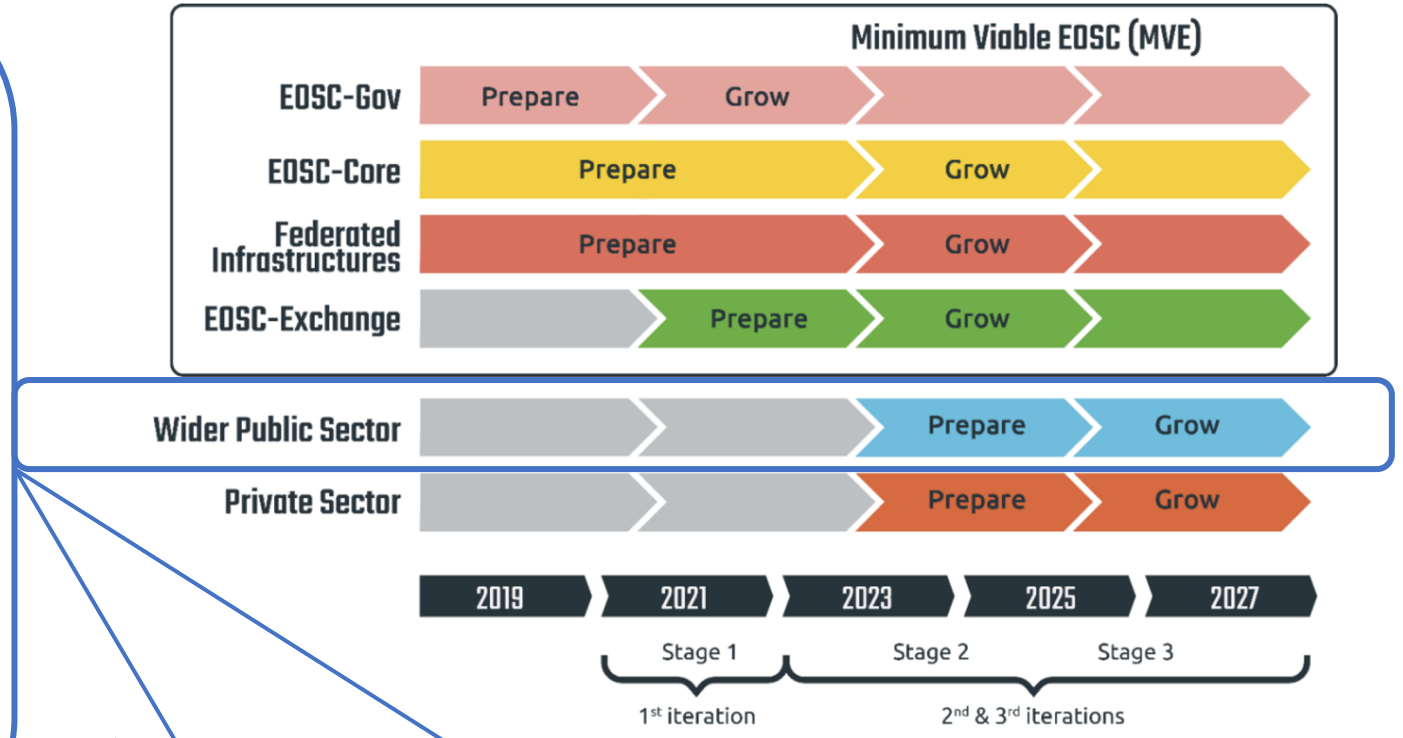
EOSC AND PUBLIC SECTOR

- Going beyond Minimum Viable EOSC (MVE) will entail **expanding to broader communities such as wider public sector private sector**
- **EOSC must demonstrate value and impact** relevant and meaningful to the diverse groups belonging to **broader public sectors**.
- The MVE will need to be expanded with **not just additional services but also with dedicated consultancy** to address the needs and requirements of end-users



Proposed Center of Competence aims to address this

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[Strategic and Innovation Agenda of the European Open Science Cloud]
[EOSC Multi-Annual Roadmap 2023-2024]
[Solutions for a sustainable EOSC - A FAIR Lady (olim Iron Lady) report from the EOSC Sustainability Working Group]
[Expanding EOSC: Engagement of the wider public sector and private sectors in EOSC]

Competence Centers – Context

Center of Competence in HPC - National Focus

Centers of Excellence in HPC – Sectorial Focus

Networks of Excellence – Community Engagement Focus

Why a competence center?

