

## Newsletter Spring 2026

Spring is here, and with it comes a fresh wave of activity for the EOSC Support Office Austria community! In this edition, we're sharing the latest updates, new publications, upcoming events and opportunities for engagement. This edition highlights recent developments within EOSC SOA and across the broader EOSC ecosystem. We invite you to explore the latest news and join us in shaping Austria's contribution to the EOSC and Open Science landscape.

### **New Chair for the EOSC SOA Management Board**

The EOSC SOA community welcomes Dimitri Prandner (Johannes Kepler University Linz) as new Chair of the EOSC SOA Management Board.

In his message to the community, he reflects on his experience with research data infrastructures and outlines his plans to strengthen collaboration, increase community engagement, and further advance Austria's contribution to the EOSC Federation.

[Read here](#)

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **FAIR Digital Objects Conference at TU Wien**

The upcoming FDO Conference 2026 brings together experts from science, infrastructure, policy, and industry to discuss the role of FAIR Digital Objects in building a trustworthy global data ecosystem.

Participants can expect keynote talks, panel discussions, and presentations exploring practical implementations, interoperability challenges, and strategic visions for data-driven science. The conference also includes tutorials and sessions designed to introduce newcomers to the FAIR Digital Objects framework.

In this [interview](#), FDO2025 host Andreas Rauber discusses the importance of data and digital objects.

The poster features a large, bright hall with a high, vaulted wooden ceiling and rows of chairs. In the foreground, there are several blue armchairs with the TU WIEN logo. Text on the left side of the poster provides details about the conference dates and a pre-conference training day. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner of the image area. On the right side of the poster, the text 'FAIR DIGITAL OBJECTS FORUM' is written vertically, with a circular logo containing a globe in the middle.

**3<sup>rd</sup> FAIR Digital Objects Conference**  
**March 25–27, 2026**  
Conference at TU Wien  
**March 24, 2026**  
Pre-Conference Training Day

FAIR DIGITAL OBJECTS  
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More information is available on the conference website:

<https://fairdo.org/fdo-conference-2026/>

## **Invitation: Webinar on EOSC Federation and Activities at National Level**

Curious about how EOSC is shaping the future of research and collaboration? Join our upcoming webinar to gain a concise yet insightful overview of the EOSC Federation, its strategic direction and its implications for Austria. We will also examine the role of the EOSC Support Office Austria in this context.

Get key updates on the Austrian EOSC Node and engage with experts in an interactive Q&A. The webinar on “EOSC Federation and activities at national level” will take place on the 23 April 2026, 13:00-14:00 CEST. You can find more information and register here:

[Event](#)

## **EOSC SOA Information Hub**

### **New Working Group**

# Needs from Austrian Research Communities

A new EOSC SOA working group, coordinated by Dimitri Prandner and Stefan Reichmann, aims to identify the needs of Austrian research communities and explore practical use cases for EOSC services in research and education. The group will also foster knowledge exchange and strengthen engagement with the community. Expressions of interest to join are welcome, and a kick-off round table titled “Sustainable Integration of Stakeholders in Open Infrastructures” is planned for 21 or 28 April 2026 (15:30-17:00 CEST, tbc). For details about the meeting and the working group, [click here](#).

[Read more](#)

## **New Publication: Trust in Research Practices & Infrastructures**



A peer-reviewed paper resulting from the work of the former EOSC SOA Working Group on Researcher Engagement in Austria has been published in the proceedings of the STS Conference Graz 2025.

[Read more](#)

## **EOSC Association Updates**

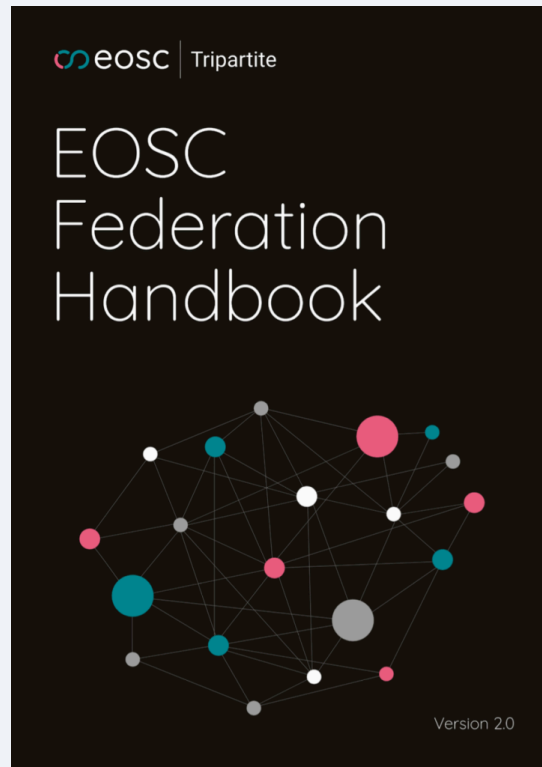
The latest edition of the EOSC Association Newsletter provides updates on recent developments in the evolving EOSC landscape.

## EOSC Federation Handbook, Version 2 Released

The updated version of the EOSC Federation Handbook was presented at the [EOSC Winter School 2026](#) and is now available to the community. It introduces key revisions, including enhanced sections on governance, interoperability, node capabilities, cybersecurity, and the overall EOSC Federation structure. As a central reference document for the Federation, community feedback is strongly encouraged ahead of the next version, expected in early 2027.

[More about the handbook](#)

Feedback is welcome via [handbook@eosc.eu](mailto:handbook@eosc.eu).



## New Knowledge Snack



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

[Zenodo](#)

## Stay Tuned!

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

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## Funding

As activities across the EOSC ecosystem continue to evolve, the coming months will bring further opportunities to contribute to and benefit from shared infrastructures and services. The EOSC SOA will continue to support these developments and foster exchange within the Austrian community.

Thank you for staying connected!

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