

EOSC Support Office Austria

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Vision

The **European Open Science Cloud (EOSC)** is creating a **federated system** of multidisciplinary research infrastructures. This enables the **shared use of data, services, and tools** for research, industry, and education across borders and disciplines.

Implementation

EU: In 2020, the **EOSC Association** was founded at the European level to enable the systematic and structured development of EOSC.

AT: In the **national action plan** of the BMBWF (ERA-NAP 2022-2025), steps for the implementation of EOSC activities in Austria were defined.

Cross-institutional: The **EOSC Support Office Austria (EOSC SOA)** supports national **research institutions**. It serves as the operational unit of the **Austrian EOSC Mandated Organisation** – a function legally carried out by the **ACONET Association**.

Goals

- **Coordination** of Austrian's contributions to the implementation of EOSC
 - Understanding the requirements, needs and expectations of researchers and their institutions
- **Supporting** Austrian institutions
 - Highlighting the relevance of EOSC for different communities and their needs
- **Fostering** “EOSC-Readiness“ at partner institutions
 - Providing essential information

Services

- Harmonizing developments and building an **EOSC community** through strong national and international networking
- Exchange with other European partners to establish thematic and national **EOSC Nodes**
- Providing **guidelines** and **good practices** for the establishment of EOSC Nodes
- Connecting researchers, infrastructure providers, and management to **develop** and **operate EOSC services**
- Synchronizing on the steps required for **participation** in the EOSC Federation and further developments
- Information on **funding and collaboration** opportunities

Partner

- EOSC SOA is a collaboration of **Austrian Institutions**. The goal is the joint integration of **research infrastructures** into the **European** landscape. Any institution in Austria can become a partner of the initiative.
- EOSC SOA is the operational unit of the **ACONET Association**, which is the **Austrian EOSC Mandated Organization** and receives funding from the **BMBWF** in selected areas.



Previous Results

- The **EOSC SOA** community is growing:
 - As of October 2021: 8 partners, as of January 2025: 16 partners
- Annual **Activity Reports**:
 - 2023/24: <https://zenodo.org/records/13839287>
 - 2022/23: <https://zenodo.org/records/8063171>
- Quarterly **Austrian Country Profiles**:
 - Documentation of Austria's status quo regarding policies, projects, and activities related to Open Science, FAIR principles, and research data(management) infrastructures
 - Latest edition: <https://zenodo.org/records/13860938>
- Newsletter series: <https://eosc-austria.at/newsletter/>

Previous Results

- Knowledge Snacks:
 - Knowledge Snacks present complex topics in a quick-to-read and easy-to-understand format
 - <https://eosc-austria.at/eosc-soa-materials/>
- Interview Series with Researchers:
 - Gathering requirements regarding research data handling & trust in data quality
 - <https://zenodo.org/communities/wgreaeoscsoa/records?q=&l=list&p=1&s=10&sort=newest>
- Poster: <https://zenodo.org/records/14745686>

Previous Results

- Publications:
 - Blumesberger, S., et al. (2021): Die österreichische EOSC Mandated Organisation / Das EOSC Support Office Austria, in VÖB, 74(2), 143-162.
<https://doi.org/10.31263/voebm.v74i2.6270>
 - Feigl, C., Flicker, K., Gänsdorfer, N., Korth, F., Rainer, H., Vohland, K. (2024): European Open Science Cloud (EOSC) – Europäische Forschungsinfrastrukturen für nationale Museumssammlungen?, in *neues museum*, 24(3).
www.doi.org/10.58865/13.14/243/7
 - Flicker, K., Hanslik, S., Kalová, T. (2024): Advancing Research: The Role of the EOSC and EOSC Support Office Austria, in *ERCIM News*, 139, 52-53. <https://ercim-news.ercim.eu/images/stories/EN139/EN139-web.pdf>

Next Steps

EOSC Nodes are being established: <https://open-science-cloud.ec.europa.eu/>

The **EOSC EU Node** is the first node at the European level and serves as a model for others. This development is part of the EOSC Federation, envisioned as a **network of interconnected, autonomous EOSC Nodes**. All nodes are expected to operate within a common framework of standards, policies, and best practices.

EOSC SOA will actively support the **planning, establishment, and monitoring** of such nodes in Austria – alongside its existing activities.

Ways to Get Involved

- Visit our Website: <https://eosc-austria.at/>
- Promote your EOSC related events: <https://eosc-austria.at/events/>
- Sign up for the EOSC SOA Newsletter: <https://eosc-austria.at/newsletter/>
- Discover our Zenodo Community (EOSC Austria): <https://zenodo.org/communities/eosc-austria/about>
- Meet us at the EOSC Café: <https://eosc-austria.at/eosc-austria/governing-bodies/>
- Become a Member: <https://eosc-austria.at/join/>

Membership

- The EOSC SOA membership is **free of charge**
- Partners / members sign a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)**
- The partners are divided into ordinary and extraordinary partners:
 - Regular **partners** are members and observers of the EOSC Association
 - **Extraordinary partners** are neither members nor observers of the EOSC Association

This means it is possible to become an EOSC SOA partner / member without being part of the EOSC Association.

Feel free to contact us: **contact@eosc-austria.at**

Further Links

- EOSC SOA:
 - <https://eosc-austria.at/>
 - <https://zenodo.org/communities/eosc-austria/about>
- What is EOSC?
 - <https://www.zbw.eu/en/eosc-coffee-lectures>
- EOSC Association:
 - <https://eosc.eu/>

Further Links

- EOSC Nodes:
 - <https://open-science-cloud.ec.europa.eu/>
 - <https://open-science-cloud.ec.europa.eu/services>
 - <https://podcast.zbw.eu/fos/2024/12/18/fos-46-eosc-eu-node/>
- Strategic Development Plans:
 - <https://eosc.eu/building-the-eosc-federation/>
 - <https://eosc.eu/sria-mar/>