First meeting of the EOSC Landscape Working Group

18 July, 2019, Prague, The Czech Republic, 10:00 – 16:00 CEST

Attendees: 1) WG members: *Jan Hrušák, Gianluca Polenta, Artur Binczewski, Sadia Vancauwenbergh, Petros Sampatakos, Achim Streit, Imre Szeberényi*, Volker Beckmann*, Eloy Rodrigues*, Biljana Kosanovic*, Isabel Bolliger* Zibute Petrauskiene*;* **2) EC:** *Michel Schouppe, Christian Kirchsteiger;* **3) EOSCsecretariat:** *Saara Kontro, Aleksi Holopainen*;* **4) Others:** *Veronika Macková (EOSC GB member), Eva Pastorková (J. Hrušák support team)*

*remote participation

Apologies: 1) WG members: Odd Ivar Eriksen, Susanna Nykyri , Sanja Halling, Thomas Midtgaard, Ronald Stolk, Kessy Abarenkov, Paolo Budroni, Rupert Lueck**, Jean-François Abramatic**, Sarah Jones**, Juan Bicarregui**, **2) EC:** Thomas Neidenmark

**Coordinators of other EOSC WG

List of Tasks:

	Responsible	Action
1	**WG members + other participants**	**Official WG members will fill in the WG profile for the EOSCsecretariat website. In addition, profiles of people attending the meeting will be provided in the Next Cloud together with more detailed profiles of the official members.**
2	WG members	Exploitation of the relevant mapping and roadmaps which been already done – nationaly (for example UKRI) and by H2020 projects (such as **EOSCPilot** and **EOSC-hub**).
3	WG members	Find out about the situation in the home country, whether gathering of relevant information for landscape analyses has been carried out, are on-going or planned. Consider how this data can be framed and included to the WG landscape mapping.
4	WG members	Provide EOSCsecretariat with EOSC and open data science relevant existing documents. Secretariat will circulate and store them to the WG document repository – Nextcloud.
5	Saara Kontro	Inform the EOSCsecretariat of the need to have a rapporteur Identify a rapporteur candidate from the secretariat, if there will be no candidate among the WG members. Check which kind of financial remuneration will be provided to the rapporteur, if s/he will be one of the WG members.
6	WG members	Consider the role of rapporteur (deadline 30.8.)
7	WG members	Identify suitable candidates for the position of external consultant to assist the WG at later stages of the landscape analyses.
8	Saara Kontro	Share information about 5b cluster projects and MS coverage (map) to understand which countries are not covered by the projects.
8	Eva Pastorková	Establish Doodle poll to schedule meetings until January 2020 (F2F and teleconferences).
9	All	Consider the possibility of organizing joint meeting with stakeholders or other WGs

Welcome and approval of the draft Agenda

Jan Hrušák introduces the agenda and the composition of the WG. The WG Landscape has 25 members (including all WGs coordinators) representing Member states and Associated countries. All the members have come as nominations from the Governance Board and accepted by the Executive Board. The possible need to introduce new members to the WG to complement its expertise will be evaluated later.

The current status of EOSC and an outlook on options for the future
(Christian Kirchsteiger, DG CNECT, Michel Schouppe DG Research and Innovation)

Michel Schouppe (M.S.) introduced the examples of use of EOSC and clarified its goals. EOSC is seen as a mean to support various EC policy objectives such as fostering open science and enhancing verification of data. EOSC can support the free flow of research data. EOSC is in the intersection of these policy objectives. M.S. also broadly went through the funding EOSC receives and explained why the landscape analysis is needed. The analyse is characterized by convergence and alignment. The interoperability is another essential aspect of EOSC relevant infrastructures and initiatives, across disciplines and boarders. Furthermore, it was mentioned EOSC projects that have already done or are going to do landscape mappings.

Christian Kirchsteiger briefed about the roles that RTD and CNET play in the implementation of EOSC.

The scope to the landscape analyses was discussed. There are options that it could consist only data infrastructures or also other infrastructures of open access. It was concluded that the scope would be discussed later, however it was already mentioned that eventually in Horizon Europe EOSC would go beyond data.

Information from the EOSCsecretariat *(Saara Kontro, EOSC Secretariat)*

Saara Kontro introduced the EOSCsecretariat project and the co-creation budget, which has assigned as contact points for the WGs to provide: daily communication, internal communication channels, support with meetings, stakeholders' engagement, and background studies. It was explained, how the EOSCsecretariat can be of assistance to the WG and what tools they have at their disposal.

It was discussed the schedule of the 5b cluster projects in connection of their inputs to the landscape analyses and a possibility to hire a consultant as a coordinator of the projects. The EOSCsecretariat has already identified potential candidates but is open to suggestions of suitable experts for the position.

Tour de Table

All WG members presented themselves. There is a wide variety of expertise ranging from e-Infrastructures and HPC to Open Science, Open Access repositories, Data infrastructures and Libraries. It seems that the WG is well balanced and able to cover the aspects of landscape analysis from the content point of view. It might be needed to involve external people at the stage of analysis and drafting of the report or as the rapporteur.

