EOSC Rules of Participation Working Group

Tenth meeting by Video Conference

Thursday Feb 13th, 2020

15:00-16:30 CET

Working documents can be found here:
https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1ir8_rk43MpPf_vhMcWa6tcfvXvn48uGi

Notes of Meeting

1. Preliminaries (Juan) (10')
   - Introductions (round table and sound check)
   - Review of agenda
   - Notes of VC9 meeting (Draft Here)

2. Update from Executive Board 30-31 Jan (Juan)

This meeting took place shortly after Ursula Von Der Leyen made her speech at Davos, that described EOSC. This added urgency to the work.

Introductions from Kostas and Andreas (DG RTD, CNCT) about processes we have to go through, things which will be happening in the next few months. In the next 30 years EOSC will be not just research data but all data, but what will we do in 3-5 year? It was observed that setting up the WWW took 20 years so we need to be realistic about timescales.

Legal entity was the main discussion of the meeting including timetable. This is the responsibility of the GB as well as the EB. Ther eis urgency to the work as legal entity needs to be ready to sign a contractual arrangement with the EC by December. The contractual arrangement will have Annexes that include: budgets, multi-annual roadmap and expected commitments from partners profiled across the years.

RoP draft was presented. It was asked whether these were rules or guidelines and should we distinguish between the two. Adoption of the FAIR principles will be incremental. Our RoP have deferred detailed discussion of FAIR to the FAIR WG. Some discussion of whether a repository comes under the rules for data or for a service – some attention may need to be paid to this in the next draft.

EOSC Enhance project made a presentation (amalgamation of eInfraCentral, EOSC-hub and OpenAIRE) about their plans.

The timelines presented by EOSC Enhance are still under discussion: some of the activities may need to happen a lot more quickly than is scheduled within the Enhance DoW. This is a general issue with several of the EOSC projects whose work may be scheduled to run more slowly than the timetable of the EC roadmap, and the Exec workplan, requires.

The RoP have assumed the new LE will be responsible for monitoring and enforcement of the rules. This is an important point for the legal review/point of view on the rules.

3. Review of status RoPv02
    ○ RoPv01 was distributed to Exec Board before Christmas and feedback was incorporated into RoPv02 which went to EB in January. v02 has gone to GB for their meeting on 17 Feb. It should now go out for wider consultation.
    ○ **Discussion** - what is the best way to do this?

The V01 RoP draft went to the Exec before Christmas. Ther ewas feedback from the EB and the EC. Their comments were incorporated into the current draft (V0.2) mid-Jan which went again to the Exec before their meeting at the end of Jan. V0.2 has now gone to the governing board for their meeting on 17 Feb. Intention is that they will then be circulated more widely for consultation after that.

There was discussion about how to manage the possibly large number of responses. Agreement overall to follow the approach adopted by Sust WG for the Tinman. Send it out to EOSC projects, countries, RDA, other Exec WGs.

For disseminating/collecting input from within each country, members of the RoP WG are invited to work with their GB member to collect the input/responses, collate the response(s), and submit the response through the survey as a single entry.

The EC will invite, at next week's GB meeting, those member states/associated countries which are not represented in the RoP WG to also respond. And he will feedback on any discussion which takes place at the meeting too about the draft RoP.

4. Study on Legal aspects of RoP
    ○ **Discussion** - we have discussed previously the need to review the RoP from a legal perspective. We need to define the scope of such as study.

There is budget within EOSC-hub for legal advice around the portal which could be coordinated with or work. We should avoid commissioning the same work twice, so we should at least

coordinate. Next steps: JB will discuss this with Pro and with Owen and then will bring it back to the RoP WG, perhaps with a first draft specifying the legal study.

5. Upcoming Events:
    o Talk at IDCC, Dublin, 19 Feb (Juan)
    o DANS Workshop on Training in EOSC, Den Haag, DANS, 26-27 Feb (Rene)
    o EOSC-Hub Week, 18-20 May, Karlsruhe, Session on RoP (Owen)
    o Any more?

Juan will be presenting at IDCC Dublin 19 Feb. Rene has agreed to represent the RoP WG at a DANS workshop on Training in Den Haag 26-27 Feb. How do the rules apply to training? Should RoP have a separate section on Training resources. Perhaps the same will be true for software. How will free at the point of use apply for training? The whole question of cost recovery is still needs refinement.

EOSC-hub Week 18-20 May, Karlsruhe, RoP Session: 1.5 hours currently pm on 19 May. Owen is tasked with planning this session. We could use it to solicit or comment on feedback on the RoP v0.2. We will be asking for input from the ESFRI cluster projects. Timing: it's likely we'll have collected and analysed our feedback on this version. We may be ready to go out with the next draft. Audience: EOSC-hub partners, regional and thematic projects, clusters.

EOSC-hub week is a possible venue for a f2f meeting of the WG.

There is an EOSC session during the EuroHPC event in week of 23 March in Porto. The EOSC session is on Tuesday at 11:00 CEST. Rene and Rosa will attend and will report back.

6. Invitations to more projects to present to the WG - eg EOSC-Enhance

Invitation will be made.

7. Review membership of Group
    o **Discussion** - Is now the right time to widen participation? eg to all EOSC projects?

It was agreed to widen the invitations to the WG meetings.

Suggestions included: the ESFRI cluster projects, the e-Infrastructures and the 5b's. We may end up with around 15 more members if we invite all the projects to join. This would give us more resource to do work and it may be possible to form task groups to perform specific tasks.

The 5b projects have a TF on RoP so that could perhaps be invited to attend to represent all of those projects with a single attendee.

We have to be careful not to turn this WG into a forum for discussion of issues between the big horizontals and verticals. Will have further discussion of this topic at the next meeting.