Third meeting of the EOSC FAIR Working Group

Monday 25th November, 11:00-13.45 CET

Location: Budapest, Arany J. str. 1., Library and Inf. Centre, Hungarian Acad. Sci.

Attending: Sarah Jones, Andras Holl, Francoise Genova, Milan Ojstersek, Liisi Lembinen, Oya Beyan, Rachael Kotarski, Andre Heugebaert, Magnus Aaronson, Peter Wittenburg, Ana Slavec, Raphael Ritz

Remote attendance: Rob Hooft, Neil Chue Hong, Magnus Eriksson, Natalie Harrower

Apologies: Anders Conrad

Action	Who
Feedback on draft metrics and certification deliverables between 16-24 Dec	Entire WG
Follow up with Chairs of RDA WGs to get something in on PID policy	Sarah, Peter
PID policy to be published in mid December	PID Task Force
Check optimum time to submit co-creation requests to make next approvals	Sarah
Review and add text to the two co-creation fund submissions to support work on interoperability framework	Interoperability Task Force
Consider how we want to consult on outputs and any support needed from co-creation fund on this	PID and Metrics Task Forces
Add to shared notes document for EOSC Symposium sessions	Entire WG

Metrics and certification update

The Group has started two deliverables on metrics and certification. These will take work from FAIRsFAIR and RDA Fair Data Maturity Model working group into account. It means a slight delay on publishing based on when their work will be released. We agreed that publishing in early January 2020 is fine.

The Group will add inputs from the EOSC Symposium, the FAIRsFAIR Synchronisation Task Force meeting, and the RDA metrics group telecon on test cases scheduled for 4th December. Françoise will make adjustment and send to WG for comments on 16th December. Comments from the whole group are due by 24th December.

Comments were made about tools being developed to assess FAIRness - push from funders to do automated checks e.g. Wellcome/HRB Ireland/ZonMw. Need to be wary of doing this too soon when metrics aren't agreed.

Note was made that we have to liaise with Rules of Participation too. This applies across groups. The PID policy also makes assertions on expectations of service providers which should be shared.

PID Policy update

The PID policy task force (joint with Architecture) have made great progress on a draft policy. This covers the basic rationale and principles for the policy, definitions, PID applications, PID types, expectations on PID service providers, governance and sustainability.

The overall text needs some finessing to ensure consistent styling and approach. It was suggested to give a list of sections, or have multiple papers (e.g. Separate the what and why) so it remains brief and easy to follow. Suggestion to use the [Minto Pyramid Principle](#) for writing.

Rachael has prepared a presentation for the EOSC Symposium session. Following this the policy text will be updated and made available in w/c 16th December. We also have a session at PIDapalooza in January.

Some terminology issues need to be checked as part of consultation e.g. FAIR Digital Objects and entities. Also PID ecosystem or system.

EOSC Symposium session plans

FAIR practice session

Will be chaired by Sarah Jones and Liisi Lembinen from FAIR WG and Angus Whyte and Ilona von Stein from FAIRsFAIR
- [Session outline](#)
- 3 lightning talks from FAIRsFAIR, FAIRsharing and DANS
- Panel Q&A
- Mentimeter led discussion
    - What area are you working in? (select domain)
    - What are the main challenges in implementing FAIR?
    - Brainstorm solutions for top three issues

PID policies

Will be chaired by Rachael Kotarski from FAIR WG, and Tobias Weigel and Brian Matthews from Architecture WG.

- Session outline
- Begin with use cases (Instruct ERIC, B2Handle, FREYA) and then outline initial EOSC PID policy
- 30 min discussion at end

We agreed that the first draft of PID policy will be published in mid-December. For the final deliverables we should be ready for the 2020 EOSC Symposium. Work towards October deadline.

In terms of consultation we agreed to use the RDA plenary in March in Melbourne - several Groups deal with PIDs (publication/data side). Note session deadline this Thursday. Sarah to follow up on Adrian Burton's request for talks in PID Interest Group proposal. Also ask Tobias about other relevant session submissions. We will also use other fora for consultation e.g. have Rachael / Tobias present policy to GEDE Research Infrastructures in a webinar.

Service certification

Will be chaired by Françoise Genova and Pedro Principe from FAIR WG.
- Session plan
- 3 lightning talks (EOSC-Nordic, FAIRsFAIR and EGI technical assessments)
- Will do mentimeter facilitated discussion on what needs to be certified
    - What kinds of services should be certified?
    - What criteria should guide decision on formal certification vs sharing good practice?
    - What do you prioritise?
    - Are there any existing frameworks towards this?
- Raphael asked whether we should address levels of certification too (starting with self-assessment). (Compare core trust seal with ISO certification for example).
- A good question to ask if you want to figure out what is necessary is "what would break if this is not right". If a service breaks for everyone if the information is wrong, an external verification could be useful.
- Natalie wants to know how to measure progress through available types of certification, and whether repositories (and other certified services) would need to be pushed to progress.

Co-creation fund applications

One proposal has recently been funded by the EOSCsecretariat. The Semantic mapping framework is relevant for the Interoperability Task Force. Oscar's feedback to build on existing semantic web work has been shared, as has the need to feed into the Task Force. These will be funding conditions.

We have two draft proposals which should be submitted in December. Sarah to check optimum timeline with Andrea so we make their next meeting. All please add to proposals over coming weeks.

- Legal interoperability study
- European interoperability framework and EOSC workshop

The interoperability study will be a tender put out to potential contractors to apply for. We need to be informed when this is live to share / promote.

All task forces encouraged to consider potential submissions to co-creation fund e.g. to run consultation workshops or host meetings of FAIR and Architecture PID task forces. There is a possibility to use co-creation money to organise meetings and get funding for travel and organisation.

We discussed ideas around consultation. Can use EOSC-Hub week as an opportunity, but do not extend it into ascension day. Consider other times for consultation before Summer (early June - but likely too early for FAIR metrics WG) or beginning of September

AOB

Francoise noted that the metrics and certification group are trying to split members across EOSC Symposium sessions. They have created a shared notes file which we can all add to.