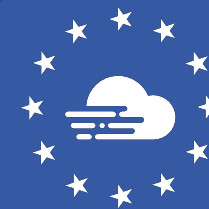# EOSC Advisory Groups & Task Forces

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What are the EOSC Advisory Groups / Task Forces?

- A structure to allow Association members and others to help steer the implementation of EOSC

- Groups should liaise with EOSC projects and offer feedback and advice

- Identify strategic gaps and areas for investment to input to SRIA

- EOSC Association members can propose and lead groups. Externals can also be members
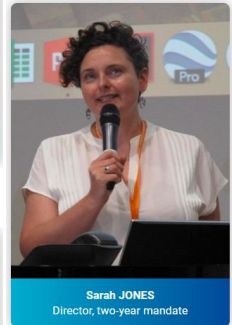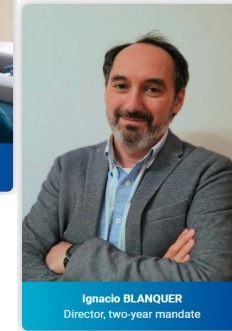
How are we convening groups?

- We proposed a set of topics based on outcomes of previous governance

- Ran a community consultation on topics and revised these

- Opened a call for applications to draft charters

  - Over 255 applications received!
  - Have identified a small team of coordinators per topic to steer drafting
  - Managed numbers by applying rule that any individual is only involved in drafting charter for one Task Force
  - Net result is that c.10-25 people assigned to draft each charter
  - Will issue a secondary call for membership in May

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Board directors as liaisons at AG level

- Implementation of EOSC – Suzanne Dumouchel

- Technical challenges on EOSC – Ignacio Blanquer

- Metadata and data quality – Sarah Jones

- Research careers and curricula – Wilhelm Widmark

- Sustaining EOSC – Bob Jones

Suzanne DUMOUCHEL
Director, three-year mandate

Ignacio BLANQUER
Director, two-year mandate

Sarah JONES
Director, two-year mandate

Wilhelm WIDMARK
Director, one-year mandate

Bob JONES
Director, one-year mandate

Task Force topics

Implementation of EOSC

- Rules of Participation compliance monitoring

- PID policy and implementation

- Researcher engagement and adoption

Technical challenges on EOSC

- Technical interoperability of data and services

- Infrastructure for quality research software

- AAI Architecture

Metadata and data quality

- Semantic interoperability

- FAIR metrics and data quality

Research careers and curricula

- Data stewardship curricula and career paths

- Research careers, recognition and credit

- Upskilling countries to engage in EOSC

Sustaining EOSC

- Defining funding models for EOSC

- Long-term data preservation

How will charters be drafted?

- Coordinators to discuss plans and reach out to volunteers

- Small(ish) groups per Task Force
  - Half around 10 people
  - Half around 20 people

- Hope to complete drafting process in 3 weeks…

- Rules of Participation – 9 people
- Persistent Identifiers – 8 people
- Researcher engagement – 24 people
- Technical interoperability – 15 people
- Infrastructure for software – 21 people
- AAI Architecture – 19 people
- Semantic interoperability – 9 people
- FAIR metrics – 21 people
- Data stewardship curricula – 10 people
- Research careers – 11 people
- Upskilling countries – 10 people
- Funding models – 21 people
- Long-term preservation – 17 people

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Proposed charter template

Main aims - *Encapsulate the main aims of the Task Force in a few sentences*

Core activities - *Specify a basic workplan and set of activities which the group will address, highlighting key outputs / outcomes expected and a timeline for these*

Planned duration - *Specify how long you expect the group to run. 12-24 months is anticipated as a typical length*

Working methodology - *Describe how the Task Force will approach its work and engage with stakeholders. Are focus groups, workshops or other forms of interaction envisaged to solicit feedback and test implementation? Also consider how the community at large will be kept informed.*

Dependencies - *Identify key dependencies that will affect work, such as overlap with other Task Forces, inputs required from projects or engagement from certain communities*

Membership - *Describe the proposed membership composition and size, denoting the competencies needed within the group and how balance should be achieved to represent different stakeholders such as research communities, implementers, funders and research performing organisations*

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Who will be the Task Force members?

- To be defined!

- Each charter will have a statement on membership noting required skills and suggested group size

- If necessary, a selection will be made applying balancing criteria

- Second call for members will be out in late May. Hope to have membership defined in June

Potential selection criteria

- Focus on relevant skills for delivering Task Force remit

- Prioritise Association Members & Observers

- Prioritise people who add value to EOSC

- Ensure research community inputs

- Include key project representatives responsible for implementation

- Ensure diversity and balance in terms of:
  - Gender
  - Country
  - Career stage
  - Stakeholder category
  - Organisation / member
  - …..

Who will chair the Task Forces?

- We will ask each Task Force to make a suggestion on chairs

- Any member can volunteer to be chair and be proposed by the group

- The Board appoints all members, including the Chairs

- Board asks for two chairs: one male and one female

- Hope to bring balance across all Task Force chairs in terms of stakeholders and countries represented

Proposed timeline for next steps

Activity	Date	Time span
Acceptance of TF coordinators	By Friday 23rd April	1 week
Write charters	By Friday 14th May	3 weeks
Publish charters & run public webinars	In w/c 17th May	1 week
Open second call for TF members	By Monday 17th May	1 week
Close membership call	By Friday 4th June	3 weeks
Process applications and select (if needed)	By Friday 25th June	3 weeks

Hope to have groups running by July but appreciate some timelines may be too tight so this may adjust

Questions?

Thanks!

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