Competence Centres are a model of engagement and support for research communities, based on **distributed centres** where **research infrastructures, experts of relevant e-infrastructures and technology developers** join forces to mobilise common resources from the EOSC service catalogue **to setup community-specific services**

EOSC-hub Competence Centre Flyer

Cluster – Thematic & Geographical Focus

Digital Innovation Hubs – User group focus-companies

EOSC Center of Competence for Public Authorities - User group focus

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EOSC-hub Competence Centre Flyer

D8.2 Final report on Competence Centre key results and exploitation status and plans

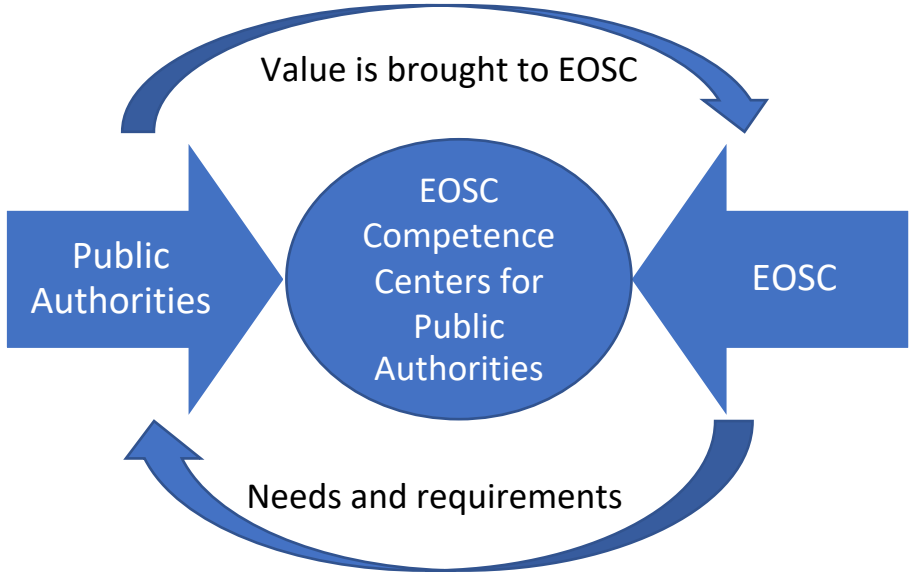
https://www.eoscsecretariat.eu/eosc-hpc-coe / https://www.eurocc-access.eu/

EOSC COMPETENCE Centre FOR PUBLIC AUTHORITIES

Aims to establish a bilateral collaboration between public authorities and their experts and the EOSC supply by:
(1) creating a channel for the exchange of support and technical expertise,
(2) service exploitation and outreach.

Value Offered to EOSC
Early Adopters, Attractiveness, Exploitation, Community Engagement, Crossing the Chasm

User group challenges: User group currently lags behind in terms of adoption of high-computing paradigms.



EOSC Challenges: EOSC currently lacks services that would be critical to the user group (e.g. sensitive data management services)

Needs covered by EOSC
Core Services, Computation Services, Data Management, Other Services, Onboarding, Discoverability

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Reference: https://www.decido-project.eu/2022/11/10/eosc-competence-centre-for-public-authorities/

Leverage existing models

EuroCC – Castiel (Competence Center)

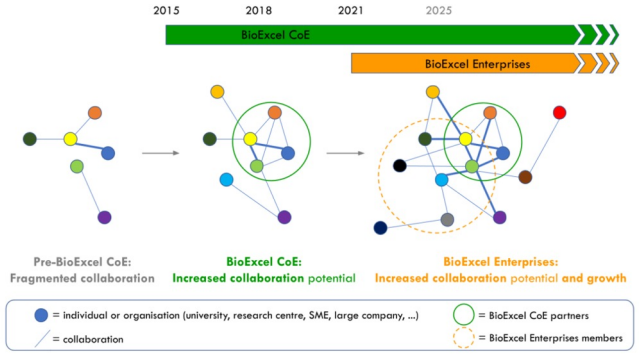
- EU Funded Project. Budget 57 millions (3 years) – 2nd iteration
- Governance: Defined under Grant Agreement
- Operational Model: Based in National Competence Centers controlled by Castiel CSA Project
- Engagement Model: Depending on each national center.
- Services Offered: HPC Competences, Training & Support, Events, Material
- Communication channels: Website. Depending on the national competence center
- Sustainability: Depending on EU funding

HIPEAC (Network of Excellence)

- EU Funded Project. Budget 1 million per year
- Governance: Defined under Grant Agreement
- Operational Model: 4 persons staff supported by Steering Committee.
- **Engagement Model: Membership based on acceptance of a Charter**
- Services Offered: Advanced Computing Specialist Expertise, Events, Training, Communications & Dissemination Support, Roadmapping.
- Communication channels: Website + Mailing lists
- Sustainability: Depending on EU funding

