

Newsletter Winter 2025

As the year ends, this EOSC SOA Newsletter looks back on developments, events and milestones of the last two months. From important meetings to new publications, this edition captures the growing momentum in the EOSC landscape.

Event Highlights

5th EOSC SOA General Assembly

On 18 November 2025, the annual EOSC SOA General Assembly in Vienna brought the community together to reflect on the past year, elect new governance representatives, and provide detailed updates on progress toward establishing an Austrian EOSC Node. The meeting featured strategic presentations on the AConet 2030 Vision and welcomed five new partners to EOSC SOA. Delegates also approved the formation of a new working group to focus on the needs of Austria's research communities.

Discussion centered on Austria's roadmap for a national EOSC Node, including key infrastructure elements, and highlighted developments in the broader EOSC Federation. As a practical example, the EOSC Node in Poland was showcased, demonstrating a federated governance model and wide institutional engagement. Overall, the assembly underscored Austria's strong commitment to securing its role within the evolving EOSC Federation.

Consolidated Slide Deck: <https://zenodo.org/records/17699509>

News Article: <https://eosc-austria.at/5th-eosc-soa-general-assembly-austrias-path-to-an-eosc-node/>



How will the European Research Area (ERA) evolve? What does this mean for Austria? The Austrian ERA Symposium 2025 on 17 November 2025 in Vienna offered insights into Austria's next ERA Action Plan (2026–28) and included interactive workshops on topics such as AI in science, research funding systems, and openness in science. EOSC SOA members also contributed with posters.

The detailed programme of the ERA Symposium can be found [here](#).



The posters “Towards an Austrian EOSC Node”, “Potential EOSC Node Austria Services” and the updated “EOSC SOA Poster” can be downloaded in the poster section here: <https://eosc-austria.at/eosc-soa-materials/>

EOSC Symposium 2025

The annual EOSC Symposium (3-5 November 2025) in Brussels marked a significant step in the transition of the EOSC Federation into its operational phase. With nearly 500 participants from 36 countries, voices from the European Commission, global science organisations, and major research infrastructures, the symposium showcased EOSC as a central enabler for competitiveness, collaboration, and data sovereignty. A milestone was reached with the signing of the EOSC Federation Memorandum of Understanding.

Wrap-up article



FAIR & AI Symposium

On 27 November 2025, the FAIR & AI Symposium at Graz University of Technology brought together researchers, infrastructure experts, and data professionals to explore how FAIR data can support responsible AI research and how AI can contribute to responsible, transparent data practices. The programme featured keynotes, breakout sessions and networking, highlighting synergies between FAIR principles and AI-driven research workflows.

[Event recap](#)



EOSC-A General Assembly

The 12th GA of the EOSC Association was held online on 10 December 2025. The assembly included the election of three new directors to the EOSC Association Board as well as the admission of new member and observer organisations.

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EOSC SOA Publications

Activity Report

It has been a busy and impactful year for the EOSC SOA Community, demonstrating that our relevance extends beyond the national level. We have raised awareness and engaged stakeholders, and our community has grown to more than double its initial size.

[Full report](#)

New Knowledge Snack

Check out our new Knowledge Snack on Interoperability & Metadata Standards published within the [EOSC Austria Zenodo Community](#)

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Project Report #4 EOSC Gravity

Take a look at the latest edition of the EOSC SOA Project Reports series, which put the spotlight on Austrian contributions to EOSC. This edition discusses the [EOSC Gravity](#) and the role of Graz University of Technology. The report can be accessed via the [EOSC Austria Zenodo Community](#).

Publication of the EOSC SOA Training WG

A short, German-language guide to key concepts and building blocks in research data management was presented by the EOSC SOA Training WG. This working group was officially active until December 2024. However, its members continued their work. The guide has now been published in “VÖB – Mitteilungen der Vereinigung Österreichischer Bibliothekarinnen und Bibliothekare”.

[Full article](#)

Stay Tuned!

Check out the [EOSC SOA website](#) regularly for the latest news, upcoming events, and funding opportunities.

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As we come to the end of this eventful year, we would like to extend our warmest season's greetings to all members of the EOSC SOA community. Thank you for your engagement, collaboration and contributions throughout 2025! It has been a year of progress and shared milestones!

Have a peaceful holiday break and a good start to the New Year.

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