Modus operandi of the WG Discussion: The Landscape Work Plan, WGs subgroups, engaging with projects and stakeholders work on Landscape, possible missing skills in the WG

The initial mapping will be carried out without the help of EOSC-5b projects. The deadline for the 1st draft is the end of September. EOSC-Pillar is running, and four projects start in September. The task now for each member is to go to their respective countries and gather information about the national situation. There are also other existing materials and sources of information, which shall be included in the initial mapping. Furthermore, discussion with 5B cluster projects will be helpful.

Mapping of EOSC-relevant national RIs and initiatives

The need of mapping the national RIs and other initiatives comes directly from the Council conclusions. The mapping exercise will have a broader usage. It shall include more than just EOSC-related RIs, national data infrastructures, but also other relevant infrastructures. The limit what will be included was not defined yet. The purpose of the mapping is to support realization of EOSC from the very beginning. Several aspects were considered, such as the size of RIs, their purpose, national importance, financial support, relevance to EOSC or no preselection criteria (all that come in from the exercises). The infrastructures should be operational and available in 2020-2024. As the council conclusions of May 2018 invited everyone to contribute in the stock taking exercise, including national authorities. There might be ongoing stock taking activities already carried out in some MS.

Veronika Macková briefed on National nodes study carried out by e-IRG to respond to the Council conclusions invitation. As general observation there is huge diversity in the European RI landscape and a significant difference between countries (on how things are organized).

Saara Kontro briefed about report on ERAC SWG OSI's Assessment of the Amsterdam Call for Action on Open Science. There are 12 policy actions in the Amsterdam Call and in this report the situation of all these actions are assessed. There is one policy action on *Setting up common Research e-infrastructures.* Report contains assessment of current landscape and MS views on the feasibility of implementing the policy actions, and it highlights best practises from country to country.

Both documents were considered as relevant for the WG work. It was concluded that in a similar fashion all relevant documents should be collected and stored in NextCloud for the use of the WG.

Modus Operandi of the WG: When? (Jan Hrušák)

As the deadline for the first draft mapping is very close, it was decided that the priority should be to collect and summarize all the existing information and produce a synthesis out of those.

Modus Operandi of the WG: Who? (Jan Hrušák)

The splitting of the work into subgroups was not found useful at this stage, and the coordination of whole work by an external body was considered. Nevertheless, hiring such persons is time demanding. The draft can be based on the written contributions from each WG member and completed by an editing team, which will be established.

It was concluded that a structured approach for gathering new information will make it easier to combine it into a report. A common template for the collection of information will be created (inspired by the EOSC Pillar) and the creation of the draft will be an iterative process involving all the members. All existing information will flow in the draft.

WG needs a rapporteur, who will interface between WG and outside world. This is an important figure, important in technical terms: taking notes and minutes. S/he will be involved in creating a blog and communicating and interacting with the outside World. S/he will be hired externally, or it can be from the WG. The rapporteur will receive per diems / financial remuneration. A rapporteur from the secretariat is the most convenient solution, if there is no volunteer among the WG members.

Modus Operandi of the WG: How?

The WG will gather as much information as possible from the MS.

Michel Schouppe briefed about INFRAESOC-5B projects: EOSC-pillar kicked off in July and other 4 projects will kick off in September. They will do landscape mapping of their own region from September to December, but it is naturally not the only one activity on their project description. The projects displayed their willingness for cooperation by a project's joint meeting before they have launched. There is a coverage 24 MS out of 28 countries.

Concerns were expressed that parallel work will be done as the 5b projects seem to expect help from the Landscape WG and vice versa. The communication between projects and WG is essential. The technical details will have to be discussed with the projects after the first draft is ready. As EOSC-pillar is already creating a template for the mapping, it was promised to be circulated amongst the Landscape WG and other 5b projects for comments soon.

Jan Hrušák informed about the idea of organizing validation workshops. Before making the landscape analyses daft public, it will be consulted with relevant people in order to validate the review prepared so far and receive comments and recommendations on it. If the workshops will be considered as useful, it can be repeated later next year before the delivery of final landscape analyses.

Coordinators of all WGs are in the mailing lists of all WGs to ensure exchange of information between the WGs and a possibility to ask for a feedback, which the WG need. Furthermore, the WG coordinators can participate in all the WG meetings.

The EOSC and RDA co-located event at RDA Plenary (Helsinki 22 Oct 2019) and the EOSC Symposium (26-28 Nov 2019 in Budapest) are options for a WG meeting or meeting with other WGs and stakeholders to discuss the developments on EOSC.

The EOSC-pillar template is decided to be circulated also amongst the other WGs so that they can give their feedback and express if there is some information needs that could be incorporated to the template.

About the division of labour: 1) Important that there is some capacity of each WG member 2) Opportunity of all WG members to volunteer to be a rapporteur.

AOB:

Minutes of WG meetings are public. Furthermore, there will be a public blog about the WG work. The meeting will be planned for the next half year. More telcos than F2F meeting are expected. The F2F meeting on the beginning of the work is important to get know each other and build trust.