BioExcel (Center of Excellence)

- EU Funded Project. Budget ca.6 milion (3 years)
- Governance: Defined under Grant Agreement
- Service Offered: Software, Training & Support
- Sustainability: **Creation of BioExcel Enterprises**



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- https://www.eurocc-access.eu/
- https://www.hipeac.net/#/
- https://bioexcel.eu/bioexcel-enterprises/

Model for EOSC CC for Public Authorities

EGI Consultancy & support offering: to support the researchers in building platforms on top of the existing capabilities, or to build high-level services that rely on general building blocks; for larger communities, this is achieved by creating competence centres composed of experts from both the user side and the provider side

EOSC Competence Centers for Public Authorities

- **Governance**: Definition of ToR & Community Charter
- **Services offered to the community:** Brokering, Training, Support, Dissemination & Exploitation
- **Communication Channels**: Direct emails -E-mail / Newsletter / Web news / Internal discussion forum
- **Operational Model**: Core team from EGI + any interested organization under signed MoU
- **Engagement Model:** Members to accept membership charter based on voluntary contributions
- **Sustainability**: Lightweight -voluntary based membership/contributions. Operations to be covered by owner and core team and expanded under existing projects or as part of activities of new EOSC-related EU follow up project targeting Public Authorities.

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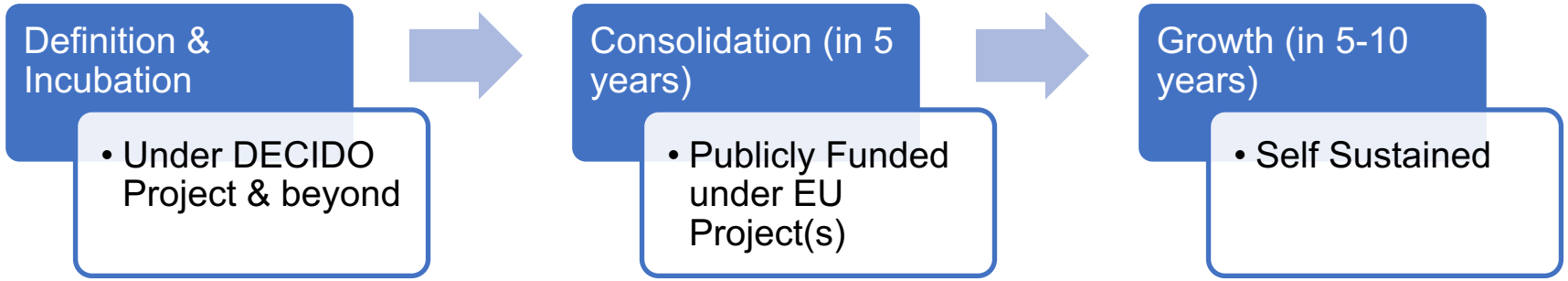
https://cdn.egi.eu/app/uploads/2022/05/Federation-Strategy_2020-2024.pdf

Phases for the creation of the EOSC CC for Public Authorities

EOSC Draft MAR published March 2023:
Focus on Research Communities (over Public Authorities & Industry) 2023-2027
Incubation of CC fostering collaboration projects

- Phase 1: Definition & Incubation: Under DECIDO project
  - Owned by EGI
  - CoreTeam - Covered under a MoU (among all interested parties, DECIDO interested parties & Public Authority centers, and possibly others)
  - Members - Individuals covered under a Membership Charter
- Phase 2: Consolidation: Under Publicly Funded Project (in 5 years)
- Phase 3: Growth: Self-sustained (in 5-10 years)



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https://eosc.eu/sites/default/files/2023-01/MAR_2025-27_draft.pdf

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

- Check out our position paper: https://www.decido-project.eu/2022/11/10/eosc-competence-centre-for-public-authorities/
- Initial activities:
  - **Collection of success stories, best practices, data and technical requirements, and economical advantages in cross-infrastructure data and service provisioning.**
  - A final workshop with main stakeholders in Brussels
- Join us by contacting us: xavier.salazar@egi.eu

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Why are Public Authorities not (yet) a relevant user group for EOSC and what can we do to foster it.

Do you see that the EOSC can play a role in the public sector sooner, rather than later, offering services to public administrations?

- What are the main challenges you see preventing this to happen
- What are the main benefits?

How do you perceive the EOSC Competence Center idea on the public sector?

- How can this be further developed and promoted?

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